

CDBG Advisory Board
Public Service & Public Service – Covid Allocation Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting – February 23, 2022
DRAFT Minutes

Advisory Board Members Present: Julie West, Alison Spasyk, Drake Turner, Ilona Blanchard, Julia Connell, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Maricela Constantino, Olivia Milens, Caroline Hauser

City Staff Present: Christine Curtis, Katie Kinstedt, CEDO

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

1. Welcome Back!

Recommendations:

- Shorten the time between submitting scores and the review meeting.
- Increase the options for scoring (only being able to score 0, 1, 2 & 3 was found to be too restrictive)

2. Overview/Rules

- a. Go over conflicts, answer any procedural questions
- b. Review of allocation process and balancing the budget

3. Public Service – Covid Application Discussion

Pathways – Expanding Housing First Services in Chitt. County

- Strengths: targeting of funding

Request: \$35,000

VOTING: Passed unanimously, funded in the full amount.

Steps to End Domestic Violence – Safe Tonight

- Excellent application

Request: \$59,321

VOTING: Passed unanimously, funded in the full amount.

4. Public Service Application Discussion

ANEW Place – Independence Place

- Program was well thought out.
- Concern that the number of beneficiaries was not very high and that the evaluation of outcomes would be a challenge.
- Question: What happens to clients after the program? How do clients raise \$2000?

ECHO – ECHO Early Learning

- The need presented and the sustainability of the program was slightly weaker than other applications.
- Program strengths in integrating equity considerations into their program design.
- Impressive impact in terms of the number of beneficiaries served.

CVOEO – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

- Very strong program design and impact.
- Question around the budget as presented, but overall the group feels comfortable with moving forward.
- Suggestion that include a diverse population and language skills as they recruit volunteers for their program.

Lund – Early Childhood Education Program

- A very strong program will a good impact, there is just a suggestion around how they could tailor their program to specific populations to increase the impact.

ReSOURCE – YouthBuild

- A strong program that works in three really important areas: workforce, youth and weatherization while benefiting a sector with strong labor needs.
- A slight weakness is the relatively small number of beneficiaries compared to the budget.

BREAK – 10 minutes

5. Public Service Allocations

ANEW Place – Independence Place

Request: \$28,247

VOTING:

ECHO – ECHO Early Learning

Request: \$50,000

VOTING:

CVOEO – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Request: \$15,000

VOTING:

Lund – Early Childhood Education Program

Request: \$27,018

VOTING:

ReSOURCE – YouthBuild

Request: \$30,000

VOTING:

*****The Board ran out of time and will do final allocations/voting for Public Service projects at the Development Allocation meeting***

6. Review Assignment for Next Meeting

7. Adjourn at 9:00 PM