



**Department of City Development**  
City Plan Commission  
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee  
Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

**Lafayette L. Crump**  
Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner

October 14, 2021

Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee  
Milwaukee Common Council  
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Chair Murphy and Committee Members:

This letter responds to a few requests and question that were raised at the Finance and Personnel Committee's hearing regarding the Department of City Development's proposed 2022 budget.

1). *Provide a summary of in rem acquisitions and sales from 2010 to 2021 through July.*

Following is a breakdown of 2010 through 2021-year to date of in rem acquisitions, improved property sales and vacant lot sales:

<b>Year</b>	<b># of Acquisitions</b>	<b># of Improved Sales</b>	<b># of Vacant Lot Sales</b>
2010	571	47	93
2011	464	150	88
2012	903	231	35
2013	749	291	32
2014	587	437	99
2015	885	527	232
2016	985	502	160
2017	598	427	171
2018	134	368	178
2019	694	258	138
2020	111	279	125
2021 (-July)	306	120	48

2). *Provide a summary of donor and underperforming Tax Incremental Districts (TIDs).*

Attached is a chart showing TID donations from and to each TID district. The columns with the TIDs listed in descending order are the donor TIDs. The TIDs listed across the spreadsheet are the TIDs that received the contribution. Aldermanic districts of each TID are also included. The chart demonstrates that through 2020, \$36,364,551 in total was donated to underperforming TIDs. It is projected that an additional \$20,942,696 will be donated for a grand total of \$57,307,247.



3). Provide a summary of Healthy Food Access Fund (HFAF) recipients and criteria used to evaluate proposals.

In 2021, The City of Milwaukee has identified seventeen different programs that increase access to, or information about, healthy food in underserved neighborhoods, and these programs will share a total of up to \$200,000 in city-funded grants. Twelve of the recipients will offer educational programs that promote healthy eating. Five more grants were awarded to Milwaukee agencies moving forward with projects that add buildings, equipment, and/or supplies. Following is a chart of the 2021 HFAF recipients:

RECIPIENT	TYPES	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee	Educational	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
By The Block LLC	Both	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Scott Crawford Inc.	Capital	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Bay View Community Center	Educational	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Tikkun Ha-Ir of Milwaukee	Education	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
DQ Investments	Capital	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Interchange Food Pantry	Capital	\$9,646.50	\$9,646.50
Near West Side Partners	Education	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Victory Garden Initiative	Capital	\$24,600.00	\$ 16,298.50
Great Lakes Community Conservation	Education	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Heart Love Place	Education	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Groundwork Milwaukee	Education	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
CORE El Centro Inc	Education	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Cosecha LLC	Education	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Bloom MKE Inc	Educational	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Teens Grow Greens	Education	\$4,855.00	\$4,855.00
Healthy Food Movement Unlimited	Education	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS FUNDED</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>
Partially Funded			

The scoring criteria used to evaluate the applications is attached.

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*4). Explore providing support to Neighborhood Associations.*

We will follow up with Alderman Spiker directly to discuss in further detail. Initial research found that there are several existing neighborhood associations in the city listed in the attachment. It includes groups that meet regularly, includes a website that was recently updated, and has a board member list.

Please contact me should you have any further questions. I can be reached via email at [vkoste@milwaukee.gov](mailto:vkoste@milwaukee.gov), or at ext. 5810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'VANESSA L. KOSTER', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachments