

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Department of Health and Human Services
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TO: Lee Holloway, Chairman – Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Approval to Allocate the Anticipated 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding**

Background

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants were invited to attend a public hearing and present their proposals to the Economic and Community Development Committee on March 5, 2012. For 2012 funds, a new review process was put in place by staff to objectively rank projects based on a scoring system (see Attachment A) to make final recommendations. A panel was arranged to score each project based on this system. The panel members were chosen due to their vast experience with CDBG regulations as well as to avoid conflicts of interest. The panel consisted of two Housing Program Coordinators, Milwaukee County Housing Division; a representative from the City of Milwaukee Community Development Grants Administration; and a representative from the City of West Allis.

Once the County 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 Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval by April 30, 2012.

Issue

The 2012 Milwaukee County CDBG allocation totals \$1,267,877. Twenty-percent of these funds can be used for Administration and fair housing (\$253,575). Fifteen-percent of the funds can be set aside for public service projects (\$190,181). 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. Staff are in discussions on how to potentially rank municipal projects in future years.

2012 CDBG Allocations

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
- Jurisdiction
- Experience and Qualifications
- Need and Justification
- Past Performance
- Benefit to Low-and-Moderate Income Persons
- Budget and Other Sources of Funds

Through this process, the Review Panel commented that several projects that requested funding do not appear to be able to meet the jurisdictional requirements set forth by HUD. If projects are not able to provide specific documentation that they are serving the Milwaukee County CDBG jurisdiction and that they are serving low-to-moderate income individuals, Milwaukee County will not be able to provide reimbursement per HUD regulations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to allocate the anticipated 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds to the following projects:

| County-wide Projects | Public Service | Non Public Service | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee | \$20,560 | | \$20,560 |
| Granville Interfaith Program | \$14,135 | | \$14,135 |
| Wisconsin Community Services, Inc | \$20,560 | | \$20,560 |
| Hunger Task Force, operational | \$20,560 | | \$20,560 |
| United Community Center, Health Center | \$6,425 | | \$6,425 |
| National Alliance on Mental Illness | \$12,850 | | \$12,850 |
| Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative, microenterprise | | \$92,060 | \$92,060 |
| Milwaukee County Housing, Emergency Home Repair | | \$60,000 | \$60,000 |
| Milwaukee County Housing, architectural barrier removal | | \$60,000 | \$60,000 |
| Milwaukee County Parks, Zablocki baseball field | | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Rebuilding Together | | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Greendale Historical Society | | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Hunger Task Force, infrastructure | | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin, roof | | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Eisenhower Center, Inc. parking lot | | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| County-wide total | \$95,090 | \$412,060 | \$507,150 |

2012 CDBG Allocations

| Suburban Set-Aside Projects | Public Service | Non Public Service | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Village Shorewood, Senior Resource Center | \$8,684 | | \$8,684 |
| City of Franklin, elderly home support services | \$3,489 | | \$3,489 |
| City of Franklin, senior center activities | \$6,070 | | \$6,070 |
| City of St. Francis, Elderly - Interfaith | \$5,286 | | \$5,286 |
| City of Greendale, adult program services | \$7,326 | | \$7,326 |
| Village of Bayside, senior services | \$3,776 | | \$3,776 |
| City of Oak Creek, Salvation army | \$544 | | \$544 |
| City of Oak Creek, Interfaith | \$3,565 | | \$3,565 |
| Village of Hales Corners, elderly home support | \$1,047 | | \$1,047 |
| Village of Hales Corners, seniors enrichment program | \$1,395 | | \$1,395 |
| Village of Hales Corners, Library materials for seniors | \$1,047 | | \$1,047 |
| City of Cudahy, program for the elderly | \$13,284 | | \$13,284 |
| City of Cudahy, Project Concern | \$4,667 | | \$4,667 |
| Village of Shorewood, Shoreline Interfaith | \$2,265 | | \$2,265 |
| Village of Fox Point, Dunwood Center lease | \$3,964 | | \$3,964 |
| Village of Brown Deer, senior center | \$19,167 | | \$19,167 |
| City of Greenfield, senior citizen program | \$5,739 | | \$5,739 |
| City of South Milwaukee, Human Concerns Housing | \$3,776 | | \$3,776 |
| Village of River Hills, North Shore Library Accessibility | | \$21,098 | \$21,098 |
| Village of Shorewood, Pavement Improvements | | \$27,094 | \$27,094 |
| Village of Fox Point, exterior entry door accessibility | | \$31,557 | \$31,557 |
| City of Franklin, accessible sidewalk projects | | \$33,740 | \$33,740 |
| City of St. Francis, sidewalk replacement program | | \$3,787 | \$3,787 |
| City of Greendale, ADA improvements | | \$26,492 | \$26,492 |
| City of South Milwaukee, Human Concern, fire alarm system, sign | | \$9,016 | \$9,016 |
| City of South Milwaukee, administration door project | | \$10,819 | \$10,819 |
| City of Cudahy, ADA sign improvements | | \$31,557 | \$31,557 |
| City of Cudahy property maintenance program | | \$11,270 | \$11,270 |
| City of Glendale, ADA sidewalk and curb ramps | | \$40,573 | \$40,573 |
| City of Greenfield, Coopers Hawk Park improvements | | \$39,130 | \$39,130 |
| Village of West Milwaukee, community center improvements | | \$32,909 | \$32,909 |
| Village of West Milwaukee, maintenance of community center | | \$8,115 | \$8,115 |
| Village of Hales Corners, library ADA improvements | | \$20,827 | \$20,827 |
| Village of Whitefish Bay, infrastructure improvements | | \$33,324 | \$33,324 |
| City of South Milwaukee, infrastructure improvements | | \$19,482 | \$19,482 |
| Village of Brown Deer, infrastructure improvements | | \$11,270 | \$11,270 |

2012 CDBG Allocations

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|----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Suburban Total | \$95,091 | \$412,060 | \$507,151 |
| Total Allocation from HUD | \$1,267,877 | | |
| Administration cap per regulation, 20% | \$253,575 | | |
| Public service cap per regulation, 15% | \$190,182 | | |
| Suburban Set-Aside | \$507,151 | | |
| County-wide Set-Aside | \$507,151 | | |

Approval of the recommended CDBG allocations, as specified, will allow DHHS to meet the HUD deadlines and distribute funds in a timely manner.

Fiscal Effect

The amounts recommended in these contracts have been included in DHHS's 2012 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.



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