

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman - Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME 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 October 26, 2020. For 2021 funds, staff implemented a review process to objectively rank projects. A panel was arranged to score each project based on this system. 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.

Pending approval by the County Board, the 2021 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30-days as required. Any public comments will be incorporated into the final 2021 Annual Plan and it will then be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

Issue

The 2021 Milwaukee County CDBG allocation totals \$1,686,898. Of the total funds, 20 percent can be used for administration and 15 percent can be set aside for public service projects. For 2021, 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. If the funds awarded by HUD differ from the amount in this report, projects will be adjusted equally on a percentage basis.

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

Due to a previous County Board resolution, Housing Division staff prioritized recommendations with either a housing or economic focus.

The anticipated HOME program budget for 2021 is \$1,415,007. This includes all program income from completed projects.

Recommendation

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services, recommends that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Housing Division to allocate the anticipated 2021 Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds to the following projects:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

At Large	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Impact Coordinated Entry – Housing Navigation	\$40,000	
Legal Action-Eviction Defense	\$35,000	
Eras	\$15,758	
MMFHC	\$15,758	
Jewish Family Services-Bradley Crossing Case Management	\$20,000	
Milwaukee County Home Repair		\$255,652
WWBIC		\$100,000
Grand Avenue Club Employment		\$72,590
Hunger Task Force – Facilities		\$120,000
At large total	\$126,517	\$548,242

Suburban Set-Aside Projects	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Bayside – Senior Center LX Operations	\$5,998	
Brown Deer – Senior Club	\$15,000	
Fox Point – LX Club Lease	\$6,000	
Franklin – Senior Health Education	\$5,000	
Greendale – Adult Program Services	\$10,000	
Greenfield – Senior Services Staff	\$25,000	
South Milwaukee – Senior Services Programming	\$20,000	
Eras Senior Network- (various municipalities)	\$19,759	
MMFHC	\$19,760	
Cudahy Code Compliance		\$10,500
Franklin – Home Repair		\$42,000
Greendale – Accessible curb ramps		\$35,000
Greenfield – Playground improvement		\$50,000
Milwaukee County Home Repair		\$248,743
South Milwaukee – Code Enforcement		\$32,000
St. Francis – Code Compliance		\$40,000
St. Francis- Home Repair		\$40,000
West Milwaukee – Community Center Updates		\$50,000
Suburban Total	\$126,517	\$548,243
TOTAL – Public and Non-Public Service (not including admin)		\$1,349,519
Administration cap per regulation, 20%		\$337,379
Total Allocation from HUD including reallocation		\$1,686,898

HOME

Project	Amount
Administration	\$141,500
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside	\$166,415
Home Repair Loans	\$150,000
Milwaukee County TBRA/Rapid Rehousing	\$225,000
Rental Development	\$532,092
Homeownership Rehab/Acquisition	\$200,000
HOME Total	\$1,415,007



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