

February 15, 2012

Honorable Mayor Soglin,

The Third Sector Housing Providers appreciate your commitment to establishing a progressive vision for affordable housing in our community and we look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this vision. Third Sector is a collaborative association of the largest seventeen not for profit affordable housing providers in Madison. Third Sector members have a productive relationship with the City of Madison, developing innovative programs that serve the community's affordable housing needs. Third Sector membership is comprised of the great majority of current CDBG and HOME fund grant recipients.

Recently, CDBG staff shared the draft 2013/2014 Community Development Program Goals and Objectives. This Framework for the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds contains a variety of changes required to meet current Federal regulation and a number of other significant changes that adjust City of Madison priorities and programming regulations based on current staff's perspective.

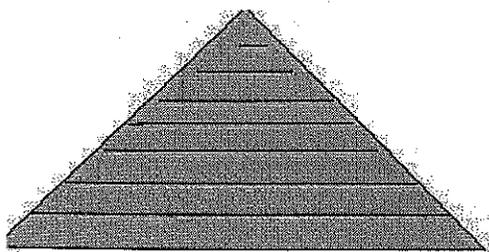
The Third Sector agrees that this framework needs to be adapted to comply with *actual requirements* included in federal regulations. Other, locally recommended, changes to this Framework should be part of a larger policy discussion led by incoming staff and the Mayor's office. Proposed changes to this document were largely made in a vacuum without discussion with affordable housing providers or the Mayor's Office. Third Sector members believe that staff-recommended changes are unwarranted and will lead to a reduction in providers' ability to produce and operate affordable housing in our community. They will also limit the Mayor's and incoming staff's ability to establish policy and procedures in the next three years.

The Third Sector requests that the Mayor's Office work with Community Development Division staff to draft a 2013/14 Framework that is the same as the 2011/2012 Framework in all ways other than where HUD regulations require specific alterations. This draft should be presented to the CDBG Commission for their approval.

This is a transitional point in City of Madison housing policy. Third Sector appreciates your leadership throughout this transition. A good Community Development Program Framework can be designed to open the door to innovation instead of boxing the City into bad policy decisions for the next three years. We ask that you lead in this effort and submit a Framework based on the 2011/2012 plan.

Sincerely,

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