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To: Finance Committee and Common Council
From: Jim O'Keefe & Linette Rhodes, Community Development Division (CDD)
Date: November 19, 2020
RE: Independent Living, Inc. Home Modification Contract

Legistar File #62655 was created on October 14, and introduced on October 20, to seek Council authorization to transfer a contract, to provide home modification services to older adult homeowners, from Independent Living, Inc. (ILI) to Marquardt Home and Community Based Services, Inc. ("Marquardt").

Since 1993, Independent Living, Inc. has operated the Home Modification program, with funding provided through the Community Development Block Grant Program. The program helps low- and moderate-income elderly residents retain their current housing by helping them make needed accessibility and safety modifications. It is one of several City-wide strategies that support a range of affordable housing activities for lower income households.

On September 20, 2020, ILI provided CDD written notification that, due to financial considerations, it would cease operating its Home Modification program, effective October 5. ILI sought to transition the program to Marquardt. Seeking to continue the program, and aware its funding would be subject to a Request for Proposals process scheduled to begin in October, CDD staff prepared a resolution (Legistar File #62655) seeking Council authority to assign the contract to Marquardt. However, on November 5, a representative from Marquardt contacted CDD staff and indicated the organization was no longer interested in operating the Home Modification Program or receiving City funds to do so. The Program would be discontinued.

As of the date of this memorandum, there is approximately \$37,000 of unspent CDBG funds remaining in the Home Modification contract. The scheduled RFP, referenced above - CDD's Housing Forward Request for Proposals - is open until November 25. It could offer funds to any non-profit agency interested in providing services like those previously provided through ILI's Home Modification Program.

Given Marquardt's decision not to continue ILI's program, Resolution #62655 is no longer needed and CDD is requesting that the Finance Committee follow the lead of the CDBG Committee and place the measure on file.