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AGENDA

LEWISVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

**Lewisville City Hall, 2nd Floor, Development Services Conference Room
151 W. Church St., Lewisville, TX 75057**

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1. Call Meeting to Order, Announce a Quorum is Present
 2. Approve minutes of May 21, 2024
 3. Revisit 2024-2025 Social Services Grant Funding Award Recommendation
 4. Update on Proposed CDBG Public Infrastructure Projects and HOME Projects for the 2024-2025 Year
 5. **Visitor/Citizens Forum**
Speakers must address their comments to the Chair rather than to individual Committee members or staff. Speakers should speak clearly and state their name and address prior to beginning their remarks. Speakers will be allowed 5 minutes for testimony. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks may be removed from the meeting. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, clapping, and similar demonstrations will not be permitted. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Action can only be taken at a future meeting.
 6. Adjournment

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**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBG AC)**

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Development Services Conference Room, Edora Butler presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

Kathi Stock, Chair
Edora Butler, Vice Chair
Duff Taylor
Timothy Fields
Breanne Jackson
Akber Allana

Committee Members

Absent:

Staff Members

Present:

Rachel Hiles, Grants Specialist
Elena Shehan, Grants Coordinator

Item 1: Edora Butler, Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order in the presence of a quorum at 6:37 p.m. Kathi Stock, Committee Chair, joined the meeting shortly after and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Item 3: New committee members, Breanne Jackson and Akber Allana, introduced themselves to the group and the other committee members did the same. Staff announced the resignation of Chris Crawford from the CDBG Advisory Committee.

Item 2: The committee reviewed the minutes of April 16, 2024. Duff Taylor moved to approve the minutes; Edora Butler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 4: Rachel Hiles, Grants Specialist, provided a review of the individual budget recommendations completed by each member who had reviewed and scored applications for the 2024-2025 Social Services Grant funding cycle. Based on these individual recommendations and application scores, Kathi Stock led the committee's deliberations over award amounts for applicants and determined a committee-wide recommendation.

Edora Butler moved to approve the recommended budget for the 2024-2025 Social Service Grant; Timothy Fields seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Item 5: Elena Shehan, Grants Coordinator, provided an overview of the proposed CDBG Public Infrastructure projects for the 2024-2025 funding year. She outlined the staff proposal for funding to be allocated towards the Minor Housing Rehab Program for HVAC repair, replacement, and installation, and the Multifamily Accessibility Program. Potential new projects

were reviewed with the committee: pairing CDBG funds with new HOME funding for affordable housing projects, creating an Accessory Dwelling Unit program to support the build of ADUs on low-income homeowner property for low-income renters, and supporting low-income senior living complexes with possible nutrition or transportation needs.

The committee provided feedback on the proposed projects, with questions about how support for ADUs would look in regards to homeowners and renters. The committee voiced support for the Minor Housing Rehab Program continuation and the potential for supporting low-income senior living complexes with CDBG funds.

Item 6: There were no requests to speak before the committee for the Visitor/Citizens Forum.

Item 7: Duff Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting; Edora Butler seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hiles
Grants Specialist

Kathi Stock
Committee Chair

CDBG Advisory Committee Nonprofit Spotlight



More Than A Shelter

Most people understand and identify Denton County Friends of the Family as an emergency shelter for domestic violence victims. DCFOF does operate two full time emergency shelters and a variety of services for victims of domestic violence, but services extend far beyond that. DCFOF serves as the County rape crisis center. One program focusing on sexual assault survivors is our Survivors Advocacy Team (SAT). Members of SAT provide an invaluable service to victims of domestic and sexual violence. SAT members meet and accompany victims to hospitals for a forensic exam (SANE) or other medical treatment or to local police stations for follow up interviews.



Denton County
Friends of the Family

Trained SAT members receive a call from the DCFOF crisis line when a victim is sent, taken, or shows up to the hospital and requests a SANE exam or when law enforcement calls and requests an advocate for an interview. The SAT's most important job is to support victims and their families with kind, supportive words, a listening ear, a change of clothes and resources for follow up care. SAT members provide information about the free help and services that victims can receive through DCFOF, for instance, counseling, advocacy, and Crime Victim's Compensation (CVC). By March 2024, DCFOF has responded to 50% more than the number of calls last year. In a 12-hour period in mid-March the community engagement department provided 4 SAT calls and one law enforcement accompaniment. #MoreThanAShelter

A Busy Spring

At Special Abilities of North Texas we've been busy getting more clubs up and running for our ACEs. By the end of June, we will have Volunteer Club, Book Club, Performing Arts Club, Fitness Club, and Door Decor Club meeting regularly to do specialized on-site and off-site activities. We have also enrolled new ACEs, some of whom have been on our waiting list for over a year.

As a part of our ongoing advocacy efforts, Special Abilities of North Texas has joined the Time to Care Coalition, which is dedicated to addressing the workforce crisis facing Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) who care for Texans with developmental disabilities.

Finally, I'm happy to share that we are close to selling out of our tables and sponsorships for our Denim and Diamonds Gala, which will be on October 12th at the Marriott in Flower Mound. All of these exciting updates are a direct result of community support that has allowed us to hire and retain staff, invest in our programs, and develop relationships with other organizations and businesses.



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