

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

In Attendance: Lawson, Mounir, Janice, Barbara, and Clair
Staff: Mary, Heidi, and Roux

Meeting 7- Minutes

1. The committee approved minutes from February 9, 2022.
2. HCD staff wanted to clarify the errors that were published on the City's website on February 13 and how they influenced the allocations. HCD staff also stated it is common for applicants to request their scorecards and most of the time the applicants would like feedback as well on their applications. The allocations have been updated to the City Manager.

Committee members wanted to clarify the funding that the City manager has left to recommend she will allocate those funds.

Committee Chair shared the updates to the letter for the City Manager. A committee member wanted clarification about whether to use the word contingency for other funding recommendations. The committee wanted to recommend programs that did not get funding to the next highest score in the development category. HCD staff clarified that contingency cannot be used for social service but cotton street funds and CDBG-CV funds are available.

A committee member wanted to make a point about how competitive the process is and how essential services are not getting funding. Should a recommendation be suggested to change funding caps? A committee member wanted more information regarding the Task Force that recommends the funding caps. The council could make recommendations on the funding process. Is it better to disperse less money through the community or fully fund specific applicants? If the 150K were removed from the set aside, it would free up funding for other applicants. HCD staff wanted to clarify that the Taskforce would not be engaged until 2025-2026 to take up recommendations to review the CDBG allocation process. A committee member wanted to stress the importance of Community policing but that the operational budget should reflect that in the operating budget. Community policing represents such a small portion of the overall budget. A committee member stated the letter should state a call to action regarding the set aside earlier than 2025 that would allow the committee to fund other applicants. Committee members discussed whether they should include a funding cap. HCD Staff may be able to provide data for the Task Force. A committee member wanted to point out that Through These Doors was successful in the set aside as it came back with a strong proposal and so the new applicant set aside was successful in that light. The committee members discussed the score criteria for the new project aside the set-aside and if that might change, HCD staff pointed out that the Housing Coalition- Project Home; Mother's Trust would not be funded this year if they changed the scoring threshold to be higher. A committee member brought up that there may not be enough data to change scoring recommendations for new set-asides.

The committee discussed the process to complete the recommendations and will send the reviewed letter to the HCD office on February 17.

Motion to adjourn

Next meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 9:00-10:30 am

Location: via Zoom