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2001-2002 CDBG Contingency Account: FUNDS RESERVED

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Committee action is required to appropriate \$1,953,510.90 from the CDBG Contingency Account, *Funds Reserved*. The following projects have received prior committee review and/or city budget review. With the exception of project #1, CBGA recommends funding.

- 1. Northwest Side CDC \$125,000. Rescind
 - Pre development costs associated with a study of the Tower Automotive site for future development. LID dollars. CD Committee held item and requested organization to collaborate with the Department of City Development (DCD) on a detailed plan. DCD does not recommend funding this project. (DCD Letter, attached). CBGA supports the decision of the Department of City Development. (Funds were formerly reserved for Pressed Steel Tank, a LID proposal).
- Merrill Park Neighborhood Association \$160,500. St. Rose East, Phase III. Eights units of New residential, single family housing. 400-600 North 29th Street. LID dollars. Project received \$300,000 in HOME funds May 7, 2002 and is ready to move forward.
- 3. NIDC Audit Finding \$228,557. Failure to meet HOME and CDBG income eligibility requirements, resulting in \$228,557 in ineligible costs. HUD required funds to be paid back from non-federal funding sources. HUD returned the funds to the City's CDBG line of credit, which can be allocated to a project. NIDC has requested the funds be allocated to them.
- 4. **Firefighters Out Creating Urban Safety (FOCUS) \$350,000** (funds assumed in the department's 2002 budget). *New Project*. The program will be expanded on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The program will enable firefighters to go door-to-door throughout the Neighborhood Strategic Planning areas to install smoke detectors, replace batteries and distribute fire prevention information. CDBG funds will be used to funds salaries, fringe benefits, and related program expenses. Rehabilitation.
- 5. **Bookmobile Links Communities and Technology \$253,471** (funds assumed in the department's 2002 budget). *A New Project* providing public access to the Internet over a three-week schedule to numerous locations near community organizations and public schools in Neighborhood Strategic Planning areas of the City. In addition, the new program will continue to offer access to books, videos and other recreational and educational resources. CDBG funds will be used to funds salaries, fringe benefits, and related program expenses. Public Service.
- 6. Milwaukee Health Department Targeted prenatal Services \$217,553 (funds assumed in the department's 2002 budget). Funding is for the balance of program not already approved by CD Committee. Program will identify high-risk pregnancies by Public Health Nurses primarily in the city's Neighborhood Strategic Planning areas of the City. The program will identify and either provide or refer services that contribute to a healthy newborn. The program's main goal is to reduce the racial and ethnic disparity in the City's infant mortality rate. The program will include awareness, outreach, education and specialized case management. (Project received \$300,000 in 2002 Entitlement funds). Public Service.

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- 7. Common Council-City Clerk's Office \$89,396 (funds assumed in the department's 2002 budget).

 New Project. Reprogramming dollars will fund 80% of the Community Services Coordinator and Community Services Specialist-Senior positions. These positions provide services to all city residents but they provide the majority of their services within the Neighborhood Strategic Planning areas.
- 8. CBGA Summer Youth Mini Grants. \$100,000
 An annual program funded with reprogramming dollars. CBGA recommends a minimum award of \$5,000 and a maximum award of \$10,000 per project.
- 9. **Project Respect \$ 77,000** (CBGA recommends an adjustment to \$61,095. The 2001 extended funds in the amount of \$13,640 will bring the 2002 total allocation to \$74,735). The Common Council, on November 6, 2001, voted to retain Project Respect as a Year 2002 CDBG-funded service to perform community organizing/crime prevention and awareness, and neighborhood clean Up activity in NSP area 9. Project Respect lost its previous designation as Neighborhood Strategic Planning provider. As a result, CBGA recommends that the Common Council award of \$77,000 be reduced to the organization's original 2001 budget of \$74,735. Year 2001 extension funds of \$13,640 and the \$61,095 will bring the allocation in line with organizations performing similar activities.

The CD Committee is expected to award funds May 30, 2002.

10. **NSP 4 - \$50,000 - Community Organizing, Crime Prevention/Awareness.**

Funds for the following projects are to be reserved in the CDBG contingency account

- Walker's Point Development Close out Activities \$52,900 & \$65,038 (Total \$ 117,938)
 Hold in the CDBG Contingency Account, "Funds Reserved," for close out activities associated with the dissolution of Walker's Point Development Corporation.
- 12. Balance Maintained in Contingency Account \$200,000

Attachment:

DCD Letter regarding Northwest Side CDC, Tower Automotive proposal