

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution. File number: 231459

This \$500,000 grant opportunity from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation would benefit the United Community Center (UCC) project at the properties at 1648 S. 37th Street and 1645 S. 36th Street, which would ultimately result in the rehabilitation of three vacant structures on the site to be used for early childhood education activities. The City would act as a pass-through entity on behalf of the WEDC and UCC.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

This grant is expected to provide gap financing on this project, which is estimated to cost roughly \$3 million. Revitalization of this site will give UCC immediate space to to open Early Child Education/Daycare classrooms providing for 13 classrooms for 220 children, which is a critical need in this community- home to the largest under-five population in the state.

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

The project is located in Census tract 171, where a majority of residents identified as Hispanic in the 2020 Census.



4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

During outreach efforts for the Near South Area Plan, as adopted by Common Council on May 27, 2009, residents "felt more activities for children are needed including more after school programs." The project will also help to further plan objectives by preserving and re-purposing historic structures in the neighborhood.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

This project will be evaluated based on the relative increase in capacity for the UCC to serve additional clients, as well as the amount of rehabilitated square footage that is returned to active use in the neighborhood.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

DCD is open to feedback from elected officials and area residents with regards to operation of the UCC's planned improvements, which are expected to be funded through this grant opportunity.

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