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Ald. Davis statement on committee vote reallocating CDBG funding

Statement of Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. July 13, 2015

I am very pleased that my colleagues on the Community and Economic Development Committee saw the wisdom in my plan to reallocate \$2 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funding from city services to community-based organizations, voting 4-1 today in favor of sending it on to the full Common Council.

These are trying times in the City of Milwaukee. Community-based organizations are our boots on the ground in the fight against systemic inequality and the violent crime that results. The resources that the committee has voted to redirect can do more good in the hands of the community than as a funding source for city services.

The reallocation of these funds is just the first phase of my bold plan, and one of many possible solutions I look forward to working with my colleagues on in order to address the very serious issues in our neighborhoods. I look forward to winning their support on this piece of legislation at our full Common Council meeting next week.

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