Take Action in support of funding in city budget

The City of Milwaukee's 2027 proposed budget is before the Common Council for their approval on November 6. Included in the budget, as part of Department of City Development, is **$1.4 million for Down Payment Assistance**.

The proposed budget also includes level funding for Strong Homes Loan Program at $1 million, and Compliance Loan Program at $1 million. Both are important critical home repair programs, and we appreciate that they continue to be fully funded.

This is the same amount of funding that has been provided for these very important programs over the last several of years. With tight budget constraints, we are in support of having the funding remain level.

Call to action:

1) Thank Mayor Johnson for including funding for these programs in his proposed 2027 budget.
2) Ask your alderperson to support these important housing programs by continuing to fully fund them in the 2027 budget.
3) Attend the 2027 Budget Public Input Hearing on Saturday, October 17, 9:30am at Mitchell Street Library, 906 W. Historic Mitchell Street.

Questions about any of this information? Reach out to Heather Dummer Combs, Take Root Milwaukee Program Director: heather@uedawi.org.

Sample message to Alderperson

This is _____ (*name*), _____ (*title and organization*), a member of Take Root Milwaukee. Take Root Milwaukee is a consortium of over 60 members working collectively to promote sustainable homeownership in Milwaukee. (*You can include a brief description of your organization*.)

I am contacting you to share my/our support of the city of Milwaukee's Down Payment Assistance Program and the $1.4 million allocated in DCD's portion of the city's 2027 proposed budget.

The city's down payment assistance program has been an instrumental piece in advancing homeownership in Milwaukee. Each year these funds have been fully disbursed to homebuyers through the HUD certified local housing counseling organizations. This program directly helps hundreds of families purchase homes every year, most of whom are people of color. (*You can include anything specific to this issue from your/your organization's perspective*.)

In addition, we fully support the continued funding of the Strong Homes Loan Program ($1 million in DCD) and Compliance Loan Program ($1 million in DNS). These two critical home repair programs are instrumental in assisting homeowners maintain and remain in their homes. Homeowners are key to ensuring neighborhood stability, and their programs are assisting with that stabilization.

We greatly appreciate Mayor Johnson continued funding of these important programs in the proposed budget, and we encourage the Common Council to support them.

Sample message to Mayor

This is _____ (name), _____ (title and organization), a member of Take Root Milwaukee. Take Root Milwaukee is a consortium of over 60 members working collectively to promote sustainable homeownership in Milwaukee. (You can include a brief description of your organization.)

I'd like to thank you for including $1.4 million for Milwaukee's Down Payment Assistance Program in DCD's portion of the city's 2027 proposed budget.

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Again, thank you for your continued support for these important homeownership programs.

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