## COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE Department of Health and Human Services Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** August 16, 2013

**TO:** Supervisor Pat Jursik, Chairperson, Economic & Community Development

Committee

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

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SUBJECT: Informational Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human

Services, Regarding the 2014 Community Development Block Grant

**Allocation Process and Public Hearing** 

## **Background**

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants are invited to attend a public hearing and present their proposals to the Economic and Community Development Committee. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Housing Division has completed their review of all 2014 proposals and sent letters to the agencies notifying them of the public hearing (See Attachment A). The applicants will attend the September 16, 2013 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting to present a three minute summary to Committee members (See Attachment B).

## <u>Issue</u>

The Housing Division has reviewed all of the 2014 CDBG applications, including the proposed activities. Organizations have been directed to provide a short presentation to the Committee including information on how the proposed activity will benefit the residents of Milwaukee County's CDBG jurisdiction and how the activity will primarily benefit low to moderate income people (per the National Objective standards established by HUD). The public hearing is a necessary and critical step toward approving the CDBG 2014 projects and related funding for the 2014 Annual Plan.

Following the public hearing, the CDBG review panel will examine all proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Economic and Community Development Committee for approval by the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive. As discussed previously in the Division's CDBG timeline, these recommendations will be brought to the Economic Development Committee for a special session in September. Once the Board approves the projects, the 2014 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30-days, as required. Any

public comments will then be incorporated into the final 2014 Annual Plan and the Plan will then be submitted to HUD for approval.

## **Recommendation**

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.

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