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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: 2019-20 CDBG NOF Appeals Process

The City Planning Commission (CPC) staff is presenting the following report regarding the 2019-2020 Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF)/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) appeals process for Your Honorable Body's review and consideration. At the appeals hearings held on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 3:30 PM and continued on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 2:00 PM, there were seven (7) organizations that submitted appeals of the Mayor's and CPC's funding recommendations. Among the 7 appellants who gave testimony, six (6) indicated that their organization was not considered for funding in error.

The 7 organizations which did submit appeals are:

- Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit (PS/REC)
- Coleman A. Young Foundation (PS/EDU)
- Adult Well-Being Services (PFR)
- Clark Park Coalition (PS/REC)
- Northeast Guidance Center (PFR)
- Cass Corridor Neighborhood Development Corporation (PS/REC)
- Samaritan Center, Inc (PFR)

Of the above listed organizations the Coleman A. Young Foundation is only one that passed threshold review and was found eligible for funding. However, they were not funded due to cost out. The remaining six (6) organizations were cited as having submitted deficient proposals which either did not meet joint threshold criteria or the minimum consensus score of 80 in order to be considered for funding. Each of these six (6) organizations submitted an appeal to contest the findings of the joint staff review committee.

The Coleman A. Young Foundation is eligible to be considered for funding just as they were before submitting an appeal. The remaining six (6) appellant's proposals were found to be deficient despite the information presented at the time of the appeals hearing. The amount of funding available through this year's block grant allocation once again limits the number of groups, which may be funded. Should Your Honorable Body seek to grant the appeal of the Coleman A. Young

Foundation, funds would have to be shifted from other organizations resulting in an overall reduction in the award amounts to those groups presently recommended for funding.

HRD and CPC staff will be prepared during your deliberations to answer your questions relative to the appeals process as you determine how you wish to proceed. At such point that the Council is satisfied with the appeals, a motion to accept the staff report would be in order and CPC staff will prepare the appropriate resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcell R. Todd, Jr.".

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