



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles Raimi, Corporation Counsel (I)

FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. James Tate, Chair, PDD Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Marcell Todd, Director, CPC
Julie Schneider, Director, HRD
Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison

VIA: Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President
DATE: 3 March 2022

RE: CDBG NOF PROGRAM ADVANCE FUNDS OPINION

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.