Kevin L. Shafer, P.E.
Executive Director

September 6, 2011

Steven L. Mahan, Director
Community Development Block Grant Program
City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells, Room 606
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Director Mahan:

I am writing in support of your agency's request that $650,000 from Community Development
Block Grants – Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP) funds be used to construct 24
units of housing at the proposed United Methodist Children's Services housing development
project, known as UMCS Phase III on Lisbon Avenue in the Washington Park neighborhood.

As you are aware, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Milwaukee
partnered on a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to fund projects to
minimize future flood damage and to help Milwaukee recover from the 2008 flooding and
storms. In 2010, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce approved our grant requested
committing up to $8.2 million in CDBG-EAP grant funding to assist in Milwaukee's flood
recovery projects.

Of this amount, up to $1.9 million was awarded for renter-occupied housing replacement for
housing units being removed in the Kinnickinnic River Flood Management Project area. I
support using $650,000 from this category of funding for UMCS Phase III. It is my hope that
we will continue to work together to indentify activities that will utilize the remaining funds in
this category in a manner that benefits the Kinnickinnic River project area and Milwaukee's
economy and quality of life.

I also wish to thank you and your agency for your support and advocacy for these flood
recovery grant funds. As a direct result of our partnership, these CDBG-EAP grant funds are
helping to revitalize Milwaukee neighborhoods and making it possible for the Falk Complex in
the Menomonee Valley to expand and add jobs.

Sincerely,

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