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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Member Latisha Johnson, Detroit City Council - District 4
FROM: Antoine Bryant, Director, Planning and Development Department (PDD) *ABJ*
DATE: November 13, 2024
RE: FCA CBA

In response to the memo received by Council Member Johnson on November 6, 2024 regarding the status of the \$800,000 Impact Neighborhood Fund (Fund) which is part of the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) (now known as Stellantis N.V.) Community Benefits Agreement, the Planning and Development Department (PDD) provides the following updates:

Questions from Council Member Johnson:

1. Have the funds been utilized? If so, please provide a detailed report on how they have been used.
2. If not, how and when will the funds be used?
3. Please let me know where I can find FCA's Annual Compliance Report.

Response from PDD:

Pursuant to the 2019 FCA Community Benefits Agreement¹ (CBA) - Impact Neighborhood Fund, FCA agreed to commit \$800,000 to fund recommended projects resulting from the neighborhood planning process in the Chandler Park, West End and Riverbend neighborhoods (Impact Area). Funded projects may include but are not limited to small business development, additional home repair programs, park improvements, and recreation center study or capital investment. The CBA directed the fund to be held by Invest Detroit for deployment in the Impact Area once the plan is complete.

Recently, PDD completed the neighborhood planning process via the [Greater Warren / Conner Neighborhood Framework](#)². As a result of extensive community engagement over a 15-month period, PDD received resident feedback on the preferred use of the funds.³ The top priority identified by residents was for additional home repair grants to be made available to homeowners in the Impact Area. The second highest priorities identified were for small business support and corridor/streetscape improvements.

Based on this feedback, PDD has proposed directing \$600,000 (less Invest Detroit's administrative fee) from The Fund towards additional home repairs via Bridging Neighborhoods. This additional third phase of home repair is anticipated to be launched by Bridging Neighborhoods in early 2025,

¹ <https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/news/2019-05/Approved%20FCA%20CBA.pdf>

² www.detroitmi.gov/greaterwarrenconner

³ The final report from the Neighborhood Framework will be published and publicly available before the end of 2024.

pending the transfer of the funds by Invest Detroit and City Council approval.⁴ We are exploring the feasibility of options for deploying the remaining \$200,000 in response to the priorities expressed by the community and look forward to providing an update once a determination is made.

In response to your final question, the Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Department (CRIO) is responsible for creating and publishing the compliance reports for Tier 1 community benefits agreements. Per CRIO, the most recent report is expected to be completed by the end of November. Once the report is available, CRIO will send the report to City Council, the Neighborhood Advisory Council, and the respective developer. Per our practice, PDD will publish the report on the CBO project's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact PDD if we can be of further assistance.

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⁴ In addition to the Impact Neighborhood Funds committed through the CBA, the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (DBRA) has identified an additional source of funds for home repairs in the Impact Area, totaling between \$2.8M and \$3.8M. Once approved, the two sources (CBA/Invest Detroit and DBRA) will be included in the new phase of home repair grants.