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MEMORANDUM

FOR MEETING DATE: March 30, 2017
TO: Community Development Committee
FROM: City Development Staff
SUBJECT: CDBG Funding Requests

The City of Racine Department of City Development staff is requesting a reallocation of 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds originally allocated to activities that were able to complete projects under budget.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has specific spending and commitment deadlines for these funds as well as a requirement that the funds be used as detailed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Staff recommends allocating funds to a diverse group infrastructure projects within the city that will meet all spending and commitment deadlines and fit within the current Consolidated Plan goals.

Please note that while in ordinary years the CD Committee would wait for the Annual Plan to allocate additional funds, HUD has advised all municipalities to refrain from passing a 2017 Annual Plan until a Federal budget has been passed and HUD has allocated funds. Prior spending and commitment deadlines have not been adjusted, however, and so staff advises allocation of funds to avoid the possibility of funds expiring.

The following projects are recommended by City Development staff:

Roosevelt Park:	New playground equipment	\$30,000
Grand Park:	Replacement playground equipment	\$11,000
Marino Park:	Replacement playground equipment	\$11,000
Hagerer Park:	Replacement playground equipment	\$11,000
Urban Forestry:	Tree stump removal	\$25,000
West Bluff Overlook:	Blighted building removal	\$25,000
Street Reconstruction:	2016 projects as approved	\$54,000