

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: October 4, 2021

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, providing an informational report regarding the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation process and public hearing

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**REQUEST**

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 2022 proposals and sent email correspondence to the agencies notifying them of the public hearing. The applicants will be invited to attend the October 25, 2021 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting to present a three-minute summary to committee members.

**BACKGROUND**

The Housing Division has reviewed all of the 2022 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 2022 projects and related funding for the 2022 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.

## **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Recommendations for 2022 CDBG funding align to Milwaukee County's Strategic Plan, specifically around 2C (Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions) and 3A (Invest upstream to address root causes of health disparities).

## **FISCAL EFFECT**

This report is informational and has no fiscal effect. The report in December with funding recommendations for specific projects will have no fiscal effect. All recommended CDBG projects are funded through annual federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

## **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

James Mathy, Administrator, DHHS Housing Division  
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## **PREPARED BY:**

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## **APPROVED BY:**

  
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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

(1)Public Hearing Notice and (2) CDBG Applications Received

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