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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD

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Date: October 2, 2013

Re: CIUR 1057 Update – Item from Council- Resolution

Council Resolution #20130627-078 directed the City Manager to explore options to exchange Bridge Child Care Voucher Program funding from a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to funding from the general fund that is allocated to a CDBG-eligible program and to identify opportunities to increase funds for this Program. In response, the Health and Human Services Department reviewed the following two options to explore funding for the Bridge program: the current HHSD budget from the General Fund and the CDBG.

Our current general fund budget was reviewed and it was determined that Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) does not anticipate having unallocated general funds in its FY 2014 budget to use to fund the Bridge Program.

The funding level for FY 2013 CDBG is \$283,272. A meeting was held with the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Department, the grantee of the CDBG funding, to discuss if we could move an existing program funded by the general fund into the allocation for the current CDBG Bridge program. According to federal regulations this would be supplanting. Supplanting is when a grantee uses federal dollars on projects, programs or activities that are normally paid out of the grantee's general fund. Federal funds are to be used for expansion or new projects.

Any allocation for the Bridge Program from the general fund would have to be from new funding. Staff will continue to look into options to increase funds for this program.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at, 972-5010.

cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

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Betsy Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development