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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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To: Paul A. Croce, Chairman  
Planning Board Members

From: Anita Guo, Principal Planner

Date: July 17, 2023

Re: PY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

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In addition to the 4 activities Middletown has already decided to apply for during the Competitive round of Community Development Block Grant awards in program year 2022, Church Community Housing Corp. (CCHC) is also applying for an award of \$682,917 from the Affordable Housing set aside for its architectural and developer's fees on its West House 2 project.

West House 2 is an expansion of CCHC's highly successful West House senior housing development at 417 Forest Ave. in Middletown. West House includes 50 units of senior affordable housing. West House 2, scheduled to begin construction in August, would add 54 units of senior affordable housing – consisting of 40 one-bedroom apartments and 14 two-bedroom apartments. The 54 new units of affordable housing will help the town make much-needed progress towards its goal of reaching 10% of its housing stock as affordable.

The competitive and affordable housing rounds of CDBG funding are separate and CCHC's request for this award will not affect in any way the other activities Middletown has already committed to apply for. The competitive round and the affordable housing set aside round do share a deadline of July 27<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board needs to determine whether the proposed project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan. Based on my review of the proposed project, I have not found it to be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Please contact me with any questions.