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TODAY: City to mark national CDBG Week initiative during special event

Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, will be part of the program later **today (Wednesday, April 4)** when the city marks national “**CDBG Week.**”

Alderman Stamper said the weeklong initiative showcases the accomplished work through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. **Today’s CDBG Week event will start at 2:30 p.m. at the newly renovated Welford Sanders Historic Lofts, 2821 N. 4th St.**

Also expected to take part in the event today are Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation’s **Ben E. Johnson** (Board President) and **Leo Ries** (Executive Director), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s **Dale A. Darrow** (Wisconsin Field Office Director), **Steven L. Mahan**, City of Milwaukee CDGA Director, **General Robert Cocroft** – President & CEO of the Center for Veterans Issues (Veterans Homeless Services), **Wendy Bauman** President – CVO of the Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corp., **Brian Sonderman** -- Milwaukee Habitat for Milwaukee, and **Karen Higgins** of the Milwaukee Christian Center.

In 2017 alone, the City of Milwaukee distributed \$14 million in CDBG and HOME federal grant dollars. Agencies receive CDBG funds for services such as housing rehabilitation, rental assistance, business assistance and job creation, homeless shelters, eviction prevention, driver’s license recovery, after-school/summer youth programs, and job placement programs. CDBG not only funds services, but projects that provide employment opportunities to city residents.