

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

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

From: Shakita LaGrant McClain, Director, DHHS

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2025. The recommended projects are as follows:

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

<b>At Large</b>	<b>Public Service</b>	<b>Non-Public Service</b>
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		\$229,650
Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation		\$100,000
Grand Avenue Club Employment		\$40,000
Hunger Task Force – Facilities		\$100,000
<b>At large total:</b>	<b>\$102,500</b>	<b>\$469,650</b>

<b>Suburban Set-Aside Projects</b>	<b>Public Service</b>	<b>Non-Public Service</b>
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	
Salvation Army Oak Creek – Senior Services	\$20,000	
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 – ADA Handrail Replacement		\$18,000
Greendale – ADA Pedestrian Crosswalk		\$11,200
Greenfield – Playground Improvement		\$70,000
Milwaukee County – Housing - Home Repair		\$120,090
Milwaukee County – Parks – Kelly Senior Center Improvements		\$160,000
South Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$50,000
St Francis – Code Enforcement		\$40,000
West Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$20,000
West Milwaukee – Community Centre Improvements		\$70,000
<b>Suburban Total:</b>	<b>\$154,274</b>	<b>\$689,290</b>
<b>TOTAL – Public and Non-Public Service</b> (not including administration)		<b>\$1,415,714</b>
Administration cap per regulation, 20 percent		\$353,929
<b>Total Allocation from Housing and Urban Development including reallocation</b>		<b>\$1,769,643</b>

**HOME**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administration	\$129,749
Community Housing Development Organization Set Aside	\$194,624
Home Repair Loans	\$0
Milwaukee County Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Rapid Rehousing	\$410,000
Rental Development	\$563,120
Homeownership Rehabilitation Acquisition	\$0
<b>HOME Total:</b>	<b>\$1,297,493</b>

**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 16, 2024. For 2025 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 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 2025 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30 days, as required. Any public comments will be incorporated into the final 2025 Annual Plan and it will then be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

The 2025 Milwaukee County CDBG allocation totals \$1,469,643. Of the total funds, 20 percent can be used for administration and 15 percent can be set aside for public service projects. For 2025, 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.

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 2025 is \$1,297,493. 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 this action item is included in the 2025 adopted budget.

### **TERMS**

The term of this contract is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

James Mathy, Housing Administrator  
Diane Tsounis, HOME and CDBG Program Manager

### **PREPARED BY:**

James Mathy, Housing Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services

### **APPROVED BY:**

*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk