

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 6/18/13

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Approval to Set New Minimum and Maximum Project Amounts for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Remove Existing Public Service Restrictions

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure		
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. ¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

A. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to set new minimum and maximum project amounts for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and remove existing public service restrictions.

Adhering to a minimum project amount of \$10,000 will allow the DHHS Housing Division to be more efficient in the management of projects by eliminating the administrative burden of monitoring many very small awards (that can cost more in administrative staff time than the allocation itself) while continuing to maintain a positive and cooperative relationship with the 16 municipal partners.

Removing a maximum dollar amount per project will allow the County greater flexibility with its' annual Consolidated Plan submissions and offer the opportunity to undertake higher impact projects that fit a strategic goal within the Consolidated Plan.

The introduction a competitive project scoring mechanism (and resulting greater transparency in arriving at funding decisions) has rendered the existing policy of limiting the amount of consecutive years a public service project can receive funding (to allow other non-profit agencies the opportunity to receive funding) unnecessary, as the scoring panel now makes recommendations based on the merits of each project.

B. No 2013 expenditures or revenues are included in this request.

C. There is no tax levy impact associated with approval of this request.

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

D. No assumptions are made.

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Authorized Signature 

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CDPB Staff Review? Yes No Not Required