

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: October 26, 2020

TO: Supervisor Felecia Martin, Chairperson, Economic & Community Development Committee

FROM: Shakita LaGrant, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational report regarding the 2021 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 2021 proposals and sent email correspondence to the agencies notifying them of the public hearing. The applicants will be invited to attend the October 26, 2020 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting to present a three-minute summary to committee members.


Issue

The Housing Division has reviewed all of the 2021 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 2021 projects and related funding for the 2021 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 in December.

Recommendation

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.



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