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To: CDBG Committee
From: Nancy Dungan
Re: Community GroundWorks Funding Application
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In 2014, the Community Development Division held a multi-year contract with Community Action Coalition (CAC) to provide support to selected community gardens in Madison. In light of expected Federal reductions in CAC's allocation of CSBG funds in 2015, the agency made a decision to terminate its involvement with community gardens, and notified the Division that they would terminate their contract in 2014. Although the Division terminated the garden contract with CAC in 2014, funds had been designated for support of community gardens in the 2015 operating budget.

A request for proposals was issued in March, with the goal of securing a non-profit agency to administer a community gardens leadership development and self-management program for 2015. The Division received one response to the RFP from Community GroundWorks. After review of the application for funds, staff recommend up to \$54,000 be awarded to Community GroundWorks to manage the community garden leadership development program. Staff will begin negotiations on contract details in order to execute a final contract in time for this year's garden season.