

## Memo

To: CDBG Committee Members  
From: Sue Wallinger, CDBG Office  
Date: June 24, 2010  
Re: ESG Award from Wisconsin Department of Commerce Bureau of Supportive Housing (BSH)

---

Earlier this year, the CDBG Office submitted a grant application to the BSH on behalf of 11 local non-profit agencies serving homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness. The application request for \$500,000 included funds for shelter and transitional housing case management, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, legal advocacy and mediation, tenant education workshops and administrative funds for the CDBG Office.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the City was notified that we had been awarded \$172,678 to fund the combined 13 programs; this is 35% of our request in the original application. The most any applicant received was 54% of their request.

The amount of funds available to the state has decreased each year since 2007. For the current year (2010-2011), there was \$929,000 less for distribution statewide than the previous year.

The City has seen a steady decrease in funding over the last couple of years from this source. This award is \$112,000 less than 2009 and 2009 was \$124,000 less than 2008. While this is a significant loss to the local providers, the additional \$800,000 in stimulus money has helped the transition