

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: September 16, 2013

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **Revised Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Approval to Allocate Anticipated 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding**

Background

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants were invited to attend a public hearing and present their proposals to the Economic and Community Development Committee on September 16, 2013. For 2014 funds, a review process was put in place by staff to objectively rank projects. A panel was arranged to score each project based on this system (see attachment). The panel members were chosen due to their experience with CDBG regulations as well as to avoid conflicts of interest. The panel consisted of a representative from the Milwaukee County Housing Division, a representative from the City of Milwaukee Community Development Grants Administration, and a representative from the City of West Allis.

Once the County 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 it will then be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval by November 15, 2013.

Issue

The 2014 Milwaukee County CDBG allocation totals \$1,391,173. Of the total funds, twenty-percent can be used for administration (\$278,235) and fifteen-percent can be set aside for public service projects (\$208,676). For 2014, the allocation continues to be split between at large competitive projects and municipal projects. Although the municipal projects were not scored and ranked for the purpose of this report, they are included to show the complete allocation. As in years past, County CDBG staff will continue to review municipal projects to ensure that applicants meet national objectives and are following the Consolidated Plan.

For the competitive applications, the recommendations in this report are based on the total points received for each project. Projects were ranked 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

Recommendation

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services, recommends that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Housing Division to allocate the anticipated 2014 Community Development Block Grant funds to the following projects:

County-wide Projects	Public Service	Non Public Service	Application Score
Metro. Milwaukee Fair Housing Council	\$34,780		300
Hope House of Milwaukee – Supportive Housing Srvs	\$44,780		297
Jewish Family Services – Peer Support	\$24,778		290
WWBIC – Microenterprise		\$53,361	292
Milwaukee County Housing, Emergency Home Repair		\$120,000	290
Milwaukee County Housing, Architectural Barrier Removal		\$40,000	290
Grand Avenue Club - Employment		\$100,000	286
Hunger Task Force – Water Distribution		\$52,560	286
Human Concerns – Electrical Upgrades		\$20,000	282
Milwaukee County Parks – Sheridan Park		\$66,210	282
At large total	\$104,338	\$452,131	\$556,469

Suburban Set-Aside Projects	Public Service	Non Public Service
Brown Deer – Senior Club	\$9933	
Cudahy – Property Maintenance	\$6319	
Cudahy - Interfaith	\$5176	
Franklin – Senior Travel	\$8643	
Greendale – Adult Program Services	\$10,200	
Greenfield – Senior Services Staff	\$11,194	
Interfaith Senior Program (various municipalities)	\$25,533	
Shorewood – Senior Resource Center	\$8340	
St. Francis – Code Compliance	\$10,000	
West Milwaukee – Community Center Maintenance	\$9000	
Cudahy – ADA Accessibility		\$45,835
Franklin – Senior Dining ADA Fire Alarm		\$45,538
Glendale – Sidewalk Replacement		\$24,127
Greendale – Historical Society		\$28,731
Greenfield – Farmers Market		\$41,343
Shorewood – Home Repair w/ Milwaukee County		\$10,000
Shorewood – Alley Repair		\$13,903
South Milwaukee – Senior Center Energy Project		\$52,362
St. Francis – Trail Project Phase II		\$43,096
St. Francis – Sidewalk and Ramp Project		\$28,731
West Milwaukee – Community Center Exterior		\$71,826
WWBIC (Oak Creek) – Business Development		\$46,639
Suburban Total	\$104,338	\$452,131
TOTAL – Public and Non-Public Service (not including admin)		\$1,112,938
Total Allocation from HUD including reallocation	\$1,391,173	
Administration cap per regulation, 20%	\$278,235	
Public service cap per regulation, 15%	\$208,676	

Respectfully Submitted,



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