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Memo

To:	Bethlehem City Council
From:	Alicia Miller Karner
CC:	Mayor Robert Donchez
Date:	March 4, 2021
Re:	CDBG HOME 2021 Annual Action Plan

Attached please find the FY 2021 CDBG and HOME requests received by the City. An internal committee has reviewed all applications and made funding recommendations. These recommendations were presented to the Mayor for approval in February. In addition to the quality of the application, we took into account conformance with our 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, past compliance history of the grantee and the number of city residents impacted by the program.

We anticipated similar CDBG and HOME award as received in 2020. Our CDBG award was increased 1% to \$1,371,454 and a decrease of 1% in our HOME awards \$388,033. The recommended funding allocations and recipients provide the following breakdown in public services, facilities, housing, and administration for CDBG and HOME funds. The vast majority of requests are for public service funds and we tried to allocate as much funding as possible given the negative effects caused by the pandemic.

The FY 2021 CDBG/HOME Action Plan and associated budget will be presented to the Community Development Committee scheduled for March 23, 2021 to review the plan and hold a public hearing to receive public comments. At this time DCED requests Council recommend a public hearing be scheduled at Community Development Committee meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.



