CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memorandum

Date:

June 16, 2022

To:

City Council

From:

Robert G. Vidoni

Re:

Public Hearing Request - 2022 CDBG/HOME Allocations

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced the City's federal 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) allocations. The City's fiscal year (FY) 2022 CDBG award is \$1,391,666 and its HOME award is \$430,794.

The City Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will present its FY 2022 CDBG/HOME funding recommendations to Council and is required to hold a public hearing to receive public comments. An internal committee made the funding recommendations after reviewing, evaluating, and scoring all funding applications using an extensive and standardized scoring matrix. The committee presented its funding recommendations to the Mayor for approval. In the coming days, DCED will send Council a memorandum with its recommended CDBG/HOME project budgets and program summaries.

In order to move forward, DCED respectfully requests that Council schedule a July 5, 2022 public hearing to discuss the proposed FY 2022 CDBG/HOME funding allocations.

Following the hearing, and after receiving input from Council and the public, DCED will submit a proposed approval resolution for consideration at a future Council meeting. Please note, the City is subject to a strict deadline for submitting its finalized FY 2022 CDBG/HOME Annual Action Plan to HUD, and DCED hopes to submit the plan by late July.

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Housing and Community Development Administrator