



Community Development Recommending Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR MILLER called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR MILLER and MEMBERS McKNIGHT, MARLON, HADDAD, WHITTINGHAM, LATHROP, BURKS, PAOLA, JACKSON, THOMAS (excused until 12:02 p.m.), and CONYERS

EXCUSED: MEMBERS PRADO and RICE

ALSO PRESENT: MELANIE RILEY, Neighborhood Services Administrator; COLLEEN DUEWIGER, GINA CANDELARIO, and TIM GLISSON, Grant Program Coordinators; CRISLOVE IGELEKE, Deputy City Attorney; BRIAN CARROLL, Senior Deputy City Clerk; and VANESSA CHAVEZ-HOLMAN, 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 in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; the City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and the Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov.

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 Colleen Duewiger, Grant Program Coordinator, on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) federal grants and allocation of federal funds

Minutes:

COLLEEN DUEWIGER, Grant Program Coordinator, reported that the City of Las Vegas' grant application process began on October 16, 2023 with the posting of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for agencies seeking program funding from the City's allocation of funds for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant funds for each of these programs were designated as two-year grants, which were designed to provide funds for selected agencies in fiscal years 2024 to 2025 and 2025 to 2026. The approximate amount of funding was \$3 million for HOPWA and \$775,000 for CDBG. Interested agencies were asked to attend one of two technical workshops held on October 24, 2023. The RFP closed on November 16, 2023, and the Community Development Recommending Board (CDRB) received eligible applications for review on December 4, 2023.

MS. DUEWIGER stated that the CDRB met on February 12 and 14, 2024 to hear presentations from applicants who met grant eligibility requirements. The CDRB submitted their scores for each eligible applicant via

Neighborhoodly Software, and at this meeting, the Board will consider funding for programs that met the established scoring threshold of 65 percent of the total available points. The total available points for HOPWA was 210 with a threshold for funding consideration of 136. The total available points for CDBG was 200 with a threshold for funding consideration of 130. The program applications were ranked based on points earned, and the Board would deliberate on funding recommendations that will be presented to the City Council for approval. She asked all Members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest they had with any of the agencies being considered.

MEMBER MARLON advised that he works for Vegas Stronger and would abstain from voting and discussion. He stated that he previously served on the board for HELP of Southern Nevada for 15 years and worked as a counselor for The Salvation Army 10 years ago. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY CRISLOVE IGELEKE opined that he could vote on those matters.

MEMBER LATHROP noted he has a family connection to Desert Spring Community Resource Center and was heavily involved with Family Promise of Las Vegas; therefore, he had not scored and would not participate in those matters.

5. Discussion for possible action regarding the scoring and recommended allocations of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant

Minutes:

CHAIR MILLER stated that the scoring spreadsheet, which was submitted for the record, was displayed showing each applicant's ranking, scores from the Board and administration, risk assessment, and amount requested. She advised that the requested funding was over by \$1,653,433.43. In response to the Chair, COLLEEN DUEWIGER, Grant Program Coordinator, advised that the scoring threshold was 136 points out of 210, noting that all applicants met that threshold for consideration.

MEMBER WHITTINGHAM was not surprised that Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. was ranked first.

MEMBER HADDAD wanted to approve Access to Healthcare Network, stating she valued that the Board tries to fully fund proposals when possible. She wanted the Board to discuss the remaining medium-risk proposals.

MEMBER PAOLA expressed concern regarding the large funding amount requested that was not providing any housing, and she recommended a \$200,000 funding reduction. MEMBER THOMAS explained that services were an eligible use for HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) funds, and she did not want to penalize low-risk partners with programs that met the Federal requirements. She believed the Board could set housing as a priority in the future.

MEMBER WHITTINGHAM agreed with MEMBER HADDAD and wanted to fully fund the low-risk applicants, stating that the need and effectiveness of their service contributed to their ranking. Further, he said he had concerns with some of the medium-risk applicants.

MEMBER THOMAS opined that the Board should discuss the medium-risk applicants and fully fund the top three applicants. She advised that some of the medium-risk applicants were long-standing HOPWA participants, and she suggested deeply reducing their funding and providing newer participants with an opportunity to set a track record. The Member clarified that Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) had participated for over 20 years. She expressed concern that their risk involves financials, audits, and submitting reports, and she asked City staff to provide a status on those issues. GINA CANDELARIO, Grant Program Coordinator, clarified that their audit was compliant and their spending was on track, noting they should be at 50 percent and were at 53 percent.

MEMBER McKNIGHT wondered if the other three applicants were also compliant. MS. CANDELARIO responded that EOB (Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County) was not in compliance and had outstanding audits. She said other concerns were timeliness and being on track with spending, and she confirmed that AFAN and CPLC (Chicanos Por La Causa) Nevada were on track and began on July 1st as expected. Further, Just One (The Just One Project) began their grant late and started October 1st.

MEMBER JACKSON agreed with MEMBER THOMAS and wondered why non-compliant applicants would continue to be awarded grants.

MEMBER BURKS suggested a 20 or 25 percent reduction for the remaining applicants, and MEMBER JACKSON proposed 50 percent. MEMBER WHITTINGHAM recommended awarding EOB 50 percent of their requested funding, which was \$125,000, and splitting the remaining funds equally between the other three applicants. He believed these would be reasonable reductions, considering he had serious concerns regarding The Just One Project.

MEMBER HADDAD worried that a substantial funding reduction would result in reduced services, and she advised that they did not need to fund every applicant. MEMBER WHITTINGHAM responded that applicants requested funding based on their expenditures, and he opined that the reductions would force applicants to be more diligent and comply with rules in future years.

Subsequent to further discussion among the Members regarding funding percentages, MEMBER WHITTINGHAM restated his suggested funding amounts, and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY CRISLOVE IGELEKE clarified that the Members did not need to specify percentages.

MEMBER MARLON commended MEMBER WHITTINGHAM for suggesting a fair reduction for medium-risk providers, and MEMBER HADDAD supported that recommendation.

MEMBER PAOLA suggested the following funding amounts: \$210,000 for AFAN, \$359,268.40 for The Just One Project, \$87,500 for EOB, and \$301,455.90 for CPLC. MEMBER BURKS noted there would be a deficit, and she wanted to adjust the numbers, stating she was impressed that EOB funded clients with their own money.

Motion made by Peter Whittingham to Approve the recommendation to fund Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. – HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Permanent Housing Placement & Supportive Services in the amount of \$300,000

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Mack McKnight, David Marlon, Peter Whittingham, Patricia Haddad, Linda Burks, Lena Paola, Robert Lathrop, Jamie Jackson, Kathi Thomas, Vanessa Conyers; Excused-Ignacio Prado, Marlon Rice;

Motion made by Mack McKnight to Approve the recommendation to fund Women's Development Center – HOPWA Program in the amount of \$650,000

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Mack McKnight, David Marlon, Peter Whittingham, Patricia Haddad, Linda Burks, Lena Paola, Robert Lathrop, Jamie Jackson, Kathi Thomas, Vanessa Conyers; Excused-Ignacio Prado, Marlon Rice;

Motion made by Patricia Haddad to Approve the recommendation to fund Access to Healthcare Network – Access to Healthcare in the amount of \$965,650.00

Passed For: 10; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Mack McKnight, David Marlon, Peter Whittingham, Patricia Haddad, Linda Burks, Robert Lathrop, Jamie Jackson, Kathi Thomas, Vanessa Conyers; Against-Lena Paola; Excused-Ignacio Prado, Marlon Rice;

Motion made by Patricia Haddad to Approve the recommendation to fund Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) – AFAN Housing Services in the amount of \$319,783.33; The Just One Project – Just One's HOPWA Assistance Program in the amount of \$319,783.33; Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) of Clark County – EOB HOPWA Housing Assistance Program in the amount of \$125,000; CPLC (Chicanos Por La Causa) Nevada, Inc. – LUCES Program in the amount of \$319,783.33 with direction to staff to distribute the remaining one cent in grant funding at their discretion

Passed For: 9; Against: 2; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Mack McKnight, David Marlon, Peter Whittingham, Patricia Haddad, Robert Lathrop, Jamie Jackson, Kathi Thomas, Vanessa Conyers; Against-Linda Burks, Lena Paola; Excused-Ignacio Prado, Marlon Rice;

6. Discussion for possible action regarding the scoring and recommended allocations of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Minutes:

CHAIR MILLER believed their budget was \$775,000, stating there was always a need and this was a small pot of money.

MEMBER McKNIGHT referenced the scoring spreadsheet, which was submitted for the record, and opined that only the first 23 applicants should be considered. The Chair clarified those applicants received a low-risk assessment. MEMBER MARLON agreed with the recommendation and advised that would leave \$33,695 for the rest.

MEMBER WHITTINGHAM asked how much was requested for the those 23 applicants, and TIM GLISSON, Grant Program Coordinator, responded \$2,643,438.48. MELANIE RILEY, Neighborhood Services Administrator, reported that the minimum funding amount per agency was \$50,000. The Member agreed with MEMBER McKNIGHT'S suggestion.

MEMBER HADDAD noted that Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring did not provide a presentation, and she wondered if that impacted their qualifications. MS. RILEY agreed they did not fully meet the applications requirements. MEMBER McKNIGHT amended his recommendation to include not funding Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring.

MEMBER PAOLA worried there was still a \$1.9 million deficit with the 22 applicants.

CHAIR MILLER suggested only considering applicants with 180 or more points, stating that 200 points was the highest possible score.

MEMBER JACKSON wanted The Neon Museum to receive funding. She felt strongly about their education component, noting they provide free STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) access to children. Further, she said it was important for children to understand the community's history. MEMBER HADDAD appreciated The Neon Museum's work but expressed concern on how they would track city of Las Vegas residents they serve.

MEMBER LATHROP understood there was a minimum funding amount, and he wanted the Board to consider a maximum amount in the future. He advised that some large organizations could receive funding from resources other than the City and continue offering services, such as Helping Hands of Vegas Valley and The Salvation Army who each requested \$200,000, while funding would be more impactful to other applicants. Further, the Member suggested zero funding applicants with alternate funding sources available.

Referencing the scoring spreadsheet, MEMBER PAOLA suggested providing 40 percent to applicants six and seven and providing \$50,000 to the remaining applicants, which would be \$778,456.80.

CHAIR MILLER questioned the maximum funding amount for this grant. MS. RILEY said the minimum funding amount was implemented to ensure agencies were invested in partnering with the City. She advised they had not discussed a maximum amount and wanted the agencies to show what they needed to run a program. She worried that creating a cap would stifle innovative programs needed in the community.

MEMBER WHITTINGHAM believed they should discuss a cap so funding can be broadly awarded or limit the amount of applicants.

MEMBER JACKSON opined that applicants should be vetted for duplicated services, stating that several organizations work with youth and many applicants will not receive funding.

MEMBER HADDAD understood staff's rationale regarding the upper limit, and she believed discussing application priorities and parameters was the role of this Board. She wanted to cast a wide net for applications

and allow the Members identify priorities. Lastly, she felt comfortable with MEMBER PAOLA'S recommendation.

MEMBER CONYERS requested the amount awarded for this grant from the previous three years. MS. RILEY responded they were between \$775,000 and \$780,000, stating they could only award 15 percent of their annual CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) award to these public service projects. The Member believed the Board should review client surveys to confirm that programs were having an impact, and she suggested considering new programs under a different category than long-standing programs.

MEMBER THOMAS advised that the scoring process includes asking if the program was new or substantially expanded, stating that HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development) prefers CDBG to seed and not sustain projects. She clarified that the intent was to fill gaps in the community and not to have partners return every year.

MEMBER PAOLA said there was a three-point scoring difference between new and existing programs, and she believed scoring needed to be reevaluated.

MEMBER HADDAD appreciated the conversation and expressed concern that not funding the Meals on Wheels program would negatively affect seniors. Regarding funding newer and smaller organizations, she suggested fully funding Foster Kinship, Jewish Family Service Agency, Family Promise of Las Vegas, Desert Springs Community Resource Center, and Sunrise Children's Foundation.

Additional discussion was held to fund the remaining applicants \$50,000 and removing the amount over from the lowest scoring applicant.

Motion made by Mack McKnight to Approve the recommendation to zero fund The Just One Project – No Cost Community Market; Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring, Inc.; Boys & Girls Club of Southern Nevada – Core5; Puentes – Puentes Youth Program; HopeLink of Southern Nevada – CareerLink Workforce Development; Vegas Stronger – Intensive Outpatient Program for Individuals with Alcohol Use Disorder; CPLC (Chicanos Por La Causa) Nevada – Workforce Development Flexible Housing; Access to Healthcare Network: Integrated Health Supports; The Neon Museum – Increasing Access to Low-to-Moderate Income Residents; Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada – Career Services; Paths Forward – Ausome Beginnings; Family and Child Treatment of Southern Nevada, Inc. – Domestic Violence Program; Hookers for Jesus, Inc. – Hookers for Jesus; Paths Forward – Fast Forward; El Shaddai Refuge Homes CDC – Homeless Youth & Young Adult Job Training Program

NOTE: Member Marlon abstained from discussion and voting as he announced during Item 4 that he is employed with Vegas Stronger.

Passed For: 9; Against: 1; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Mack McKnight, Peter Whittingham, Patricia Haddad, Linda Burks, Robert Lathrop, Jamie Jackson, Kathi Thomas, Vanessa Conyers; Against-Lena Paola; Abstain-David Marlon; Excused-Ignacio Prado, Marlon Rice;

Motion made by Linda Burks to Approve the recommendation to fund Foster Kinship – Enhanced Kinship Navigator Program in the amount of \$70,000; Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth – Safe Place: Youth Outreach & Intervention Program in the amount of \$50,000; HELP of Southern Nevada – Shannon West Homeless Youth Center in the amount of \$50,000; St. Jude's Ranch for Children – St. Jude's Child Victims of Sex Trafficking Program in the amount of \$50,000; Jewish Family Service Agency – Senior Lifeline Case Management in the amount of \$77,700; Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada – Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$50,000; Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Inc. – Bus & Volunteer Transportation in the amount of \$50,000; Olive Crest – Olive Crest Foster Care Services in the amount of \$50,000; Communities in Schools of Nevada (CIS) – ISS (Integrated Student Supports) and Academy Supports in the amount of \$50,000; Family Promise of Las Vegas – Family Promise of Las Vegas Navigation Center in the amount of \$50,000; Sunrise Children's Foundation – Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) in the amount of \$60,000; The Salvation Army – The Career Corner in the amount of \$50,000; YMCA (The Young Men's Christian Association) of Southern Nevada – Durango Hills YMCA Early Childhood Education in the amount of

\$50,000; Desert Springs Community Resource Center – Supporting Seniors In Their Neighborhood in the amount of \$67,300

NOTE: Member Lathrop abstained from discussion and voting as he announced under Item 4 that he is heavily involved with Family Promise of Las Vegas and has a family connection involved with Desert Spring Community Resource Center. Additionally, Member Marlon abstained from voting and disclosed under Item 4 that he previously served as a board member for HELP of Southern Nevada and a counselor for The Salvation Army. Subsequent to the meeting, he clarified that his abstention was to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 2; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Karmen La'shaun Miller, Mack McKnight, Peter Whittingham, Patricia Haddad, Linda Burks, Lena Paola, Jamie Jackson, Kathi Thomas, Vanessa Conyers; Abstain-David Marlon, Robert Lathrop; Excused-Ignacio Prado, Marlon Rice;

7. **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:

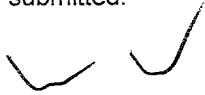
MEMBER WHITTINGHAM stated that he retired from the Los Angeles Police Department in 2018 after working as a Police Officer for 30 years. He came to the city and committed himself to volunteering, noting this was his third year serving on the Board. He felt it was rewarding to serve and work with the other Members, and he advised this would be his last year on the Board. CHAIR MILLER thanked MEMBER WHITTINGHAM and the other Members for their dedication to the community.

8. **Adjournment**

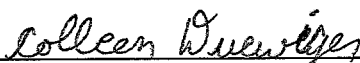
Minutes:

The meeting was recessed from 1:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. and was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Senior Deputy City Clerk



Colleen Duewiger, Grant Program Coordinator

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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