

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** October 7, 2016

**TO:** Theodore Lipscomb, 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 (DHHS), requesting approval to reallocate \$159,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Milwaukee County Housing Division**

**Issue**

Recently, DHHS Housing Division staff conducted a 10-year review audit of CDBG financials to ensure all funds were being utilized. Through this process, staff were able to identify \$774,000 in CDBG funding which can be reallocated to new projects that meet a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) national objective. These funds cannot be used for administration of the CDBG program and a majority of the funds has to be used for non-public service projects per HUD guidelines.

**Background**

Of the \$774,000 in total funding, the County Board has already approved the use of \$315,000 on two projects in July. The Housing Division has also proposed using \$300,000 for potential 2017 CDBG projects in another report before the County Board for approval in the October cycle. Of the \$159,000 in remaining funding, the Housing Division is proposing to use it on various emergency home repair projects.

The Housing Division has seen an increase in requests for the Emergency Home Repair Program from various municipalities. The Division has been spending more money per home than in the past as lead removal has become more common in the scopes of work. Since 2014, the County has used CDBG funds for 14 projects representing several municipalities. The breakdown of these jurisdictions are as follows:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b># of Emergency Home Repair Projects</b>
Brown Deer	1
Cudahy	3
Franklin	2
Greenfield	3
Oak Creek	1
St. Francis	2
Shorewood	1
South Milwaukee	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

Currently, the Division has four projects pending that involve emergency roof repair and removal of lead paint that are on hold due to a lack of funding. The total of these requests is \$119,000 and are located in Cudahy, Greenfield and Oak Creek. This would leave \$40,000 in funding available out of the \$159,000 being reallocated for future home repair projects.

The use of the \$774,000 in total reallocated CDBG funding is detailed in the chart below:

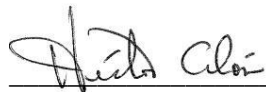
Item	Funding	Action
Brownfield Development	\$300,000	Approved File No. 16-406
Security Deposits	\$15,000	Approved File No. 16-406
CDBG Projects	\$300,000	Pending in October cycle
Home repair	\$159,000	Pending in October cycle
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$774,000</b>	

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of DHHS, or his designee, to reallocate \$159,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the Milwaukee County Home Repair Program.

### **Fiscal Effect**

A fiscal note is attached.



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