

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** September 14, 2015

**TO:** Supervisor Pat Jursik, Chairperson, Economic & Community Development Committee

**FROM:** Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
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**SUBJECT:** **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, an informational report regarding the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation process and public hearing**

**Background**

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants are invited to attend a public hearing and present their proposals to the Economic and Community Development Committee. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Housing Division has completed its review of all 2016 proposals and sent letters to the agencies notifying them of the public hearing (see attached letter). The applicants will attend the September 14, 2015 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting to present a three-minute summary to committee members.

**Issue**


The Housing Division has reviewed all of the 2016 CDBG applications, including the proposed activities. Organizations have been directed to provide a short presentation to the committee including information on how the proposed activity will benefit the residents of Milwaukee County's CDBG jurisdiction and how the activity will primarily benefit low to moderate income people (per the National Objective standards established by HUD). The public hearing is a necessary and critical step toward approving the CDBG 2016 projects and related funding for the 2016 Annual Plan.

Following the public hearing, the CDBG review panel will examine all proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Economic and Community Development Committee for approval by the County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive. These recommendations will be brought to the Economic Development Committee for a special session on October 26. Once the Board approves the projects, the 2016 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30 days, as required.

Any public comments will then be incorporated into the final 2016 Annual Plan and the Plan will then be submitted to HUD for approval.

**Recommendation**

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.



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