



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, October 9, 2025

5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: City-County Building in room 321

A. Call To Order

Chair Taylor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:07pm with a quorum present.

Staff Present: Joanna Cervantes, Cindy Grady, Michelle Bozeman, Barett Decker, Baltazar De Anda Santana, Caleb Odorfer, Milly Garcia-Soto (Interpreter)

Present 9 - RON JOHNSON, TAYLOR BROWN, JEFF GLAZER, MICHAEL ENGELBERGER, DONALD DANTZLER, LOREEN GAGE, TED GUNDERSON, ANTHONY DARE, and TIM KREFT

Excused 4 - JEREMIAH DEGOLLON, KATHERINE KAMP, MARTIN LACKEY, and CHRISBELLY ANTIMO

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-316](#)

8/5/2025 CDBG COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: [08.05.2025 CDBG Commission Minutes Final](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Ron Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tim Kreft to approve the 8/5/2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Action Items

1. November CDBG Commission Meeting Date Change to November 18, 2025

Motion was made by Commissioner Ted Gunderson and seconded by Commissioner Anthony Dare to approve the November CDBG Commission Meeting date change to November 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. December CDBG Commission Meeting Date Change to December 9, 2025

Motion was made by Commissioner Tim Kreft and seconded by Commissioner Loreen Gage to approve the December CDBG Commission Meeting date change to December 9, 2025. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. 2026 HOME Funding Contingencies

Chair Taylor Brown explained in the 2026 CDBG/HOME preliminary funding recommendations, there is a missing contingency for any increase in 2026 HOME funds. Cindy Grady discussed the purpose of funding contingencies. Chair Brown proposed that if there is an increase in HOME funds, those funds would go toward increasing, up to their minimum requests, Habitat for Humanity's Mortgage Reduction and Project Home's Mortgage Reduction funding, and additional funds beyond that would continue funding Project Home's Major Home Repair program, and the next 2026 HOME grant applicants, up to their minimum requests.

Motion was made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the 2026 HOME Funding contingencies.

Discussion followed between commissioners and staff regarding when notification of funding amounts is received, other contingencies already established, and the purpose of establishing funding contingencies.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. 2026 CDBG/HOME Preliminary Funding Recommendations for 2026 Annual Action Plan

[2025
RPT-444](#)

10/9/2025 CDBG COMMISSION REGISTRATION REPORT

Attachments: [10.09.2025 CDBG Meeting Registration Report](#)

[2025
RPT-445](#)

10/9/2025 CDBG COMMISSION WRITTEN COMMENTS

Attachments: [All Written Public Comment 10.9.2025](#)

[2025](#)
[ACT-201](#)

2026 CDBG/HOME PRELIMINARY FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments: [2026 CDBG-HOME Preliminary Funding Recommendations](#)

Chair Brown opened up public comment on the 2026 CDBG/HOME Preliminary Funding Recommendations. Members of the public spoke on this item, and each speaker was allotted 3 minutes to speak.

Commissioner Loreen Gage proposed revising the 2026 CDBG/HOME preliminary funding recommendations to fund Project Home's Major Home Repair program. Chair Brown explained the process the Application Review Team (ART) used to propose funding to agencies and discussion among commissioners followed. Commissioner Gage changed her proposal and instead proposed to revise the CDBG and HOME funding contingencies to: in the event of an increase in CDBG and/or HOME funds, fund Project Home's Major Home Rehab program to their minimum request first, with other agencies previously listed to receive funding under these contingencies to receive funding after Project Home.

Chair Brown discussed Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council's (MMFHC) Fair Housing application and explained they inadvertently were not allocated funds from the Application Review Team. Chair Brown indicated that MMFHC should be funded in the amount of \$10,000 with CDBG Administrative funds.

Motion was made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Kreft to approve the 2026 CDBG/HOME Preliminary Funding Recommendations with amended funding contingencies, and to preliminarily allocate \$10,000 to Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council's Fair Housing program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

November 18, 2025 – includes Public Hearing

F. Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Dare and seconded by Commissioner Gage to adjourn the meeting at 6:13pm. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barrett Decker pending Commission approval