

**CITIZENS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
MARCH 9, 2016
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING #1 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) held on MARCH 9, 2016 in COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, located at 201 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jerry Jones called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Jerry Jones, Chair	Isabel Rollins, Grant Administrator
Michael Sarti, Vice-Chair	Tom Guice, Community Development Director
Mary Ann Suttles	George Worley, Planning Manager
Robert Painter	Darla Eastman, Administrative Specialist
Pam Wickstrom	
Sandy Griffis - Absent	COUNCIL PRESENT
	Councilman Greg Lazzell

III. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

Isabel Rollins discussed the purpose of the meeting, and announced the project applications that were received and amount requested for CDBG funding for the record (attached). She stated that this year we would not have organizations do a presentation. Seventeen applications were received, so there is only time for Committee questions and public comment. She also announced the final allocation for CDBG funding of \$233,755, just a few hundred less from last year; with about \$35,000 available for Public Service projects and a little over \$150,000 for Construction projects. The Committee will meet on March 23rd to discuss and rank the proposals and make a recommendation. On April, 12th, the plan will be presented to City Council and then brought back for approval on May 10th. The funds should be available after July 1st, and agreements will be signed in the Fall.

The proposed projects are as follows:

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. Adult Care Services; \$25,000. Not in attendance.

2. Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Arizona; \$55,392:

Gerald Szostak, Executive Director, gave a brief introduction and thanked the CDBG Committee for funding their program last year. B&GC's request is for an HVAC system. He discussed growth of the Boys and Girls Club. The Committee asked what happened with moving the Boys and Girls Club to Miller Valley. Mr. Szostak said that they were trying for the Washington School but it wasn't feasible and the cost of upgrading the

building was too high, though they may still use the gymnasium. He also stated that he is updating their contract with the City to lease the current building for another 5-6 years to cover grant requirements.

3. Coalition for Compassion and Justice; \$40,000.

Sharon Anderson stated that CCJ and Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity are submitting a joint CDBG grant application for critical housing repairs, working together to support each other's needs. They have both received grants in the past and this is the same proposal as last year. The funds will be used for services that require licensed contractors and must be sub-contracted such as water heaters, roofs, and replacing HVAC systems; things that will help keep people living safely in their homes.

4. City of Prescott Public Works; \$125,000. Not in attendance.

5. Prescott Area Shelter Services; \$5,365.

Lori Deutsch and Bobbie Leverich, the new Executive Director, described PASS accomplishments and stated that since 2009, PASS has served over 1,800 women and 56 families. She thanked the CDBG Committee for funding PASS in the past. PASS has a 94% transition rate. Ms. Leverich said she called around and got the best lowest cost per item on their request for various building repairs.

6. West Yavapai Guidance Clinic; \$16,218

Laura Norman thanked the CDBG Committee for their support in the past. She discussed the purpose for her request and described what they have accomplished in the building and the need for a new HVAC system to continue those accomplishments. She stated that there are a dozen HVAC systems on the building and 6 need to be replaced immediately. Although WYGC has a large budget overall, they always need additional funding for services, so any assistance helps them provide services. They will need to move forward with the replacement whether or not CDBG funding is received.

7. Yavapai Trails Assoc / City of Prescott; \$75,000

George Sheats discussed the Yavapai Trails/Dexter Neighborhood Bridge, which would be a joint project involving the City and volunteers. He described the foot traffic that goes through the creek to get to the fast food and grocery stores. For 30-40 days a year, the creek is impassable. The City owns the property located behind the APS building on Marina. There are two other bridges in the area that need replacement, but they are finding other funding sources. There will be some minor maintenance, but Public Works and the Dexter Volunteer Program will clean debris as needed. The match (City and volunteer labor) will completely fund the construction of the bridge while the grant would pay for materials.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

1. Agape House; \$8,874

Jim Flower, Executive Director and Becky Mitchell, Board Member, discussed their approach for 2016 funding and described their accomplishments with the 2015 CDBG funds. Jim stated that they had a very successful year. They are not only helping

families to get off the streets, but also providing a mentor to support them in their transition to self-sustainability. They used the 2015 funds wisely; however, expect that next year more families will be in need. They are asking for a little more than last year. They are building a facility fund, but are not yet ready to buy a facility. The model changes over time. They accept families that want to help themselves, and after six to nine months a family should be able to graduate, depending on the circumstances.

2. Alzheimer's Association; 7,500

Meg Fenzi, Executive Director, stated that she is requesting the same funding as last year. She also described some program accomplishments, and that they are exceeding their expectations already this year. She appreciates CDBG support.

3. Arizona Fair Housing Center; \$11,226. Not in attendance.

4. Cornucopia / Prescott Area Restorative Initiatives; \$8,100

Cindy Foss and Jim Gandee discussed the Cornucopia and Prescott Area Restorative Initiatives partnership and the requested funding in 2013 that got them started on their first initiative. The restorative initiative is alternatives or diversion to juvenile detention. They rebuild relationships that are harmed by laws that have been broken. The new focus is to work to keep students in school and not fined and jailed for lack of attendance. This helps departments to focus on hard crimes and not on kids missing class. In 2014, PARI partnered with Prescott Unified School District and their schools to provide an array of restorative practices for discipline and to rewrite discipline policies. The new project is starting this summer with data collection. So far 35 students have been served.

5. MIKID – Mentally Ill Kids in Distress; \$10,345

Traci Rainey of MIKID gave a brief presentation on the organization since it's their first time requesting CDBG funds. She said that this is the 29th year MIKID has supported children with behavior health issues. Ms. Rainey stated that MIKID improves the behavioral health and wellness of children and youth through a family-centered approach. MIKID utilizes interactive therapy designed to use pre-defined best-practices psycho-educational materials to help clarify historical or present problems/conflicts. They are requesting funds to continue to support children and provide first-aid classes, family education, suicide prevention, and resources for families with behavioral-needs children. Referrals come from the Center for Family Services and word of mouth. The Committee recommended a public service announcement to get information out about the MIKID Program.

6. New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center; \$10,000

Davis Hirschfeld and David Seigler discussed the New Horizons Disability Empowerment Program, and are requesting funding for rides for people who are seeking self-help. Mr. Hirschfeld noticed was that there is no collaboration with non-profits and a lot of duplication of efforts, as well as no transportation services. There are other programs that help the disabled, elderly, and low-income Prescott residents. New Horizon's goal is to fill a gap that other non-profits can't provide.

7. Northern Arizona Council of Governments; \$38,800

Leah Cickavage, Program Manager for NACOG, requested funding for an out-of-school youth learning program. Currently, they have 80 youth enrolled in the program. NACOG also provides job training and job placement opportunities.

8. People Who Care; \$10,000

Fritzi Mavis stated that she has been providing transportation assistance for our residents in need for over 24 years with People Who Care in Prescott. This is their first request for CDBG funding and they are mainly a volunteer provided service. It's a personal, direct service that involves establishing a relationship with the client. They are not a bus service, but assist clients to be as independent as possible. They have over 170 volunteers. The request is for a part-time person to use the new database system that will improve customer service, also to train volunteers, and follow-up with clients.

9. Prescott Meals on Wheels; \$25,000

Bert Ijams, Executive Director of Prescott Meals on Wheels, said she understands that the committee is aware what Prescott Meals on Wheels provides, and gave a brief summary of the accomplishments. She stated that their biggest challenge is fund-raising for the gap that is not funded annually by the Area Agency on Aging. Each year, they do meet that goal of raising 40% of costs, which is vital in keeping the sick and elderly out of hospice and other care facilities with healthy nutrition. The additional funding request is because the numbers of "unauthorized" meals have gone up 40%. The administrative cost for a single meal is \$11.09 per meal; food only is approximately \$3.00.

10. U.S. Vets; \$28,250

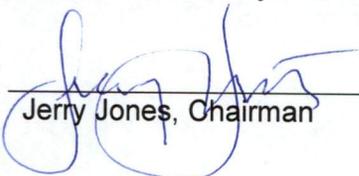
Carole Benedict, Director for U.S. Vets, discussed the U.S. Vets Program and how they serve over 150 homeless veterans annually. She stated that their request for a freezer is so they can expand and purchase food at a lower cost. They are also requesting one month of food cost. The transitional housing is located at 1113 Gurley Street, and that is where they do most of their cooking in a small commercial kitchen. They have 56 beds and provide three meals a day in the dining hall. The request is a combination of construction (freezer) and public service project (food).

IV. Open for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:30p.m.


Jerry Jones, Chairman


Darla Eastman,
Administrative Specialist