

Memo



To: CDBG Committee Members
From: Nancy Dungan, Grants Administrator
Date: July 6, 2017
Re: Awarding \$145,880 in CDBG funds to neighborhood improvement projects

This resolution will authorize the Community Development Division (CDD) to enter into agreements with City Parks and Economic Development Division to implement three neighborhood improvement projects identified as part of the Emerson East, Eken Park and Yahara River Neighborhood Plan.

Background

The CDD provided funding for a neighborhood plan in the Emerson East, Eken Park, and Yahara River neighborhoods, which was adopted by the Common Council in January 2016. As part of its financial support for the neighborhood plan, the CDD allocated an additional \$145,880 to support the implementation of eligible projects selected through the planning process.

Funding for the proposed projects includes up to \$97,880 to the City's Parks Division for improvements to Eken Park (installation of an historic marker and seating area, and public art installation at Pennsylvania Park), and up to \$48,000 to the Economic Development Division to support the MarketReady initiative, providing support and technical assistance to micro-enterprise businesses interested in locating in the City's Public Market.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the resolution authorizing \$145,880 of CDBG funds for the implementation of neighborhood improvement projects in the Emerson East, Eken Park and Yahara River neighborhoods as outlined in the resolution.