

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 1, 2018

The Community and Cultural Development Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 1, 2018 at 8:43 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Francisco Heredia, Chairman
David Luna
Kevin Thompson

COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Natalie Lewis
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Alfred Smith

1. Items from citizens present.

See item 2-a for citizens comments.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide funding recommendations for the FY 2018/19 and prior years' available funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Human Services Programs.

Housing and Community Development Director Liz Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and reviewed the funding sources, amounts, caps, and factors for considerations. She highlighted the applications awarded, funding source, and the amounts granted.

In response to a question posed by Committeemember Thompson, Ms. Morales responded that Housing and Community Development will provide the Committee the history of the last five years of funding amounts by agencies.

Ms. Morales requested that the Committee recommend the contingency amount of \$190,570 to be placed in the public facilities category due to the requirement of funding being identified and highlighted the next steps. (See Page 17 and 18 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Chairman Heredia, Ms. Morales replied that Federal regulations provides the framework for how the funding is spent, including the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and that staff identifies who is eligible by project through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Craig Tribken, representing the Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), commented that homelessness tends to be proportional throughout the Valley and that the City of Phoenix has

robust levels of services. He noted that CASS is expanding in 2019 by increasing the numbers of beds by approximately 250, of which, 43 are dedicated to Veterans. He stated that CASS will be requesting additional funding in FY 2019/20.

Torri Taj, representing Child Crisis Arizona, reported that the City of Mesa has experienced a 200% increase over the last year of children living in poverty. She explained that the Child Crisis Arizona property is land locked, however, with CDBG funding in FY 2017/18 they purchased property for Phase 1 and are assisting an additional 112 children annually. She explained who they serve and the need for continued services. She requested the Committee reconsider their original request.

In response to questions posed by Committeemember Luna, Ms. Taj responded that the CDBG funding request was for \$1.5 million to secure the purchase of a church. She clarified that Child Crisis Arizona would need a minimum of \$500,000.

In response to a question from Committeemember Thompson, Manager of Downtown Transformation Jeff McVay confirmed that Phase 1 of the Downtown Façade Improvement program had ten businesses request funding and that construction bids are in process for completion. He pointed out that a minimum of four property owner's requested funding for FY 2018/19.

In response to a question posed by Committeemember Luna, Mr. McVay stated that funding for the Downtown Façade Improvement program is not essential, but is important as three property owners are about to rehabilitate their buildings which included the façade improvement funding.

In response to a question from Chairman Heredia, Ms. Morales requested additional time to confirm with Child Crisis Arizona that the project would be completed in the operating years for reporting purposes to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prior to the commitment of \$500,000.

Arlen Westling, representing Paz de Cristo, reported that as of January 2018 they had approximately 2,700 visitors and of that 920 have been identified as homeless. He mentioned that with the increase in homelessness, Paz de Cristo services such as showers, meals, and identification increase as well. He requested that the Committee look at the funding amount granted of \$25,000 for FY 2018/19 which was a decrease from previous years funding of \$40,000.

Nancy Marion, representing House of Refuge, requested reconsideration of funding for four homes, which the City had done in the past, versus two homes for FY 2018/19. She pointed out that 25% of the House of Refuge population comes from the City of Mesa.

Discussion ensued relative to reallocation of funding sources under the CDBG nonpublic service and human services sections.

In response to a question posed by Committeemember Luna, Ms. Morales stated that she does not anticipate any remaining funds from Human Services to be reallocated from FY 2017/18.

Ms. Morales confirmed that staff will provide a revised set of recommendations to the Committee on March 5, 2018 with re-allocation of the Downtown Façade Improvement program funding.

Chairman Heredia thanked staff for the presentation.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Community and Cultural Development Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 1st day of March, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)

Housing and Community Development Funding Recommendations

Community Services Department

Liz Morales,

Housing and Community Development Director

March 1, 2018



Funding Sources

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnership
- Human Services Program

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$3,210,202

- Public Service (15%) Cap - \$481,530
- Non Public Service - \$2,086,631

HOME Investment Program (HOME)

HOME Program - \$2,290,538

Non CHDO	CHDO
FY 18/19 \$764,009	FY 18/19 \$152,802
Prior Year \$845,310	Prior Year \$528,417
\$1,609,319	\$681,219

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

ESG - \$290,296

- Shelter and Outreach (60%) Cap - \$174,178
- Rapid Rehousing- \$94,346

Human Services Program

Human Services Total \$720,000

- ABC Donations - \$108,000
- Human Services - \$612,000

Factors for Consideration

- Aggregate scores of Evaluation Committee and Housing and Community Development Board
- Council and Consolidated Plan Priorities
- Timeliness to expend funds
- Funding availability

Aging Services - \$80,000

East Valley Adult Resources, Inc.- Meals on Wheels	Human Services	\$25,000
East Valley Adult Resources, Inc.- Assistance for Independent Living Volunteer Services	Human Services	\$25,000
Oakwood Creative Care- Programs, Therapies & Education	Human Services	\$30,000

Homeless Services - \$921,054

Community Bridges- Homeless Navigation Services	CDBG- Public Svcs	\$125,000
A New Leaf- Supportive Services	CDBG- Public Svcs	\$50,000
Save the Family- Homeless Families Intervention & Case Mgmt	CDBG- Public Svcs	\$50,000
A New Leaf- Homeless Shelter Services	CDBG- Public Svcs	\$55,000
Marc Community Resources- Homeless Day Center & Navigations Svcs Extension	CDBG- Public Svcs	\$35,000
Marc Community Resources- Downtown Navigation Services	CDBG- Public Svcs	\$43,530
A New Leaf- Homeless Shelter Svcs	ESG	\$174,178
A New Leaf- Rapid Rehousing	ESG	\$40,000

Homeless Services - \$921,054 Cont.

Save the Family and Lutheran Social Services Collaborative- Rapid Rehousing	ESG Human Services	\$54,346 \$37,000
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest- I-HELP	Human Services	\$25,000
CASS- Regional Single Adult Shelter and Case Management	Human Services	\$25,000
Save the Family- Homeless Case Management and Supportive Svcs	Human Services	\$120,000
Maggie's Place- Shelter Services at The Hannah House	Human Services	\$18,000
House of Refuge- Adopt a Home Program	Human Services	\$24,000
Circle the City- East Valley Neighborhood Partnership	Human Services	\$20,000
Paz de Cristo- Community Safety	Human Services	\$25,000

Domestic Violence Services - \$55,000

Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Human Services	\$15,000
A New Leaf- Autumn House	Human Services	\$40,000

Economic Development Programs - \$480,000

Local First Arizona Foundation- Fuerza Local	CDBG	\$25,000
NEDCO- Economic Development	CDBG	\$140,000
Mesa Downtown Façade Improvement	CDBG	\$250,000
West Mesa CDC- Economic Development Gate to Neighborhood Reinvestment	CDBG	\$65,000

Public Facility Improvement - \$666,061

East Valley Adult Resources Building Rehab Project	CDBG	\$600,000
Oakwood Creative Care- East Mesa Facility Rehab	CDBG	\$41,930
House of Refuge- Sewer Replacement	CDBG	\$24,131

Housing - \$2,974,558

Mesa Homeowner Rehab Program	CDBG	\$650,000
CPLC- Mesa Royale Relocation	CDBG	\$100,000
CPLC - Mesa Royale	HOME	\$1,443,339
Mesa Housing and Community Development- TBRA (Rental & Utility Deposit Assistance)	HOME	\$100,000
Mesa Housing and Community Development - CHDO RFP	HOME	\$681,219

Services for Low to Mod Income Persons - \$286,000

Community Bridges- Mobile Outreach and Crisis Stabilization Services	CDBG	\$63,000
United Food Bank- Emergency Food Assistance & Cooler Expansion	Human Services	\$18,000
Mesa United Way- Mesa VITA Program Funding	Human Services	\$15,000
Labor's Community Service Agency- Securing Help In Family Transportation (SHIFT)	Human Services	\$20,000
Marc Community Resources- Employment Training and Placement	Human Services	\$30,000
MesaCAN- Client Services	Human Services	\$120,000
Community Legal Services- Removing Barriers to Justice for Low-Income Mesa Residents	Human Services	\$20,000

Youth and Education - \$128,000

Mesa K-Ready	CDBG	\$60,000
Teen Lifeline- Crisis Services	Human Services	\$18,000
Child Crisis Arizona- Early Education Mesa Early Head Start	Human Services	\$20,000
Child Crisis Arizona- Emergency Children's Placement Services	Human Services	\$20,000
Homeless Youth Connection	Human Services	\$10,000

Contingency \$190,570

Housing and Community Development will maintain a contingency fund for projects that arise that are not expected but are a priority for the City of Mesa

Next Steps- Timeline

March 5th - Community and Cultural
Development Committee, if needed

April/May - Study Session

May - Public Comment Period

May/June - Approval Annual Action
Plan

Funding Recommendations

Questions?

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