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Milwaukee**

*INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE*

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## **M E M O**

**To:** Members of the Common Council

**From:** Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Chair, Community and Economic Development Committee

**Re:** Allocation of community development funds

**Date:** October 16, 2008

Attached are resolutions and accompanying attachments which collectively comprise the City of Milwaukee's 2009 application for community development funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Community and Economic Development Committee will consider these resolutions at its Monday, October 20, 2008 meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall, Room 301-B. The resolutions contain the recommendations of the Community Development Grants Administration (see attachments), which reviewed all applications for funds; the recommendations are, of course subject to amendment.

To facilitate the process at committee with respect to amendments, the Committee will follow a process similar to that utilized in past years for allocation of community development funds; this process was ratified on September 25, 2007 with the adoption of File Number 070845, with its incorporation into the Common Council Rules. All amendments must be balanced amendments within the same category, meaning if an additional amount is requested for a community group or government agency, an equal amount must be taken from another group or agency. Furthermore, any amendment amending allocation of CDBG funds may not change the amount allocated for the 2 main categories of CDBG funds (\$16,000,000) established

by Council File Number 080408, adopted on July 30, 2008: \$7,071,600 for community based organizations, and \$8,928,400 for city departments. No amendments will be taken on the day of the committee meeting unless the amendment addresses a previously drafted amendment. Any amendments offered at the table must also be "balanced" amendments.

In requesting amendments, please keep in mind that community development funding has decreased significantly in recent years; total funding has declined by \$8,748,642 from \$32,268,000, 27.1% from 2003; and community development grant funds have decreased by \$6,000,000 from \$22,000,000, 27.2% from 2003. Therefore, funds should be put to their most efficient use for the benefit of the community and the City.

The schedule to be followed will be:

1. Amendment requests must be received by the Legislative Reference Bureau by 2 p.m. on Friday, October 17.
2. The Community and Economic Development Committee will hear the recommendations and written amendments on Monday, October 20 starting at 9:00 a.m.
3. The Common Council will consider these matters at its Tuesday, October 29 meeting.

I want to thank all of you for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to this upcoming meeting and welcome any suggestions you might have for improving this procedure.

cc: Community Development Grants Administration