

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 19, 2023

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 (DHHS), requesting approval to reallocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for eligible projects

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting approval to reallocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from prior years.

BACKGROUND

On an annual basis, the Milwaukee County Board approves recommended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to recommended projects in Milwaukee County that meet a national objective. Due to the pandemic as well as supply chain issues, Milwaukee County has a surplus of funds, particularly in the Home Repair Program. HUD allows Milwaukee County to reallocate funds for eligible projects in its CDBG jurisdiction. Funds need to be reallocated by October 2023 for projects that are “shovel ready” per HUD guidelines.

DHHS notified all existing CDBG grantees of this funding opportunity for projects that could submit invoices for work prior to October. All grantees with eligible projects were awarded funding through this process with the exception of projects that were in the public service category due to the 15 percent cap.

The recommended projects are as follows:

South Milwaukee Human Concerns

- \$15,500 reallocated to assist South Milwaukee Human Concerns with facility improvements for accessibility.

City of South Milwaukee

- \$25,000 reallocated to assist the City of South Milwaukee to assist with staff costs related to Code Enforcement.

Village of West Milwaukee

- \$50,000 reallocated to the Village of West Milwaukee for Community Centre Improvements.
- \$20,000 reallocated to the Village of West Milwaukee for Fire House Improvements.

Jewish Family Services

- \$120,000 reallocated to Jewish Family Services for facility improvements at Deerwood Commons.

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation

- \$100,000 reallocated to the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation for to assist with provide small business assistance.

Village of Hales Corners

- \$15,000 reallocated to the Village of Hales Corners for accessibility modifications. Modifications include creating an accessible bathroom at the Village Library
- \$40,000 reallocated to the Village of Hales Corners for accessibility modifications to the crosswalk

North Shore Health/Fire Department

- \$49,990 reallocated to the North Shore Fire Department for facility improvements

City of Greenfield

- \$300,000 reallocated to the City of Greenfield for the creation of an accessible restroom/shelter at Konkel Park.

Hunger Task Force

- \$150,000 reallocated to Hunger Task Force for roof replacement at the warehouse.

Project Concern

- \$100,000 reallocated to Project Concern for the acquisition assistance to expand their services provided.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This action item aligns with strategic plan objectives 2A (Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity) and 3A (Invest "upstream to address root causes of health disparities).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or her designee, to reallocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for eligible projects as described in the attached resolution.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as the amount to be reallocated has been accounted for in previous CDBG budgets.

TERMS

Funds will be reallocated by October 1, 2023.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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None

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