

Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: April 27, 2020

Online Public Hearing

Member Attendees:

Mr. Karl Bernhardsen, At-Large Appointee, Chair
Ms. Mary Ann Callahan, 1st District, Vice-Chair
Ms. LaToya Foster, 2nd District, Secretary
Ms. Brandy Brown, 3rd District
Ms. Majeedah Razzaq, 4th District
Ms. Michelle OLoughlin, 5th District
Mr. Brett Pornbeck, 6th District
Ms. JoAnne Hanrahan, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Debra Hogan, Mayoral Appointee
Ms. Kelly Weiss, Mayoral Appointee

Member Absent:

Staff Members Attending:

Mr. Stephen Carson, HUD Manager

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- Meeting called to order: 5:30 PM
 - Public Hearing:
 - **R Rathmell** (YWCA)- requesting \$46,200.00 for homeless/unsheltered people in Binghamton. Money would be used to provide hotel rooms for homeless unsheltered people in need. \$4,000.00 of the requested (\$46,200.00) would be used for essential needs i.e. hygiene products, socks, phone, etc...\$4,200.00 of the requested (\$46,200.00) would go towards administrative fees. Rebecca also recommended that the CDBG money should be spent on permanent housing development for extremely low income residents.
 - **P Evans** (ACHIEVE) – requesting money for help with extensive clean up once they are allowed to reopen their facilities. Since they are unsure of how much an extensive clean up would cost a requested dollar amount was not provided.
 - **A Pleus** (TruthPharm) – would like to secure at least 2 properties off auction for housing. They would fix up the property and use it for transitional housing during COVID and when that ends convert it into permanent housing for substance abuse victims. She also noted their was a rise in overdose fatalities since COVID that are a result of a lack of support services and people feeling isolated.
 - **A Ramsay** (FEN) – bringing awareness to a possible 200 individuals who will be facing homelessness and will require services to aid them. FEN will be helping individuals facing eviction or have been served with eviction notices. She also stated that with their admin cap at 10% they would be able to hire 1.5 staff.
 - **A. Cruz** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness to the lack of services and resources for people dealing with substance.
 - **T. Abdelazim** – inquiring about the process of how the COVID funds will be allocated and what the timeline looks like. He also recommended that funds given prior to infrastructure projects (i.e. security cameras) should be reallocated to relief and recovery efforts.
 - **J. Stamen** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness to the homelessness of recovery individuals and the lack of homes for them.

- **Steve** (TruthPharm) – would like to see buildings owned by the County, that are not being used, converted and used for people that need housing.
- **A. Havin** (VOA) – requesting \$16,000.00 to help with providing supplies and services for the homeless men they intake. They have seen an increase in people requiring services since COVID.
- **S. Link** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness to the limited amount of homes available for people with substance abuse issues.
- **M. Maruschek** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness to people with substance abuse having more difficulty getting into housing and would like for TruthPharm to receive help in securing safe and low income housing for these individuals.
- **D. Semo** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness to the people with substance abuse disorder that are being released from the hospitals and jails don't have anywhere to go. They need homes or somewhere they can go to get off the streets.
- **A. Johnson** (Citizens Action of NY) – stating the need for rent relief for individuals that are unable to pay their rent and who are living in uninhabitable situations. She would like to see better quality affordable housing for low income families.
- **Kritsy** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness that there is a need for transitional housing for individuals with substance abuse disorder.
- **I. Elwood** (TruthPharm) - bringing awareness that there is a lack of rooms available for people to sleep and that they have no where to go.
- **A. Cruz** (TruthPharm) - people with compromised immune systems and substance abuse disorder have nowhere to go and can not quarantine themselves, they can not wash their hands or clothes which can lead to the spread of the virus to others and contamination to themselves.
- **S. Mechebeck** (TruthPharm) – volunteers with TruthPharm and as a parent of a child who died from substance abuse she wants help for TruthPharm so that we can provide hope to residents.
- Closed at 6:46 PM (1-Hanrahan, 2-Hogan, unanimous)
- Accept full \$1,140,260 in CDBG COVID funds (1-Hogan, 2-Weiss, unanimous)
- Approve CDBG COVID Admin fund recommendation not to exceed 20% (1-Callahan, 2-Hanrahan, unanimous)
- Accept ESG COVID funds of \$577,638 with funding recommendation for Admin not to exceed 10% (1-Weiss, 2-Hogan, unanimous)
- Meeting adjourned 7:32 PM (1-Foster, 2-Razzaq, unanimous)

Budgets

46th Year CDBG Formula Estimated Allocation: \$1,956,056.40

CDBG Administration	\$219,929.96
Fair Housing Education	\$5,000
Planning and Design	\$31,364.63
Economic Development	\$170,000
Housing Services and Delivery	\$46,594.03
Code Enforcement	\$248,277.94
Street Improvements	\$214,000
Parks Improvements	\$180,000
Home Purchase Assistance	\$190,000
Security Cameras	\$30,000
Park Security Improvements	\$15,000
Traffic Safety Improvements	\$10,000
Senior Housing Small Repairs	\$85,000
Demolitions	\$96,889.84
Capital Improvements	\$40,000
Non-Profit Facility Capital Improvements	\$65,000
Binghamton Homeownership Academy	\$16,000
Human Services	\$141,000
Police Overtime	\$7,000
Park Rangers	\$30,000
Youth After-Hours	\$50,000
Youth Programming	\$15,000
Opioid Addiction Recovery	\$45,000

46th Year ESG Formula Estimated Allocation: \$167,515

Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach	\$94,128.40
Rapid Re-Housing/Homeless Prevention	\$62,752.26
City HMIS User Fee	\$1,720
Program Administration	\$8,914.34

46th Year HOME Formula Estimated Allocation: \$602,490.63

Housing Rehabilitation	\$325,000
Community Housing Development Organization	\$217,241.57
Program Administration	\$60,249.06