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Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:28 PM
Cc: City Clerks Office
Subject: CDBG for Upcoming Funding Cycle

This email has been sent to members of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee.

From: Townshend, Ann Marie
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 4:38 PM
To: City Clerks Office
Cc: Harvey, Tracy
Subject: CDBG for Upcoming Funding Cycle

Traci,

Please forward this e-mail to the Parks, Recreation & Community Enhancement Committee.

Members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Enhancement Committee,

I talked to Tracey Harvey about the CDBG funds that the Committee will be meeting on March 24th to allocate. These funds are in the current federal budget that continues in a state of limbo. The House has attempted to make deep cuts, but the spending bill that did this was rejected by the Senate. To answer the question that Mr. Ruane posed, the funds we will be allocating on March 24th have **not** been allocated to us yet, and will not be allocated until Congress passes a budget.

However, we are still obligated to submit our CDBG Action Plan by mid-May, so we cannot hold off on reviewing applications until there is more certainty in our funding level. Tracey Harvey has been in contact with our HUD representative, who recommended that for budgeting purposes, we use our FY 2009 allocation, which is the amount in your binder. It is possible that the actual allocation will be less, but until Congress passes a budget, this is the best number we have to work with.

Unfortunately, we cannot delay the process until there is more certainty, so the funding will need to be allocated with the understanding that we may need to make adjustments after Congress adopts a final budget.

Sincerely,

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