

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

MEMO

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 20, 2009

Attached are resolutions and accompanying attachments which collectively comprise the City of Milwaukee's 2010 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 26, 2009 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 established by Council File Number 090291, adopted on July 28, 2009, that is, for community based organizations, and 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, and, 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 noon on Friday, October 23.
- 2. The Community and Economic Development Committee will hear the recommendations and written amendments on Monday, October 26 starting at 9:00 a.m.
- 3. The Common Council will consider these matters at its Tuesday, November 3 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