

CITY OF DETROIT

SCOTT BENSON

COUNCIL MEMBER

MEMORANDUM

To: Charles Raimi, Corporation Counsel (I)

Through: Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President

From: Council Member Scott Benson submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 3/3/2022

RE: CDBG NOF PROGRAM ADVANCE FUNDS OPINION

SUMMARY:

Please provide an opinion on the ability of Detroit to provide a cash advance to CDBG recipients to assist in cashflow management of the NOF program. One of the major hurdles for emerging non-profits trying to access the NOF program is the requirement that this is a 100% reimbursable program. If the City were able to provide a 30% advance on the approved contract it would allow the organizations to better manage cashflows and the risk of the reimbursable requirement.

Please provide the opinion by 1 April 2022. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198.

DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT:

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