

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** September 24, 2012

**TO:** Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, 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 2013 HOME Funding for the Housing Division

**Issue**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Housing Division administers the HOME program, which was born out of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and is a take-off of the Community Development Block Grant program but is intended to address housing needs only. Milwaukee County, as a designated Urban County, is part of a HOME Consortia with West Allis and Wauwatosa. To complete the 2013 Annual Plan, it is required that the County Board approves HOME funding recommendations. Therefore, the Director, DHHS, is requesting approval of the 2013 HOME funding allocations, totaling \$1,207,297. The 2013 Annual Action Plan is due to HUD by April 30, 2013.

**Background**

Based on the Consolidated Plan, established agreements and HUD regulations, the recommended allocation of HOME funds for the 2013 program year takes into account the following:

1. Congress has not yet passed a HUD appropriation bill therefore the Housing Division is using the same grant allocation as 2012 as an estimate
2. The priorities and objectives of the 5-year Consolidated Plan
3. All Milwaukee County HOME funds must be spent outside the City of Milwaukee
4. The Wauwatosa and West Allis Consortium member share are set aside based upon their "hold harmless" amounts of 5.6% and 22.8% respectively
5. The HOME program requires that 15% of the participating jurisdiction's fund be reserved for housing development by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
6. The Suburban Home Repair Program, which offers secured deferred, 0%, and 3% interest loans and Lead Hazard Reduction grants to income eligible homeowners for necessary repairs, is continued
7. The County shall establish a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program to assist low-income households participating in the County Housing Choice Voucher program wishing to move outside of the City of Milwaukee with security deposits in the amount of one-month's rent as a grant; priority to be given to households being pulled from the waiting list and those needing to leave units that do not meet the Housing Quality Standards

The funding allocation is based on the same formula as has been used in prior years. The approved use of funds for the 2013 HOME Program will be included, along with the 2013 allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the 2013 Annual Action Plan. HUD requires that the Action Plan be approved for participation in these programs.

**Recommendation**

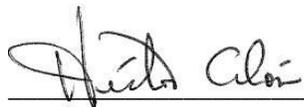
It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to allocate the total anticipated 2013 HOME funds as indicated below, and as outlined in the attached resolution:

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| Anticipated 2013 Grant Allocation                 | \$907,297          |
| Milwaukee County Anticipated Program Income       | \$200,000          |
| West Allis Anticipated Program Income             | \$100,000          |
| <b>Total Funds Expected for 2013</b>              | <b>\$1,207,297</b> |
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| Total Admin                                       | \$120,729          |
| CHDO set-aside                                    | \$136,095          |
| Wauwatosa   | \$44,048           |
| West Allis (including West Allis program income)  | \$279,337          |
| Rental Development/Rental Rehab                   | \$427,000          |
| Home Repair Loans                                 | \$150,088          |
| Tenant-based rental assistance, security deposits | \$50,000           |
| <b>Total Allocation</b>                           | <b>\$1,207,297</b> |

**Fiscal Impact**

The 2013 Requested Budget includes the 2013 HOME funds and related expenses as are being recommended for allocation in this report. In no case will program expenditures exceed available revenue and there is no anticipated fiscal effect as a result of this approval. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



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