



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Marcell Todd, Director, CPC  
Julie Schneider, Director, HRD  
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  
Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison

**VIA:** Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President

**DATE:** 3 March 2022

**RE:** CDBG NOF PROGRAM MODIFICATION

As per our conversations, please work together to research the legality, as well as the ability, to modify the NOF program to provide funding to emerging/small nonprofit service providers. While difficult, due to compliance, regulatory and cashflow challenges, Detroit City Council has routinely requested that more NOF program funds make their way to grassroots nonprofits providing services to our residents in the neighborhoods. One suggestion is to identify a small amount, 10% of the NOF program funds, and over a three-year period create a pilot “Emerging Nonprofit Program” where these funds are delivered to residents by the participating pilot organizations.

In addition to researching the above program modification, please work with City Council, early in next year’s CDBG process, to update program and funding priorities as identified during this year’s budget process.

Please provide the report on the pilot program by 15 May 2022 and establish the meeting timeline for the program funding priorities by 1 May 2022. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198