



CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Citizen's Committee on Community Development will be holding their monthly meeting at the location and on the date indicated below:

Tuesday, March 20, 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 5:09 p.m.

Committee members present: Present: Josh Arce, Utuma Belfrey, Colin Lacon, Irene Yee Riley, Chris Block, Peter Cohen, Charlie Sciammas

2. **Approval of minutes of February 21, 2012**

Approved unanimously.

3. **Update on HOPE SF**

September Jarrett gave a brief presentation on HOPE SF. (handout)

There were no questions from the committee. Committee noted that the Bayview meeting was noticed in the Public Library and City Hall.

Gail Hampton asked who represents Hunter's View.

4. **Review and Approval of 2012-13 CDBG/ESG Preliminary Funding Recommendations**

Brian Cheu went over each proposal that was submitted for 2012-13. Committee asked for brief clarifications. Funding decisions also factored in NRSAs.

Capital Projects

Committee discussed grant size for capital projects and if under \$50k was an efficient use of dollars. Small capital grants are necessary because it is difficult to get funding for small projects and difficult to find leverage.

Housing Development

In October, CCCD got an overview of affordable housing. Many agencies do multiple things. Committee discussed geographic location as a factor and specific agencies, as well as agencies not funded this year that were last year, the inclusion of a new agency, Rebuilding Together (RT) and specific comments on an agency that has continued to receive funding despite questions. Committee discussed RT, a national organization with a local presence. Committee discussed if this is a movement towards smaller, single family development. Existing agencies have this capacity too.

Committee asked for clarification on who is new, who was cut completely and who was decreased. Committee discussed last year's housing development grantees.

Community Centers

No new grantees. There were no increases in grant size and no one was zeroed out.

Domestic Violence

CUAV zeroed out. Case management didn't measure up.

Public Feedback

Wendy Phillips of Dolores Street Community Services (DSCS) did receive a capital grant last year, did receive another for a housing project for HIV+ persons in the Mission. Low income homeownerships programs should not displace affordable housing development. Willing to give up \$2k increase if helps others.

Rachel Eborá of Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center (BHNC) commented on how difficult affordable housing development is, which includes maintaining and managing assets. Small grants are still important. For the sake of the big picture, to benefit fellow housing developers, willing to forgo the increase in next year's grant.

David Schnur of Community Housing Partnership commented on the shrinking resources for housing development and the difficulty in funding new organizations. Do they have access to other resources? Where are dollars coming from? There have been sizable cuts this year and previously, received a 50% cut over a 2-year period.

Financial Literacy

Existing grants were renewed. MEDA received an additional grant to support their new role as the City's Sparkpoint grant recipient.

Homeless Services

All current grantees were maintained except for Mary Elizabeth Inn who did not apply.

Homeownership Counseling

SFHDC missed the proposal deadline. For Bayview neighborhood, Will hold aside money for a different RFP.

HOPE SF

Existing grantees maintained but finding is in a different format. Bridge grant increased slightly, they have the best results so far. For Sunnydale, decreased Mercy to \$40k, but MOH retains a service connection to developer. New grant to TURF, who is onsite for \$40k and \$35k for Visitacion Valley Family Resource Center, which receives First 5 money as leverage. Urban Services is now the subcontractor to the YMCA Bayview. MOH no longer funds services in AG a Choice Neighborhoods grant covers this. Committed wants funds to go to the people on the ground and wants to see more impact.

Legal Services

Grants remain largely the same. La Raza Central Legal was decreased, with increased grants to CARECEN, La Raza CRC and DSCS.

Tenants Counseling/Eviction Prevention

All grants maintained. Funding includes a onetime only grant to Legal Assistance to the Elderly and a onetime increase Self Help for the Elderly. Catholic Charities and Eviction Defense Collaborative also received a onetime increase in order to maximize dollars for rapid rehousing. In SF, a major source of rapid rehousing dollars has been eliminated.

TAY

Brothers Against Guns was cut because the agency is struggling with some serious issues. Conservation Corps was added. Their program will primarily serve the Bayview and has strong GED and case management activities. Also added Opportunity Impact in the Western Addition.

Committee discussed TAY in relationship to the big picture, the trends and MOH's increasing investment in TAY.

Staff responded that the most proposals were received from TAY providers. There were good proposals from agencies providing services to clients under 18 providers who wanted to ramp up to serve TAY.

Committee discussed the \$235k for the YMCA Bayview to serve Hunter's View (HV), down from \$330k this year. YMCA, as the grantee, will be the overseer of Urban Strategies. This is a large grant in comparison to others. Committee discussed

HV's needs, including case management. Staff responded that this funding is part of a citywide initiative, that MOH is core funding leveraged by foundation dollars

Public Feedback

Eugenie FitzGerald of the LGBT Center commented that the agency received cuts but is more stable this year. The Center has more leverage this year from foundations. Economic development programs are better when clients receive more than one activity. The Center is establishing best practices and sharing their work. An example of a successful program is their lending circle.

Brian Basinger of AIDS Housing Alliance (AHA) thanked committee for the continued investment. He is proud of their numbers, noting that the agency spends only \$75 per month per client to prevent homelessness. AHA is a community based organization and is unique in that it was founded and is run by people on disability. .

Planning and Capacity Building

Kept all current grantees except for one time planning grant recipients.

Economic Development

Funded programs include business TA, corridor work and access to capital. Business TA grants maintain, with Asian Neighborhood Design added to augment ADA accessibility compliance.

For corridor grants, VVBIG was cut, but is looking for general fund dollars. Zeroed out Working Solutions. A BOS ordinance recapitalized the revolving loan fund. Added Mission Asset Fund, who provide a peer lending circle and zero interest loans. Committee discussed specific agencies and their funding.

Workforce

Grants are in the 2nd year of a two year cycle. Zeroed out three agencies: JVS was cut because the partnership did not do well. Funding for Goodwill truck driving program was cut, but they are, funded for other things. Walden House's computer services training program was cut. Program was to serve the Bayview but moved to Haight Ashbury and had performance issues.

Young Community Developments and Episcopal Community Services provide computer service training.

Cuts represent the 12% decrease from HUD, which is final.

Urban Solutions received an increase from \$70k to \$100k to offset some of SFRA cut. \$450k for 6th St. program was lost.

Committee discussed the opportunities and shifts that are occurring in the City. Committee supports keeping funding decisions current, staying mindful of what opportunities exist and staying innovative.

Committed discussed how best practices and outcomes could influence future decisions.

Committed discussed the potential policy shift to single family housing development and agreed to explore it further at next April's meeting. Also the recommended grant to Rebuilding Together will be discussed. Public testimony from RT and other housing developers at the public hearing will be considered.

Motion by Colin to move funding recommendations forward, with the stipulation that funding for Rebuilding Together be removed for now, and that money be held aside for a housing development grant. Josh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, all in favor.

Committee discussed LISC. LISC provides TA to commercial corridors and managers.

Committee discussed MOH and OEWD's responses to suggestions from community meetings. Committee discussed MOH's TA/capacity building grants, including Compasspoint's voucher program, and whether mentoring and coaching TA programs were viable.

Committee and staff will also discuss CCCD member terms, officer elections at the May meeting. Committee will discuss the process, including meeting times and dates.

5. New business

No new business.

6. Public Comment

No additional public comment.

7. Adjournment

At 7:40 by Chris Block.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 28, 2012, 4 p.m., 2nd Floor Atrium, 1 S. Van Ness Ave.

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