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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 3, 2014

TO:

Honorable Members, Community Development Committee

FROM:

Brian F. O'Connell, Director

SUBJECT: Item 14-10798- Request of the Chief Building Inspector for CDBG Local Option Funds for the 2014 Blight Removal – Home Demolitions Program.

On March 18, 2014, by Resolution 14-0123, the Common Council awarded a grant of \$150,000 in 2014 Community Development Block Grant funds to the Building Inspection Department for the Blight Removal – Home Demolitions Program. The Chief Building Inspector is requesting an additional \$85,000 to fund five more demolitions. The additional funds would come from the Local Option Fund.

City Development staff is recommending the following:

That the request of the Chief Building Inspector for \$85,000 from the Local Option Fund to increase the 2014 grant for the Blight Removal – Home Demolitions Program be approved.

Further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an amended grant agreement consistent with the increased grant.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the Local Option Fund for this purpose.