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Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

CDBG Advisory Board – September 29, 2025

Common Council – October 7, 2025

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SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, submitting for review and approval the proposed allocation of FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

Timely approval is needed to prevent delays with HUD and ensure community organizations receive funding without interruption.

The City annually receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from HUD. For FY 2025, a competitive application process was conducted for CDBG Public Services, CDBG Microenterprise Assistance, and ESG programs.

Staff reviewed all applications for eligibility, organizational capacity, and alignment with HUD requirements and City priorities. The attached recommendations reflect this evaluation.

Previous Consideration

This item was deferred on July 28 and August 11. On August 13, board members were provided with access to all applications; however, most feedback received could not be incorporated as it did not align with HUD program rules or City priorities. Staff recommendations remain unchanged.

Further delay will create timeliness issues with HUD and postpone funding from reaching community organizations that rely on these resources.

Attachment: FY 2025 ALL Organizations Recommended for Funding

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No immediate fiscal impact. Grant agreements will be executed only after HUD issues formal approval of the City's FY 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval of the proposed allocation of FY 2025 CDBG and ESG funds as detailed in the attached table. All funding agreements and obligations shall be deferred until HUD has provided written approval of the AAP.