CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memorandum

Date:

June 11, 2025

To:

Michael G. Colón, President of City Council

From:

Robert G. Vidoni, Housing and Community Development Administrator

Re:

Hearing Request: Proposed 2025 CDBG/HOME Allocations

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced the City's program year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) allocations. For 2025, HUD will grant the City \$1,418,306.00 in CDBG funds and \$417,183.96 in HOME funds. Our CDBG allocation increased approximately \$3,000 over 2024 and our HOME grant increased approximately \$26,000 from the 2024 level.

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) convened an evaluation committee to review related 2025 funding applications. The committee made funding recommendations after reviewing, evaluating, and scoring applications and the recommendations were reviewed by the Mayor. DCED staff are currently preparing allocation materials for Council consideration in connection with the CDBG/HOME annual action plan and consolidated planning process.

We respectfully request that City Council schedule a public hearing at the July 1st Council meeting to allow DCED staff to present CDBG and HOME funding recommendations for Council consideration.

For the July 15th Council meeting, DCED will submit a proposed resolution for Council consideration related to the funding allocations and submission of related documents to HUD.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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