



## Community Development Recommending Board Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR MILLER called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR MILLER and MEMBERS JANISON, MARLON (excused at 2:45 p.m.), WASHINGTON (excused until 1:36 p.m.), McKNIGHT (excused at 3:55 p.m.), DE SALVIO (excused from 3:19 p.m. to 3:23 p.m.), SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG, SAYLES (excused at 3:46 p.m.), HADDAD (excused until 1:32 p.m.), BRUNO-WALSH, O'ROURKE and HARPER

EXCUSED: MEMBER JIMENEZ

ALSO PRESENT: ANGELA WASHINGTON, Grant Program Coordinator, STEPHANY COALEY, Grant Program Coordinator, MELANIE RILEY, Grant Program Coordinator, BRYAN SCOTT, Assistant City Attorney, and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk

### 2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 55 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

### 3. Public Comment: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

None.

### 4. Report by Angela Washington, Grant Program Coordinator, regarding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) federal grants and scoring of federal funds

Minutes:

ANGELA WASHINGTON, Grant Program Coordinator, stated the City of Las Vegas' grant application process began on October 14, 2019 with the posting of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for agencies seeking program funding from the City's allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant dollars. Agencies that were interested were asked to attend one of three available technical workshops held on October 29, 2019 and October 30, 2019. She stated the amount of funding for CDBG programming was approximately \$740,000 and approximately \$1.2 million for HOPWA funding. The RFP closed on November 21, 2019, and the CDRB received eligible applications for review on December 9, 2019.

MS. WASHINGTON went on to state that the CDRB met on February 3, 2020 and February 10, 2020. The applications were divided into two categories: returning programs and new programs. New program applicants were asked to make a presentation to the Board while returning programs were asked to be available for questions from the Board regarding their application or program. The CDRB submitted their scores for each

eligible applicant via ZoomGrants following the last meeting date, and at this meeting, the Board would deliberate on programs that met the established scoring threshold of 65 percent of the total points available. The total available points for HOPWA was 210 points with a threshold for funding consideration of 136.5 points while the total available points for CDBG was 190 points with a threshold for funding consideration of 123.5 points. The programs were ranked based on points earned, and the Board will be deliberating on funding recommendations they will make to the City Council.

Any Board member who had a potential conflict of interest with any of the agencies being considered was asked to disclose that conflict. MEMBER JANISON disclosed she is employed by Grant a Gift Autism Foundation, and MEMBER MARLON disclosed he is on the Board for HELP of Southern Nevada.

5. Discussion for possible action regarding the scoring and recommended allocations of Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant

Minutes:

MEMBER JANISON said the scores were very tight, and they would need to cut \$696,714. She noted that three groups were low-risk and two were medium-risk. Her recommendation was to fully fund the Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc. at \$150,000, grant \$150,000 to Aid for AIDS of Southern Nevada (AFAN) and grant \$125,000 to Golden Rainbow. STEPHANY COALEY, Grant Program Coordinator, asked if the Board would be fully funding Women's Development Center and Access to HealthCare Network Inc., and MEMBER JANISON recommended granting \$387,500 to both entities.

CHAIR MILLER wanted to clarify for the new members that this is a time for deliberation in order to determine which groups receive funding and how much.

Referring to the scoring spreadsheet for the HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) applicants, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, MEMBER DE SALVIO recommended funding \$285,000 for numbers one and two, \$240,000 for number three, \$150,000 for number four and \$240,000 for number five.

MEMBER BRUNO-WALSH recommended fully funding the Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc., granting \$240,000 to Access to HealthCare Network, Inc., granting \$500,000 to the Women's Development Center, granting \$160,000 to AFAN and granting \$50,000 to Golden Rainbow

MEMBER HARPER said his recommendations were going to be less accommodating because the risk assessment matters greatly to him. He recommended granting \$550,000 to Access to HealthCare Network, Inc., granting \$100,000 to the Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc., granting \$550,000 to the Women's Development Center and not funding the remaining applicants.

MEMBER JANISON asked MEMBER HARPER why he would give zero funding to the medium-risk groups because that seemed harsh to her. MEMBER HARPER agreed it was harsh, and he wished they had more money to allocate, but he thought they could do more good by putting the money in more capable hands. MEMBER JANISON said it has been this Board's philosophy to fund the entities that would make the most impact in the community, and she could support MEMBER HARPER'S recommendations.

MEMBER WASHINGTON asked for clarification on the administrative scores that were in the 20's. MS. COALEY explained the low-risk point value was 40, medium-risk was 20 and high-risk was a zero point value. MEMBER HARPER said in looking at the medium-and high-risk evaluations, he thought those applicants were not as responsible with the funds they were given. He thought staff was being generous by having a medium-risk category because if it were up to him, there would only be low-risk and high-risk categories.

MEMBER McKNIGHT thought if an organization was receiving a lot of funding, some of the other organizations with tighter budgets should receive these grants. He felt that some of the most polished presentations had the most funding behind them.

MEMBER DE SALVIO noted that some may be considered high-risk because the clientele is not there and the supply and demand does not match up.

MEMBER HARPER acknowledged that all of the organizations are trying to make a difference, and noted they all work closely together. Therefore, they could all be affected if only one organization received money. He thought that part of being good at helping people is to accurately estimate the population you can help. The risk assessment also involves communication with the City and allocating the money in the way it was originally

proposed. He felt strongly about only granting funds to the organizations that proved themselves to the City. The other organizations should partner with the ones that did receive the funding.

MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTONG pointed out that MEMBER HARPER wanted to fully fund Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc., but they had a significant amount of resources in their overall programming going towards salaries and benefits, and their direct client services program is only \$7,000 of their whole \$936,000 budget. She felt there was a disproportionate amount going to salaries instead of direct client services. MEMBER SAYLES recalled during their presentation, they said they had infrastructure in place but did not have the employees.

MEMBER HARPER said salary expense was 67.5 percent of Access to HealthCare Network's requested amount, 53 percent of what Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic Inc. requested and 18 percent of what Women's Development Center asked for. He shared the same concerns as MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG but felt it was also important to factor in whether the organization would be effective or not. When there are differing ratios in budget to salary, he attributed that difference to the existing infrastructure of the organization. He explained he put a lot of emphasis on what the organization's track record was with the City because that determines whether they are trustworthy. He did not want to be generous to an organization at the expense of the vulnerable; therefore, he had less concern about the salary ratios.

MEMBER JANISON withdrew her funding recommendations.

MEMBER HADDAD said her main priority was permanent housing, and although she thought risk assessment was critical, she was in agreeance with the points MEMBER McKNIGHT made. She made the following funding recommendations: \$50,000 for Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc., \$150,000 for Golden Rainbow, \$500,000 to the Women's Development Center, \$340,000 to Access to HealthCare Network, Inc. and \$160,000 to AFAN.

MEMBER SAYLES felt if the organizations had made it this far, they should receive something.

Following MEMBER JANISON'S motion to fund, MEMBER HADDAD said she could not support it because they were all for case management without providing any funding for infrastructure.

Referencing her motion, MEMBER JANISON thought the organizations were providing housing, and MEMBER HADDAD said it seemed like the bulk of the funding would go to case management with some rent and utility support for their infrastructure. She added there is a lack of affordable housing across the board, and thought some of the organizations that were not receiving funding wanted to directly connect individuals with housing. MEMBER JANISON said she did not want to penalize any of the organizations that were mainly applying the funds to salaries because this is one of few grant types that allow for salary funding.

ANGELA WASHINGTON, Grant Program Coordinator, noted there was another share of HOPWA money that is solely for housing, and the Women's Development Center applied for such. She clarified that this Board was not scoring or hearing that grant.

MEMBER BRUNO-WALSH did not think the medium-risk applicants should be eliminated because they had the highest Board scores. MEMBER HADDAD was in agreeance, and said she did not have an issue funding salaries. MEMBER HARPER did not feel there was a correlation between a high score and a high performance from the organization. MEMBER BRUNO-WALSH said if that was the case, then anyone who was not low-risk should have been eliminated in the beginning. MEMBER HARPER thought the City has this Board so the members can ask questions about their performance issues and still recommend funding despite being medium- or high-risk. MEMBER SAYLES said the City also wants an unbiased set of eyes looking through these applications.

Referencing the new agencies that had applied, MELANIE RILEY, Grant Program Coordinator, noted that there risk assessments could not be based on performance because they were new. Many of them were given a low-risk assessment because they could only score the agency based off of the information in their application.

MEMBER HADDAD asked if there were any additional controls or reporting requirements for grantees that were not considered low-risk. MS. WASHINGTON advised the controls are based on the individual agency. If staff notices an issue, they would address it at that time.

CHAIR MILLER asked if the Board would need to offer an explanation to the agencies that were given zero funding, and MS. WASHINGTON said it would be appropriate to do so. She added that these are only recommendations, and the City Council makes the final decision.

BRYAN SCOTT, Assistant City Attorney, asked MEMBER JANISON if she wanted to add the explanation in her motion for those not receiving any funding, and she said they could use MEMBER HARPER'S explanation.

Following MEMBER JANISON'S failed motion and the newly proposed motion by MEMBER SAYLES, MEMBER HADDAD asked for an explanation of why this motion was made. MEMBER SAYLES said she thought this was the fairest option since the agencies made it this far.

MEMBER McKNIGHT liked funding option five, and MR. SCOTT said they were still in discussion for the motion made by MEMBER SAYLES. He added she could amend her motion to include MEMBER McKNIGHT'S suggestions, but MEMBER SAYLES declined. MEMBER BRUNO-WALSH said she also liked funding option five.

MEMBER WASHINGTON said there always seems to be an issue with Golden Rainbow and they have never been given an explanation as to why; therefore, she has an issue with granting them \$240,000. MEMBER JANISON said she would not be able to support this motion for the reason MEMBER WASHINGTON voiced. MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG said although they felt MEMBER HARPER was harsh, they are now hearing the reason why and she would also not be supporting this motion.

Following the failed motion to fund option two, MEMBER SAYLES asked if the senior members could have a real open discussion and expressed her frustration that Golden Rainbow continues to receive funding but their performance lacks. MR. SCOTT said the Board could have an open discussion now even though it is a public meeting, and everything the members utilize to make their deliberations should be voiced at this meeting. MEMBER SAYLES said the Board needs to have more open conversations to educate the new members.

Following MEMBER SAYLES' motion to Reconsider MEMBER JANISON'S motion to fund option four, MEMBER HADDAD asked if MEMBER SAYLES' motion was voted down because of the funding amount for Golden Rainbow. MR. SCOTT advised that it was not the appropriate time to ask that question.

Following the motion and vote to fund option four, MEMBER DE SALVIO asked if there were any issues or secrets with Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Inc., and if they could be given something. MEMBER JANISON said she had no hidden secrets, and she took the agency's accountability to the City into consideration and other statements that were put into the grant. MEMBER DE SALVIO asked if she was speaking to Golden Rainbow or Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Inc., and MEMBER JANISON said both.

MS. WASHINGTON asked CHAIR MILLER to read the funding amounts the Board voted on into the record, and MR. SCOTT said the Board had not voted on the funding amounts yet.

For clarification, CHAIR MILLER read the funding amounts proposed for option four. MEMBERS BRUNO-WALSH and HADDAD corrected their votes to Aye to bring the motion back that was recently denied.

MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG asked if MEMBER JANISON was open to any modification, and MEMBER JANISON said she would be open to amendments. MR. SCOTT said members should be voting now because discussion should only happen prior to the motion.

Motion made by Louis De Salvio to Approve the recommendation to fund Women's Development Center in the amount of \$500,000; Access to HealthCare Network, Inc. in the amount of \$340,000; Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Inc. in the amount of \$160,000; Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000 and Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000

NOTE: An initial motion by Member Janison to Approve the recommendation to fund Women's Development Center in the amount of \$550,000; Access to HealthCare Network, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000, Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 and to zero fund Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Inc. and Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. for the reasons stated by Member Harper during the discussion of this item Failed with Members Miller, Washington, De Salvio, Marlon, Bruno-Walsh, Haddad, Summers-Armstrong and Sayles voting No and Member Jimenez Excused. A second motion by Member Sayles to Approve the recommendation to fund Women's Development Center in the amount of \$285,000; Access to HealthCare Network, Inc. in the amount of \$285,000; Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Inc. in the amount of \$240,000; Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000 and Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. in the amount of \$240,000 Failed with Members Miller, Janison, Washington, De Salvio, McKnight, Bruno-Walsh, Haddad, Harper, Summers-Armstrong and O'Rourke voting No and Member Jimenez Excused. A third motion by Member Sayles to Reconsider the motion made by

Member Janison Passed with Member Marlon voting No and Member Jimenez Excused. Subsequent to this vote, Members Haddad and Bruno-Walsh requested their votes be reflected in the affirmative. A fourth motion by Member Janison to Approve the recommendation to fund Women's Development Center in the amount of \$550,000; Access to HealthCare Network, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000, Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 and to zero fund Aid for AIDS of Nevada, Inc. and Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. for the reasons stated by Member Harper during the discussion of this item Failed with Members Miller, Washington, De Salvio, Marlon, McKnight, Bruno-Walsh, Haddad and Summers-Armstrong voting No and Member Jimenez Excused.

Passed For: 11; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Terri Janison, Erika Washington, Louis De Salvio, David Marlon, Mack McKnight, Laura Bruno-Walsh, Patricia Haddad, Wesley Harper, Shondra Summers-Armstrong, Sydni Sayles; Against-Terri O'Rourke; Excused-Aranzazu Jimenez;

6. Discussion for possible action regarding the scoring and recommended allocations of Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Minutes:

MEMBER McKNIGHT'S recommendation was to fund the top 10 highest scoring agencies starting with \$50,000, holding discussions to distribute the remaining funds amongst those agencies and to zero fund the remaining agencies. MEMBER HADDAD asked if once the discussion was over, they would use the remaining funds and adjust the top 10 agencies' funding amount or look at the other agencies that had not received any funding. MEMBER McKNIGHT said they would adjust the top 10 funding amounts. CHAIR MILLER read the top 10 highest scoring agencies for the record and stated there was \$240,000 left to distribute.

MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG asked if MEMBER McKNIGHT'S motion included giving zero funding to the remaining agencies, and MEMBER McKNIGHT confirmed.

MEMBER HADDAD asked how the current categories align with the category percentage recommendations. CHAIR MILLER said three agencies focus on homelessness, three focus on special needs, two focus on seniors and two focus on youth. MEMBER McKNIGHT said they did not need to focus on the special needs category. ANGELA WASHINGTON, Grant Program Coordinator, explained the City Council focuses funding on the following categories: 15 to 25 percent on youth, 15 to 25 percent on seniors, 40 to 50 percent on homelessness and up to 15 percent on special needs. She clarified for MEMBER McKNIGHT that the Board had already met the special needs funding focus as it was at 20.27 percent. MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG asked if staff could provide the dollar amounts the Board should be funding for each category, and MS. WASHINGTON suggested the Board move forward with their recommendations, and staff can guide them as they go along so they are not swaying any opinions. CHAIR MILLER advised the Board members that Family Promise of Las Vegas and Foster Kinship had already met their grant request at \$50,000, and that leaves the Board with eight agencies to adjust.

MEMBER JANISON suggested they start with the three homeless agencies (Family Promise, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and HELP of Southern Nevada) and fund them fully. MEMBER HARPER recommended fully funding YMCA of Southern Nevada and Grant a Gift Autism Foundation. MEMBER McKNIGHT suggested reducing Grant a Gift Autism Foundation's amount.

STEPHANY COALEY, Grant Program Coordinator, asked who recommended funding option two, and MEMBER JANISON said she started it. MEMBER HARPER said they still have \$240,000 to distribute, and recommended granting \$150,000 to Grant a Gift Autism Foundation.

Following the recess, MEMBER McKNIGHT amended his recommendation to include the top 11 highest scoring agencies. MS. WASHINGTON clarified that MEMBER McKNIGHT'S amended motion would include granting the Salvation Army \$60,147, to which MEMBER McKNIGHT confirmed. BRYAN SCOTT, Assistant City Attorney, explained the Board would need a motion of Reconsideration of the first motion and to restate the current motion.

Following the new motion made by MEMBER McKNIGHT, MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG said they were still short of the homeless target focus. MEMBER McKNIGHT suggested reducing Grant a Gift Autism Foundation's funding amount by whatever percentage they need and give it to the Salvation Army. MEMBER SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG suggested reducing Grant of Gift in increments of \$10,000 until they get to the right

calculation and give it to the Salvation Army. MEMBER HARPER said the special needs category was at 20.27 percent when it should be at 15 percent, and asked if they could perform the same adjustment process and also give more funds to the homeless agencies. MEMBER McKNIGHT said if they did that, it would completely unfund one of the top 10 agencies. He thought the City Council would be happy with the numbers they were recommending.

Motion made by Shondra Summers-Armstrong to Approve the recommendation to fund the top 11 highest scoring agencies as follows: Foster Kinship – Kinship Navigator Program in the amount of \$50,000; Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth – Safe Place: Youth Outreach & Intervention Program in the amount of \$54,500; HELP of Southern Nevada – Shannon West Homeless Youth Center in the amount of \$80,000; Jewish Family Service Agency – Senior Lifeline Case Management in the amount of \$50,000; Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada, Inc. – Employment Program for Battered Spouses in the amount of \$50,000; Family Promise of Las Vegas – Family Housing & Stabilization Services in the amount of \$50,000; Clark County Public Education Foundation – Family Learning Program in the amount of \$50,000; Grant a Gift Autism Foundation – Autism Workforce Development Project (TeenWORKS) in the amount of \$110,000; YMCA of Southern Nevada – Durango Hills YMCA Early Childhood Education in the amount of \$95,353; Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada – Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$50,000 and The Salvation Army – The Career Corner in the amount of \$100,147 for a total of \$740,000 and to zero fund the remaining agencies

NOTE: An initial motion by Member McKnight to Approve consideration to fund the top 10 highest scoring agencies starting with \$50,000, to hold discussions to distribute the remaining funds amongst those agencies and to zero fund the remaining agencies Passed with Members Washington, Harper, Summers-Armstrong and Sayles voting No and Member Jimenez Excused. A second motion by Member McKnight to Reconsider his initial motion Passed unanimously with Members Jimenez and Marlon Excused. Member Janison abstained from voting on Grant a Gift Autism Foundation as she is employed by that agency. Member Marlon abstained from voting on HELP of Southern Nevada as he is on their Board.

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Terri Janison, Erika Washington, Louis De Salvio, Mack McKnight, Laura Bruno-Walsh, Patricia Haddad, Wesley Harper, Shondra Summers-Armstrong, Terri O'Rourke; Excused-Aranzazu Jimenez, David Marlon, Sydni Sayles;

2. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. No subject may be acted upon by the Board unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:  
None.

### 3. **Adjournment**

Minutes:  
The meeting was recessed at 2:45 p.m., reconvened at 3:00 p.m., recessed at 3:12 p.m., reconvened at 3:19 p.m., recessed at 3:36 p.m., reconvened at 3:42 p.m. and adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

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Angela Washington, Grant Program Coordinator

Minutes Prepared by:  
Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

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