

CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDAC)
PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
5850 W. GLENDALE AVENUE
Council Chambers
Glendale, AZ
MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2009
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erin Hart, Chair
Chris Flippen, Vice Chair
Susan Jernigan
Rebecca Ontiveros
Mary Jean Eggleston
Pattie Johnston
Madelin Page
Yolanda Hernandez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Toops
Karen Mankoski

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Strunk, Community Partnerships Director
Gilbert Lopez, Revitalization Administrator
Mona Francis-Spellman, Revitalization Supervisor
Brian Lotto, Revitalization Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Business from the Floor/Public Comment

None.

III. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Requests

Chair Hart announced that the Committee would discuss and vote on recommendations for the CDBG funding requests for Public Services. There is \$186,085 in available grant funds. Chair Hart stated that discussion would be held first on each request and then motions would be heard.

Homeless

1-1 Homeward Bound – Requested \$15,000

Committee member Flippen suggested tabling this item until this agency's ESG grant was discussed.

All agreed by consensus to table discussion on this request.

1-2 Society of St. Vincent de Paul – OLPH – Requested \$45,000

Chair Hart asked if this agency had the capacity to verify U.S. citizenship and income levels. Mr. Lopez stated that staff does provide technical assistance in this area to all agencies. Mr. Lopez added that state and federal law requires verification of these facts prior to receiving CDBG funding. Staff ensures that all agencies comply with this law.

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund Society of St. Vincent DePaul – OLPH for \$15,000. Committee member Page made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-3 City of Glendale Community Assistance Program (CAP) – Requested \$100,000

Committee member Jernigan expressed concern over the fact that the agency distributed its whole current fiscal year available funds within the first three months. Mr. Strunk explained that this was due to the greater number of requests due to the foreclosure crisis. Mr. Lopez added that this type of program assists people who need money immediately in order to save their homes. Mr. Lopez added that each qualifying client receives one month assistance and they must prove that they can pay the following months due.

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to fund City of Glendale CAP for \$100,000. There was no second. Motion died.

Motion made by Committee member Flippen to fund City of Glendale CAP for \$30,000. Committee member Page made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

Domestic Violence

1-4 Community Information & Referral (CONTACS Shelter Hotline) – Requested \$10,000

Chair Hart expressed concern about the agency's capacity to verify income levels, however, was appeased by the comment that staff does ensure that all federal and state laws are followed.

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund CONTACS Shelter Hotline for \$10,000. Committee member Page made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-5. West Valley Child Crisis Center – Requested \$40,000

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund West Valley Child Crisis Center for \$20,000. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-6. A New Leaf - Faith House Emergency Shelter – Requested \$25,000

Committee member Jernigan noted that this request is for the salary of a case manager to be on site at the Glendale location.

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund the Faith House Emergency Shelter for \$20,000. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

Youth

1-7 Back to School Clothing Drive Association – Requested \$19,108

Committee member Jernigan stated that this was a great idea, but expressed concern over the financials. Committee member Page agreed. Chair Hart also held concerns over the internal controls and auditing.

Motion made by Committee member Page to not fund the Back to School Clothing Drive Association. Committee member Jernigan made the second. The motion passed 7 - 1.

1-8 Central AZ Shelter Services (CASS) – Vista Colina (Child Care Services) – Requested \$15,000

Chair Hart mentioned that the issue of late, but accurate reporting, from this agency had been resolved. Ms. Francis-Spellman agreed and added that since staff has offered technical assistance for reporting and made site visits, improvement in the reporting process has been made.

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to table discussion on CASS Vista Colina program. Committee member Johnston made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-9 Junior Achievement of Arizona (JA Biz Town) – Requested \$25,000

Chair Hart mentioned that the agency did provide the list of Glendale schools served by this program as requested at the last meeting.

Committee member Flippen commented that this program only serves 5th and 6th grade students, which is a very narrow market. Committee member Flippen felt that during these difficult economic times, there were more immediate and pressing needs for families. Committee member Eggleston agreed.

Motion made by Committee member Page to not fund the Junior Achievement Biz Town program. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion passed 8 - 0.

1-10 Way of Life Foundation (P.L.A.Y.) - Requested \$30,000

Committee member Page noted that, because of the challenging economy and that this was a program which did not address basic, immediate family needs, it would be difficult to fund the request. Committee member Jernigan agreed.

Motion made by Committee member Page to not fund the Way of Life Foundation P.L.A.Y. program. Committee member Hernandez made the second. The motion passed 8 - 0.

1-11 Valley of the Sun YMCA (First Offender Program) – Requested \$11,473

Motion made by Committee member Eggleston to fund the Valley of the Sun YMCA First Offender program for \$9,610. Committee member Jernigan made the second. The motion passed 7 - 1.

1-12 Glendale Family Development Center – Originally requested \$80,880 revised to \$63,800

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to not fund the Glendale Family Development Center. Committee member Johnston made the second. The motion passed 8 - 0.

Disabled

1-13 Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona DBA Valley Center for the Deaf - Services for the Deaf/Blind – Requested \$20,000

Committee member Flippen commented that Glendale has the highest request for services from this agency.

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund the Valley Center for the Deaf for \$15,380. Committee member Flippen made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-14 Foundation for Blind Children - Infant Program – Parent Education – Requested \$20,000

Committee member Flippen praised the program, but felt that since 92% of clients served are from Phoenix, the Committee should table discussion on this request.

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to table discussion on the Foundation for Blind Children - Infant Program – Parent Education. Committee member Page made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-15 Foundation for Senior Living – Restorative Therapy Program – Requested \$26,264

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund the Foundation for Senior Living Restorative Therapy Program for \$10,000. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-16 Citivan Foundation – Our Night Out Program – Requested \$12,000

Committee member Ontiveros commented that although this was a good program, due to the economy, funds should be allocated to programs addressing basic and immediate needs.

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to not fund the Citivan Foundation Our Night Out Program. Committee member Jernigan made the second. The motion passed 7 – 1.

1-17 Advocates for the Disabled - Fiduciary Support Program – Requested \$10,000

Committee member Jernigan expressed concern over internal accounting issues. Committee member Flippen agreed.

Motion made by Committee member Flippen to not fund the Advocates for the Disabled Fiduciary Support Program. Committee member Page made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

1-18 ACORN Institute - Acorn Centers – Community Services – Requested \$15,000

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to not fund the Acorn Centers Community Services program. Committee member Johnston made the second. The motion passed 8 - 0.

General Assistance

1-19 Community Information and Referral (24-Hour Help Line) – Requested \$10,000

Motion made by Committee member Page to not fund the Community Information and Referral – 24-Hour Help Line. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion passed 8 - 0.

1-20 Community Legal Services - Removing Barriers to Justice for Low-Income Glendale Residents – Requested \$30,000

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund the Community Legal Services Removing Barriers to Justice for Low-Income Glendale Residents program for \$15,000. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion passed 7 – 1.

1-21 St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – Emergency Food Box Program – Requested \$30,000

Chair Hart noted that the reporting from this agency was an area of concern. Mr. Lopez commented that staff does keep on top of this issue and has not found it to be a significant problem.

Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to fund the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance Emergency Food Box Program for \$30,000. Committee member Page made the second. The motion passed 8 – 0.

The Committee revisited tabled items.

1-1 Homeward Bound – Requested \$15,000

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to not fund Homeward Bound and to consider funding under the Emergency Shelter Grants Program. Committee member Johnston made the second. The motion passed 8 - 0.

1-8 Central AZ Shelter Services (CASS) – Vista Colina (Child Care Services) – Requested \$15,000

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to not fund the CASS Vista Colina program. Committee member Jernigan made the second. The motion passed 7 – 1.

1-14 Foundation for Blind Children - Infant Program – Parent Education – Requested \$20,000

Committee member Flippen commented that although this is a good program, approximately only 8.9% of its clients served are from Glendale.

Committee member Eggleston stated that although this is a low-incidence population, the effects on a family can be devastating and this agency provides rare, in-home visits. Committee member Jernigan agreed.

Committee member Ontiveros stressed that in this economy and with the limited budget, funding should be allocated for food, shelter and basic needs.

Motion made by Committee member Ontiveros to not fund the Foundation for Blind Children (Infant Program – Parent Education,) Committee member Flippen made the second. The motion passed 6 - 2.

Unallocated Funds

The Committee had to allocate \$6,514 in funds still available.

1–3 City of Glendale Community Assistance Program (CAP) – Requested \$100,000
Motion made by Committee member Jernigan to allocate an additional \$6,514 to the City of Glendale Community Assistance Program. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. The motion carried 8 – 0.

The Committee Members all agreed that the process was difficult in various respects. All agreed that due to the challenging economy and tight budget; food and shelter were of utmost priority when voting on funding recommendations.

Regarding agencies that did not receive funding, Committee member Page asked that Staff send letters to thank all of the agencies for applying for funds and that due to the difficult economy and tight budget, the Committee was unable to fund all of the requests. Staff agreed to do so.

Committee member Jernigan praised all of the non-profits for the wonderful work done and stressed that many are struggling at this time.

IV. Director/Staff Report

Staff thanked the Committee for their time and for making tough budget recommendations.

Mr. Strunk also thanked Committee members Ontiveros and Hernandez for serving on the Board of the City of Glendale Community Assistance Program (CAP).

Mr. Lopez announced that the next meetings would be Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in Council Chambers and Thursday, January 15, 2009 in B-3.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Kazmierczak