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**COMMENTS FROM PROJECT HOME
FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE
2014 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT
February 26, 2015**

To the Community Development Block Grant Committee:

We are writing to thank you for your support of Project Home's minor home repair program. The program assists low and moderate income Madison households to live in homes that are safe, secure, healthy, and in good repair. We recognize that making decisions on how and where to spend diminishing CDBG resources is difficult as there are many areas of need. We applaud your efforts and would like to offer our thoughts on 2014's performance and the upcoming funding cycle and priorities.

During 2014, 65 of the 84 households we served through minor home repair had income at or below 50% of the county median income. Households like these must make difficult day to day decisions about how to use their minimal resources. They have to manage their households, maintain their mortgages, pay utility bills, and care for their family's needs, some while working minimum wage jobs. Homeowners tell us that they want to take care of their obligations on time, but with very few resources to go around, some of these obligations are simply not met.

Home repair is often a big priority that is placed on the back burner. We see many homes in Madison where if some attention had been paid earlier, the job at hand would not be so large. With our minor home repair program, our skilled home repair technician helps homeowners to understand when and how to make repairs, as well as providing labor at an affordable cost. Because of the CDBG funds, we have been able to help many low and moderate income residents to make much needed repairs, thus preserving Madison's housing stock. More needs to be done, so we urge you to continue to support home repair services.

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