

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 14, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant McClain, Executive Director, DHHS

Subject: A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding and a reallocation of 2025 CDBG funding

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants were invited to attend The Committee on Community, Environment and Economic Development hybrid public hearing and present their proposals September 8, 2025. For 2026 funds, staff implemented a review process to ensure applications submitted met program requirements.

Pending approval by the County Board, the 2026 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30-days, as required. Any public comments will be incorporated into the final 2026 Annual Plan and it will then be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

For the competitive applications, the recommendations in this report are based on the following criteria:

- ☐ Project approach
- ☐ Need and justification
- ☐ Benefit to low-and-moderate income persons
- ☐ Target population and jurisdiction
- ☐ Capacity and experience
- ☐ Financial controls and budget
- ☐ Past CDBG performance

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The anticipated CDBG program budget for 2026 is \$1,799,381 and the recommended projects are shown below. In addition, 2025 CDBG funds of \$160,000 are recommended for reallocation to the Bucyrus Senior Center Facility Improvements project.

At Large	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Legal Action – Eviction Defense	\$27,000	
Eras Senior Network – Neighborhood Outreach Program	\$12,000	
Milwaukee County Housing Services – Coordinated Entry/Housing Navigation	\$27,906	
Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council	\$6,500	
Jewish Family Services – Case Management	\$24,000	
Salvation Army - Oak Creek Emergency Housing Assistance	\$9,000	
Milwaukee County Home Repair		\$180,006
Milwaukee County Economic Development – Building Bridges Small Business Program		\$26,000
Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation		\$75,000
Grand Avenue Club – Integrated Employment		\$40,000
Hunger Task Force – Farm Improvements		\$75,000
At large total:	\$106,406	\$396,006

Suburban Set-Aside Projects	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Bayside – Senior Center LX Operations	\$6,000	
Brown Deer – Senior Club	\$14,000	
Fox Point – LX Club Lease	\$6,000	
Franklin – Senior Health Education	\$5,000	
Greendale – Adult Program Services	\$9,000	
Greenfield – Senior Services Staff	\$25,000	
Milwaukee County – Aging and Disability Services – Bucyrus Senior Center – lease reimbursement	\$25,000	
Salvation Army Oak Creek – Senior Services	\$19,000	
West Milwaukee – Community Centre Operations	\$9,000	
North Shore Health Department – Case Management	\$28,000	
Eras Senior Network – Neighborhood Outreach Program (various municipalities)	\$11,500	
Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council	\$6,000	
Cudahy - Code Enforcement		\$10,000
Brown Deer – Code Enforcement		\$7,500

Greendale – ADA Accessible Restroom		\$30,000
Greenfield – Park Improvements		\$70,000
Milwaukee County – Housing - Home Repair		\$131,094
Scott Crawford, Inc – Bucyrus Senior Center – Facility Improvements		\$300,000
South Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$40,000
St Francis – Code Enforcement		\$40,000
West Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$20,000
West Milwaukee – Firehouse Improvements		\$75,000
West Milwaukee – Community Centre Improvements		\$50,000
Suburban Total:	\$163,500	\$773,594
TOTAL – Public and Non-Public Service (not including administration)		\$1,439,506
Administration cap per regulation, 20 percent		\$359,875
Total 2026 Allocation from Housing and Urban Development		\$1,799,381
Reallocation of 2025 CDBG funds originally for Kelly Senior Center to be used by Scott Crawford, Inc. for the Bucyrus Senior Center Facility Improvements project		\$160,000

HOME

The anticipated HOME program budget for 2026 is \$1,298,347. This includes all program income from completed projects. The recommended projects are as follows:

Project	Amount
Administration	\$111,339
Community Housing Development Organization Set Aside	\$167,008
Milwaukee County Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Rapid Rehousing	\$600,000
Housing Development and Rehabilitation	\$420,000
HOME Total:	\$1,298,347

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).

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as this action item is included in the 2026 adopted budget.

TERMS

The term of this contract is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

James Mathy, Housing Administrator
Diane Tsounis, HOME and CDBG Program Manager

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APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution and fiscal note are attached.

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk