

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

MEMO

To: The Honorable, Members of the Common Council

From: Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Chair, Community and Economic Development

Committee

Re: Beginning of fund allocation process and public hearings

Date: July 12, 2011

Beginning tomorrow, the Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee will enter into the process of establishing the 2012 funding allocation for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and related funds. The first step will be the holding of three public hearings; two in the community-at-large and one here before the CED committee.

The at-large meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

City of Milwaukee-DPW Field Headquarters 3850 N. 35th Street 2201 S. 7th Street 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Parking available at the 1st entrance south of Capitol Drive)

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Kosciusko Community Center 2201 S. 7th Street 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

The purpose of these first two meetings will be to take public testimony regarding the City's preliminary Funding Allocation Plan (FAP). The CED committee will then, at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011, in Room 301-B, City Hall, consider and recommend adoption of the final form of the FAP to the Common Council which will take up the matter on July 26th.

Should the Common Council adopt this measure and the Mayor sign it, the grants administration would then go forward with a Request For Proposals (RFP), the responses to which would be due back in late August. The responses would then be evaluated as part of the regular allocation process heading into the Fall.

I wanted to bring all of this to your attention because the 2012 allocation process will present unique challenges. As currently crafted, the FAP allocates \$20,566,589 to all funds, a 30% reduction over 2011 levels. Given the difficult choices that the members of the CED committee and the Council will have to make, I want to make certain that each of us does our utmost to conduct this process openly and fairly while affording the maximum opportunity for those affected to have their voices heard.

I look forward to working with all of you in the days and weeks to come.

cc: Community Development Grants Administration