From:	Palmer, Maureen
To:	Love, Marcelyn
Cc:	Ribley, Warren
Subject:	RE: Constituent request
Date:	Friday, January 14, 2011 1:58:50 PM

I just left a message for Mr. Henry to contact me for further information about the CSBG and/ or small business loan program under the Neighborhood recovery. In advance of a follow-up call from him, I let him know that while these do not target a specific minority group, both programs target low and/ or moderate income individuals, households, and in the case of the loan program, job hires. I will wait to see if he calls back.

Maureen

From: Love, Marcelyn
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 8:22 PM
To: Palmer, Maureen
Subject: Re: Constituent request

Thanks

From: Palmer, Maureen
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 06:53 PM
To: Love, Marcelyn
Subject: RE: Constituent request

Hi Marcelyn,

I had intended to prepare a brief explanation, similarly to how you are following up with the non-CD programs he referenced. I'll try to get something drafted by tomorrow. The gist of my reply will be as follows:

Under the IKE-business loan fund, small businesses throughout Chicago and surrounding areas are eligible to apply for loans at both CCV and at ACCION—although the program is not restricted to minorities exclusively, it was developed to support the Neighborhood Recovery initiative. Small business owners meeting low-to-moderate income thresholds (80% of the local median income threshold), or those that will hire individuals that are currently of low-to-moderate income should reach out to either ACCION or to CCV if interested in applying for a loan. Under the CSBG, program funding is distributed across regional community action agencies, as required by statute. CSBG funding targets low income individuals (ie, those with household incomes of 125% of the national poverty index.) A list of regional and satellite community action agency offices in Chicago, Cook Co, or any other area within the state can be provided. I will follow up.

Maureen

From: Love, Marcelyn
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:21 PM
To: Palmer, Maureen
Subject: RE: Constituent request

Hi Maureen. Do you have someone that can give this guy a call back? He followed up with me yesterday.

His contact info is as follows:

Richard Henry
815-575-5395
richardhenry@eutopiagroup.org
Website: www.eutopiagroup.org

From: Love, Marcelyn
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 2:34 PM
To: Palmer, Maureen
Subject: Constituent request

Maureen,

Last week I received a call from Richard Henry, a constituent who says he's concerned about the funding (or lack thereof) being devoted to minority communities. He originally called for more info on the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative. I answered some of his questions (and allowed him to vent), but he needs more specifics on the lender portion of the program, CSBG, MVWD/PLP and a couple of other programs. At this stage, I think it would be best for him to speak to a program person who can talk about eligibility and application requirements. I plan on emailing him info on the MVWD/PLP program, but all others fall under CD. Please let me know your thoughts on how we should move forward with this request.

Thanks,
Marcelyn