

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 22, 2018

The Honorable Ben Carson
Secretary
US Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD)
451 7th Street Sw
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Carson:

I am pleased to write in support of the City of Milwaukee's application for Choice Neighborhood Implementation (CNI) grant funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding through the CNI program supports locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation.

The City of Milwaukee will use approved funding to address housing, education, and neighborhood goals within the boundaries of Wisconsin Avenue, Vliet Street, 17th Street, and 35th Street. Two housing projects will use approved CNI funding to replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing including College Court and Corps House. In addition, funding will be used to help ensure access to high quality early childhood education and develop career-ready high school graduates. Finally, CNI funding will be used to create conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to promote public safety, good schools, and commercial activity.

I stand behind programs that expand affordable housing opportunities for people across Wisconsin. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the City of Milwaukee's application. Please keep Jessica Sielaff in my Madison office updated on the progress of this application and contact her should you have further questions or concerns. She may be reached at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at 608-264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator