



CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL MEMBER

MEMORANDUM

To: Marcell Todd, Director, CPC Julie Schneider, Director, HRD 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 MODIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

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