

Reply to Common Council File No. 090099
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council file 090099 contains a resolution authorizing the submittal, acceptance and funding of the Community Development Block Grant Recovery under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The City will receive \$4,518,509 as a result of the CDBG Recovery Program. The funds can be used to modernize infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, expand educational opportunities and preserve and create jobs. The proposal provides funding in six areas:

Streetscaping Project – Provides \$980,000 for streetscaping projects at Riverworks (Holton St. – Concordia to Keefe Ave.), 30th St. Industrial Corridor (27th – 35th, Capital Dr.) and Mitchell Street.

Urban Forestry Service Delivery – Provides \$677,776 for tree care, landscaping and arborist training to Milwaukee unemployed for future employment opportunities.

Graffiti Mitigation Program – Provides \$300,000 for graffiti removal.

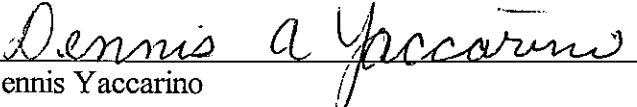
Milwaukee Builds – Provides \$600,000 to expand skilled labor apprenticeships to the building trades, working with a large population of low income unemployed adults. Program will focus on public housing and foreclosed properties as well as commercial mixed-use space.

Street Improvement Program – Provides \$1.1 million to improve street conditions in the CDBG area.

Large Impact Developments – Provides \$550,000 to assist in financing for the Center for Veterans Issues and the Empowerment Village.

The programs will create over 260 jobs, improve transportation and the environment, produce economic benefit and improve essential services. These are all key factors that address the intent of the additional CDBG allocation. The City was able to diversify the use of these funds to multiple areas that will focus on the City's needs.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION 090099 THAT AUTHORIZES THE SUBMITTAL, ACCEPTANCE AND FUNDING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.


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