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MEMORANDUM

FOR MEETING DATE: October 15, 2015

TO: Community Development Committee

FROM: Jeff Vitton, Manager of Housing and Community Development

SUBJECT: Proposed 2016 Annual Plan

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires entitlement communities like The City of Racine to develop both a multi-year Consolidated Plan as well as an Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

The Department of City Development proposes the attached Annual Plan funding amounts based on funding proposed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and feedback provided during the Public Hearing on the 2015 and 2016 Annual Plans held on September 3rd, 2015. The total 2016 projected funding for all three programs has been reduced by 4% from 2015 levels based on guidance from the National Community Development Association. Should the final 2016 CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding levels change, the final 2016 Annual Plan will be scaled according to funding levels.

Funding levels for all CDBG and HOME funding categories remain at the same percentages as approved in the Consolidated Plan. Please note that under the Economic Development funding category, the Micro-enterprise subcategory has been increased the compared to the amount proposed in the Consolidated Plan per comments received at the Public Hearing on the 2015 and 2016 Annual Plans.

This proposed Annual Action Plan funding has been made available for public comment and will remain available for comment until October 12, 2015. On October 1, 2015 the Community Development Committee held a public hearing to obtain comments on this proposed 2016 Annual Plan and on October 15, 2015 the Committee will meet to recommend approval of a 2016 Annual Action Plan. This will likely be submitted to the Common Council for vote on October 20.

Staff recommends that the Community Development Committee move to recommend that the Common Council approve the purposed 2016 Annual Plan (attached).

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 262-635-3320 or email me at Jeff. Vitton@cityofracine.org.