



CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2012
1 South Van Ness Avenue
Conference Room 5080 (5th Floor)
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

By Chris Block at 5:13 p.m.

Members present: Chris Block, Irene Yee Riley, Charlie Sciammas, Anushka Fernandopulle, Ximena Delgado, Josh Arce, Peter Cohen, Utuma Belfrey

City staff and members of the public introduced themselves and did a brief check in.

2. Approval of 3/20/12 and 3/28/12 minutes

Minutes from 3/20/12 and 3/28/12 approved unanimously as amended. Charlie was present at 3/20/12 meeting and minutes will be amended.

3. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action Item: 2012-13 CDBG & ESG Funding Recommendations

The overall CDBG allocation has been set and the cut was 12% overall.

Brian gave an overview of the 2012-13 recommendations and addressed some of the questions raised in public hearing.

The Transitional Age Youth portfolio was largely maintained. Brothers Against Guns (BAG) was cut and SFCCC and Opportunity Impact (OI) were added. This

was done in coordination with other City departments to maintain services and funding priorities.

Committee discussed TAY services in the OMI. Urban Services Y provides TAY services for OMI. Committee discussed TAY agencies, including Inner City Youth (ICY) and Brothers Against Guns (BAG). BAG has fiscal and programmatic sustainability problems that have led to multiple findings at City audits. ICY's new proposal for services was not funded. A previous planning grant had not been fully expended and had fiscal and programmatic challenges. Committee discussed whether a relationship be built between ICY and the City, and the value of seeing work on the ground versus the fiscal difficulties agencies can have.

Committee discussed Opportunity Impact, who were recommended for a \$98k capital grant and a new TAY grant. OI's new ED has credibility and the agency has had done well.

Fraternite Notre Dame (FND) were not recommended. Homeless dollars need to line up with citywide COC model which requires all programs to provide a constellation of social services, which FND does not provide. Also, two other large TL providers, St. Anthony's and GLIDE have meal programs.

Good Samaritan was not recommended for funding last year and was similarly not recommended for this year, primarily because designated Family Resource Centers (FRC) receive \$300k to \$500k grants DCYF, 1st 5 and HSA. Last year, several FRC's were not funded by MOH.

Visitation Valley Community Center's (VVCC) grant is for support services to residents of Sunnydale. Mercy has struggled there, so their grant was reduced and VVCC and TURF were added. This change did not increase the overall funding to Sunnydale. Funding was reduced from \$175k to \$120k.

Asian Neighborhood Design was recommended for a decrease because of lower level of demand for design services. Their capital grant is held over from previous year. ED grant request was \$475k for small business architectural service. Smaller grant is for ADA and accessibility TA for small businesses.

Renaissance submitted a number of proposals. There were no duplicates. Jordan highlighted each of their proposals.

Nihomachi's grant was reduced from \$90k to \$75k. Agency has significant fiscal management issues, and many findings from City audits. Their services fill an important niche but their systems need improvement.

CUAV's grant was cut because their program did not provide intensive case management. They prefer a peer support, empowerment and community model. Agency understands this and did not protest. Two other agencies have strong LGBT programs. MOH will convene LGBT center and Beverly Upton to discuss male victims of domestic violence. CUAV used to have a wider variety of services, but moved away from CM, does not provide critical, emergency services.

API Wellness Center's proposal was for transgender services including mental health and health based programs, which are not MOH priorities.

La Raza Centro Legal has not had staff attorney for the last few months. Their union demands a hiring freeze until the staff gets raises. Agency has organizational issues. Their day laborer program might be shifted to Dolores Street. MOH has shifted resources to CARECEN and La Raza CRC to pick up the slack.

Utuma requested information on Bridge Housing and their outreach efforts. Staff will provide her with contact information.

Urban Strategies budget and staffing was discussed. In particular, the professional services fee for January through June. Committee discussed unbundling the big grant, and spreading it out to other local organizations. Next year's YMCA Bayview budget includes retaining local staff, with Urban Strategies providing relocation capacity assistance. Committee discussed the value of BAG's work.

Committee discussed various funding recommendations, such as Compasspoint, Instituto Laboral de la Raza, Jewish Vocational Services, LISC, Samoan CDC and the SOMA Foundation/Urban Solutions.

Committee discussed workforce and economic development recommendations, including Walden House and Wu Yee.

Committee discussed the impact of the loss of SFRA funding and the rationale for the partially backfilling some programs.

Brian presented the 2012-13 funding recommendations (handout) and the options for the \$69k held aside for housing development administration. Committee discussed the options, which include funding Rebuilding Together, or funding a combination of housing development organizations.

Committee discussed the importance of TAY services and the need to support the capacity and development of neighborhood organizations.

Josh made a motion to fund BAG at \$40k, reduce grant to the Bayview Y by \$40k. Utuma seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Motion carries. Josh recommended that staff examine the professional services portion of the grant as a possible source of the \$40K. Peter made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the cuts to CUA V and to ICY and to request that the Mayor make these agencies a funding priority. Utuma seconded the motion.

Committee discussed funding for Opportunity Impact.

Committee discussed funding for Rebuilding Together (RT). Committee discussed granting \$30k to RT and using the rest to bring other housing developers back to their 2011-12 levels except TNDC.

Teresa provided an overview of RT and committee discussed its status as a national organization. RT cannot be supported by capital funds next year because it does not provide services that benefit the general public.

Public Testimony

Amy Beinert, Director of Housing, Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center (BHNC). BNHC submitted multiple applications that aggregated, would sustain the agency. CDBG dollars are for program management for existing rehab projects. BHNC was recommended for an increase, while collaborative partners had received decreases. Is willing to take a cut to bring partners to previous level, and have RT's grant cut back. \$20k is 5% of their housing budget, a significant amount. BHNC is trying to maintain capacity for future projects. They have 280 units housing 500 people that need safe clean affordable housing. Use money wisely.

Whitney Jones, Housing Director, Chinatown CDC. Appreciates the hard work and hard decisions the Committee makes, and appreciates the continued funding. CCDC has 162 units of rehabilitated housing with 350-400 residents. CDBG grant is the base for funding staff and other work in community. He acknowledges BHNC's concession. Adjustment would allow 250 people served if \$20 k restored.

Committee discussed options for the \$69k held aside for housing development organizations.

Peter made a motion to grant RT \$30k. Use remaining \$39k to bring current housing developers to 2011 levels and put \$5k back into the housing development pool. Motion was seconded by Charlie. Motion carries 6-1 with Josh in opposition.

Charlie made a motion to grant the remaining \$5k, with \$2.5k to DSCS and 2.5K to AND. Motion seconded by Utuma. Motion carries 6-0 with Josh abstaining.

Peter made a motion accept staff recommendations with changes, excepting the recommendations for LISC and DSCS based on the conflict of interest by Josh with DSCS and Ximena with LISC. Utuma seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Peter made a motion to accept the LISC recommendation. Irene seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0 with Josh abstaining.

Ximena made a motion to accept the DSCS recommendation. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0 with Josh abstaining.

4. New Business

N/A

5. Public Comments

No additional public comments.

6. Adjournment

By Chris Block at 7:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 15, 2012

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