

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 8, 2023

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2024. The recommended projects are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

At Large	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Legal Action – Eviction Defense	\$32,500	
Eras Senior Network – Neighborhood Outreach Program	\$18,750	
Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council	\$15,750	
Jewish Family Services – Bradley Crossing Case Management	\$26,500	
Salvation Army Oak Creek – Emergency Housing Assistance	\$9,000	
Milwaukee County Home Repair		\$196,000
Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation		\$130,000
Grand Avenue Club Employment		\$77,850
Hunger Task Force – Facilities		\$165,000
At large total:	\$102,500	\$568,850

Suburban Set-Aside Projects	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Bayside – Senior Center LX Operations	\$5,998	
Brown Deer – Senior Club	\$15,000	
Fox Point – LX Club Lease	\$6,200	
Franklin – Senior Health Education	\$5,000	
Greendale – Adult Program Services	\$10,000	
Greenfield – Senior Services Staff	\$25,000	
South Milwaukee – Senior Services Programming	\$25,000	
West Milwaukee – Community Centre Operations	\$10,000	
North Shore Health Department – Case Management	\$30,576	
Eras Senior Network – Neighborhood Outreach Program (various municipalities)	\$12,750	
Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council	\$13,750	
Cudahy Code Compliance		\$10,000
Brown Deer – Code Enforcement		\$25,000
Brown Deer – Home Repair Grants		\$30,000
Franklin – Home Repair Grants		\$65,000
Greendale – Code Enforcement		\$50,000
Greenfield – Playground Improvement		\$90,000
Milwaukee County Home Repair		\$100,504
South Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$50,000
St Francis – Code Enforcement		\$40,000
West Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$20,000
West Milwaukee – Firehouse Improvements		\$85,000
Suburban Total:	\$159,274	\$565,504
TOTAL – Public and Non-Public Service (not including administration)		\$1,396,128
Administration cap per regulation, 20 percent		\$349,032
Total Allocation from Housing and Urban Development including reallocation		\$1,745,160
Correction of 2023 Greenfield – Playground improvements to Construction of Nature Shelter		\$90,000
Reallocation of prior year funds to Village of Brown Deer – Sidewalk Connection		\$95,000

HOME

Project	Amount
Administration	\$129,280
Community Housing Development Organization Set Aside	\$193,920
Home Repair Loans	\$90,000
Milwaukee County Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Rapid Rehousing	\$225,000
Rental Development	\$683,883
Homeownership Rehabilitation Acquisition	\$100,000
HOME Total:	\$1,422,083

BACKGROUND

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants were invited to attend the Committee on Community, Environment and Economic Development hybrid public hearing and present their proposals on September 11, 2023. For 2024 funds, staff implemented a review process to objectively rank projects. A panel was arranged to score each project based on this system. The panel members were chosen due to their experience with CDBG regulations as well as to avoid conflicts of interest. The panel consisted of a representative from DHHS Housing Services, a representative from the City of Milwaukee Community Development Grants Administration and a representative from the City of West Allis.

Pending approval by the County Board, the 2024 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30 days, as required. Any public comments will be incorporated into the final 2024 Annual Plan and it will then be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

The 2024 Milwaukee County CDBG allocation totals \$1,745,160. Of the total funds, 20 percent can be used for administration and 15 percent can be set aside for public service projects. For 2024, the allocation continues to be split between at-large competitive projects and municipal projects. Although the municipal projects were not scored and ranked for the purpose of this report, they are included to show the complete allocation. As in years past, County CDBG staff will continue to review municipal projects to ensure that applicants meet national objectives and are following the Consolidated Plan. If the funds awarded by HUD differ from the amount in this report, projects will be adjusted equally on a percentage basis.

Included with the 2024 projects is an approval for a scope change to the previously approved 2023 Greenfield Konkel Park project for \$90,000 along with an approval to use prior year funds for the Village of Brown Deer sidewalk connection project for \$95,000.

For the competitive applications, the recommendations in this report are based on the total points received for each project. Projects were ranked based on the following criteria:

- Project approach
- Need and justification
- Benefit to low-and-moderate income persons
- Target population and jurisdiction
- Capacity and experience
- Financial controls and budget
- Past CDBG performance

The anticipated HOME program budget for 2023 is \$1,422,083. This includes all program income from completed projects.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This action item aligns with strategic plan objectives 2A (Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity and 3A (Invest “upstream to address root causes of health disparities).

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as the total expenditures associated with the CDBG projects of \$1,745,160 and HOME projects of \$1,422,083 are included in the 2024 Housing Budget.

TERMS

The term of this contract is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution and fiscal note are attached.

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