



CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 5:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Irene Riley, Clint Loftman, Emma Kelsey, Azalea Renfield, and Aileen Hernandez.

City Staff in Attendance: Brian Cheu (MOHCD), Pierre Stroud (MOHCD), Gloria Woo (MOHCD), Julia Sabory (MOHCD), Helen Hale (MOHCD), Dedria Black (HSH), David Taylor (OEWD), Joshua Arc (OEWD), Marissa Bloom (OEWD), Glenn Eagleson (OEWD), Angel Cardoz (OEWD), Diana Ponce de Leon (OEWD)

Members of Public in Attendance: Cathleen Miles (New Door), Kyle Wicks (America Works), Tori Conley (America Works), Mark Burns (Homebridge)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. **After small correction by Aileen Hernandez to the meeting minutes from March 9, 2021, they were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

3. Director's Report (*Discussion Item*)

None

4. Committee Members' Report (*Discussion Item*)

None

5. Review preliminary funding recommendations for Federal CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funds for FY 2021-22

a) Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

Discussion Item: Dedria Black, Deputy Director for Programs, presented an overview of the department's funding strategies, including the five core components (Outreach, Problem Solving,

Coordinated Entry, Shelter, and Housing). She then presented the department's 2021-22 Emergency Solutions Grants.

Action Item: HSH Emergency Solutions Grants funding recommendations were **moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

b) Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) - Economic Development division

Discussion Item: Angel Cardoz, Director of Small Business Programs, presented OEWD's Economic Development funding recommendations. These largely represent flat funding from the current 2020-21 grant year, with the exception of increases to Bay Area Community Resources (fiscal sponsor to Portola Neighborhood Association) for their Portola San Bruno Avenue commercial corridor revitalization project, and to Excelsior Action Group for their Excelsior Small Business Resiliency Project (with 2021-22 recommendations of \$100,000 each for those two projects.

Aileen Hernandez had a question regarding how many businesses they are serving this year, and how many they project to serve with the increased funding next year. Mr. Cardoz provided that information – Bay Area Community Resources: current 54, projected 77 – Excelsior Action Group: current 63, project 90.

Action Item: OEWD Economic Development CDBG funding recommendations were **moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

c) Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) – Workforce Development division

Discussion Item: Joshua Arce, Director of Workforce Development provided brief overview regarding Workforce Development RFP and introduced David Taylor, Workforce Development Program Officer. David provided more detail regarding the RFP and funding strategies, and then presented the CDBG recommendations for 2021-22.

Action Item: OEWD Workforce Development CDBG funding recommendations were **moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

d) Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD)

Discussion Item: Brian Cheu, Director of Community Development, provided an overview of the RFP process, recommendations from all fund sources by program area and strategy, and then a breakdown of recommendations by fund source. He then highlighted considerations for recommending federal CDBG funding (serving Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas and federal compliance requirements), and then went through all federal funding recommendations in more detail.

Irene Yee Riley asked about the \$558,450 in CDBG for Causa Justa::Just Cause, asking what they are doing that requires that relatively large grant amount. Brian explained that grant is part of the MOHCD's Eviction Prevention program, where the need for both tenant counseling and legal representation are far greater than what the city can fund, and that this grant is in

alignment with other key projects within that program area. He also explained that, even with MOHCD's current large investment, more than an additional \$5 million in funding would be needed to fully meet the demand for tenant counseling and legal representation.

Aileen Hernandez asked about rating process for proposals. Brian explained that the RFP process included two types of proposals – full and supplemental proposals. All proposals were scored by two reviewers, generally one Community Development staff and one non-Community Development staff (mostly outside community reviewers). The scores were particularly helpful in evaluating new projects. The next level of review included review of current and past performance, organizational capacity, target populations, and geographic equity. MOHCD is recommending to maintain a generally stable level of funding for projects that are high performers. MOHCD is not recommending any changes to the projects funded with CDBG and HOPWA. New projects were funded through non-federal sources. Some projects with non-federal funding did see either increases or decreases from their 2020-21 funding levels, which Brian described in detail. The Mayor's Office has approved these recommendations. The public hearing on funding recommendations will be next Tuesday, June 1st. The Board of Supervisors will hear the federal budget resolutions in July 2021.

Action Item: MOHCD federal funding recommendations were **moved by Irene Riley, seconded by Clint Loftman, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

e) Public Hearing on June 1st (Discussion Item)

Gloria Woo, MOHCD Director of Data, Compliance, and Evaluation, provided an overview on the June 1st Public Hearing. Gloria asked committee members to join at 4:30pm, if possible. A presenter Zoom link will be sent to CCCD members shortly. We will have simultaneous translation in four languages, with two professional interpreters for each language. The interpretation will happen in the same Zoom meeting room, but on separate audio channels.

Brian will provide welcome, introduction to webinar, and overview of recommendations. We will then open the meeting to public comment, with 2 minutes per speaker.

f) Public Comment

None

g) Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.