

CDBG Allocation Committee
February 16, 2023
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

CDBG Annual Allocation Committee will conduct this meeting by remote methods/technology at the Zoom link provided below, in accordance with the requirements of 1 M.R.S. section 403-B and the City Council's Remote Participation Policy

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Meeting 7- Agenda

9:00 – 10:30

Finalize committee recommendations and letter to City Manager

Next meeting 3.09.2023
Thursday, January
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Location: via Zoom

CDBG Allocation Committee
February 9, 2023
9:00 am-10:30 am
Remote Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance: Elinor, Janice, Barbara, and Clair
Staff: Heidi McCarthy, Roux Lobozzo

Meeting 6- Minutes

1. Minutes approved from meeting February 2, 2023.
2. Review Answers asked of applicants from February 2, 2023, meeting

A committee member inquired how the fundraising was going for Quality Housing Coalition; Mother's Trust? A committee member had concerns about the funding success. HCD staff clarified that committee members could not change their scores but this information could be used to write recommendations to the City Manager.

3. Review Social Service Scores

HCD staff discussed how they would draft the letter to the City Manager and then have the committee chair review it before the rest of the committee does. The City Manager will allocate the other funds available. Other funds available are \$20,000 in Cotton Street and \$26,788.34 CDBG CV for social services and then we will need to evaluate contingency and program income. Tiff will not be available for City Projects this year.

Committee members discussed the letter to the city manager and how to discuss the recommendations for projects that were not funded. Committee members discussed that the scores are higher this year and that many good projects were left unfunded. A committee member had questions about whether the committee could recommend the other funds. HCD staff clarified that the other funds would be for the City Manager to recommend. HCD Staff will draft the letter to the City Manager and then have the committee chair review it before the rest of the committee does. The City Manager will be the one to allocate the other funds available. Those funds are \$20,000 in Cotton Street, \$26,788.34 CDBG CV for social services and then we will need to evaluate contingency and program income. Tiff will not be available for City Projects in Development this year.

A committee member had a question regarding how long Community Policing will continue to receive a set-aside. HCD staff reviewed the most recent Task Report to answer the question regarding Community Policing funding. The City will continue to fund the project until 2025. A committee member wondered whether the next Task Committee could review the guidelines for set-asides. A committee member stated the preference would be that the City fund the budget for Community Policing. Another member stated they would like the City to consider how to gradually transition to fully fund their budget by the City. The committee members feel that they have had to make difficult decisions because Community Policing with being funded the \$150,000. The committee had some discussion about the points that Project HOME Mother's Trust scored lower than other applicants. A committee member would prefer that they take a year and then reapply next year.

Motion to adjourn

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Questions from CDBG Allocation Committee Review Meeting: 02/09/23

Project Home Mother's Trust-

Could you provide detail regarding how your fundraising efforts are going?

QHC has a fundraising goal to sustain this program for three years. This will require approximately \$1,050,000 or \$350,000 per year. Thus far, we have raised about \$280,000 in private donations. Because the direct cash payments are challenging to fund through grants, we are reserving the donor contributions to fund the \$240,000 per year in payments to participants. We continue to seek grant funding for the evaluation and for a full time coordinator.