## **COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** August 19, 2016

**TO:** Supervisor Steve Taylor, Chairman, Economic & Community Development

Committee

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

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SUBJECT: From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing

an informational report regarding the 2017 Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) 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 its review of all 2017 proposals and sent email correspondence to the agencies notifying them of the public hearing. The applicants will attend the September 12, 2016 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting to present a three-minute summary to committee members.

## Issue

The Housing Division has reviewed all of the 2017 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 2017 projects and related funding for the 2017 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 County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive. These recommendations will be brought to the Economic Development Committee on October 24, 2016.

## Recommendation

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.

Héctor Colón, Director

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