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Submitted By: Mayor Shawn Reilly & Jennifer Andrews, Community Development Director	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator Click here to enter text.
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney Click here to enter text.
Subject: Approve a mutual cooperation agreement with Waukesha County to continue receiving CDBG and HOME funds.	

Details:

Waukesha County administers CDBG and HOME funds provided by the federal government. These are federal funds that are distributed to various communities in Waukesha County. The City of Waukesha has received these funds for many years and to continue receiving these funds an agreement with Waukesha County is necessary. The agreement explains the terms by which the City will be receiving the funds in the future.

CDBG and HOME funds have been used for decades in the City of Waukesha to advance homeownership. Specifically the funds have been used for down payment assistance, housing rehabilitation and housing for individuals with disabilities. These funds are most often spent in the central city neighborhoods in efforts to improve aging housing stock.

Options & Alternatives:

1. Approve the mutual cooperation agreement and continue to receive CDBG and HOME funding as recommended by the Mayor and Community Development Director.
2. Deny the mutual cooperation agreement and forfeit any federal monies from the CDBG or HOME programs which would end all down payment assistance and housing rehabilitation programs currently using those funding sources.

Financial Remarks:

This agreement affects the receipt of future grant money. Typically the City receives between \$150,000 and \$300,000 a year in these types of funds. The funds are distributed across several City accounts/orgs.

Executive Recommendation:

Approve the mutual cooperation agreement as drafted and presented.



