

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-Office Communication

DATE: February 8, 2012

TO: Supervisor Lynn DeBruin, Chairperson, Economic & Community Development Committee
Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, Vice Chairperson, Economic & Community Development Committee

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: **Informational Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Regarding the 2012 Community Development Block Grant 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. For 2011 funds, this was completed on September 20, 2010. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Housing Division has completed their review of all 2012 proposals and sent letters to the agencies notifying them of the public hearing (See Attachment A). The applicants will attend the March 5, 2012 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting to present a two-minute summary to Committee members (See Attachment B).

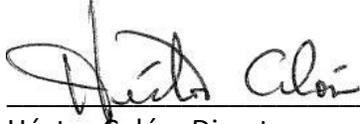
Issue

The Housing Division has reviewed all of the 2012 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 2012 projects and related funding for the 2012 Annual Plan, which is due to HUD by April 30th.

Following the public hearing, the Milwaukee County CDBG/HOME Planning Team will review all proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Economic and Community Development Committee for approval by the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive. Once the Board approves the projects, the 2012 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30-days, as required. Any public comments will then be incorporated into the final 2012 Annual Plan and the Plan will then be submitted to HUD for approval by April 30th.

Recommendation

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.



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