

CWAC Recommendations CARES
July 19, 2021 @ 5:00pm

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Glenda: We are going to call this meeting to order with the CWAC to provide recommendations for the 2021-22 CARES funding. First thing is roll call.

Toni: This is Toni Promenchenkel, I am attending this meeting from my dining room table.

Elaine Tipton: Elaine Tipton, 48503, Fifth Ward, I am here

Glenda: Unfortunately, we made a mistake and the COF Neighborhood Cleanup belongs in the Public Service. That means we have an extra \$100,000 to go toward blight or to another category that is not public service.

Toni: I don't understand how Neighborhood Cleanup isn't blight.

Carissa: Unfortunately it's the regulations that count this as a public service, so there is nothing we can do about it other than categorize it as a public service.

Glenda: So we have \$400,000 to Code Enforcement, CFI asked for \$900,000 and got nothing, CFI 1515 N. Saginaw got nothing, and MADE got nothing, and SBEV got their full amount. If you don't recall them I can read some of the descriptions of these activities here.

Allie: I just want to mention that Billie has hopped onto the call.

Glenda: Well hello Billie, so you know what is happening on Friday Toni and Elaine put this money toward Neighborhood Cleanup in the blight, but it is a public service. They have decided to put this \$100,000 toward Code Enforcement.

Billie: Hello, yes I agree with that.

Glenda: I think Neighborhood Cleanup had some issues, is that right?

Deyhana: There were some issues with getting their payment requests in.

Mike: Yes, but they are spending.

Glenda: So you guys now have to decide if you want to fund them in the public service and move this money around. First of all, what are you guys looking to fund this cleanup at. The total \$100,000 or cut this down?

Toni: I have a question, is there any money in the CARES act that would cover the office of blight for neighborhood cleanup.

Glenda: Not for neighborhood cleanup, no. I don't know if the \$900 million that we got from the mayor will go toward that or not.

Mike: Just for some clarification, Neighborhood Cleanup got \$50,000 last time.

Carissa: I want to add that when we didn't have a covid year, they did spend. I think they spent \$40,000.

Billie: Can you show on the screen from line 1 to the end?

Carissa: Unfortunately we cannot show the whole thing, it's just too big.

Glenda: Just the blue.

Billie: Okay, so we have to reduce one of these. I know I give a lot to United Way and a lot of people do... I don't know if the rest of these agencies do that. So I would take some away from them.

Elaine: So our options are to not fund one at all or reduce some of the others?

Carissa: I think this is all of the public service activities, is it too small for you guys to read?

Billie: I am okay, I can see it.

Elaine: I can't recall, did United Way have a minimum?

Glenda: I don't think Public Services had minimums, I think that was just like the projects. Can anybody check that?

Carissa shows the application

Billie: Oh man, nevermind. This is tough. The only thing I'm saying is Tapology doesn't receive funding from other places. Like Tapology compared to United Way, they don't have other organizations taking money out to give that to them.

Carissa: The unique thing about United Way is that they actually fund smaller organizations that don't meet the requirements for our specific funds. So for clarification it's not going directly to United Way, United Way is funneling back to smaller groups within the city.

Glenda: The thing about United Way is the guys' payment requests are always stellar.

Billie: Well I don't know.

Elaine: I am kind of, unfortunately, I am leaning toward not funding it.

Glenda: What, the neighborhood cleanup?

Elaine: Yes. They have \$28,000 left, we normally give them \$50,000, and they need \$100,000. Maybe funds will be reprogrammed. I know we can't give them first dibs.

Glenda: Well, did we fund them in 2020-21?

Mike: Well we are talking about 2021 right now, aren't we?

Glenda: We are talking about 2021-22. Let me go back and see about that. Oh, we gave them \$49,000.

Carissa: If you were to give them \$100,000, they would have basically \$150,000 for the year ending June 30th, 2022.

Glenda: So basically they have money.

Carissa: Yeah. \$49,713. The remainder of the contract Mike spoke to earlier and if there are reprogramming dollars, they can apply for that as well.

Glenda: Exactly, so you can avoid going through that painstaking process of cutting stuff down, if you want.

Elaine: I want to do that.

Toni: Yes, I agree.

Billie: Yes, I agree with that, too.

Move on to CARES Act funding

Glenda: We are finished with that. Now we are moving on to CDBG-CV and ESG-CV. These are CARES allocations. If you look in column F3, you can see our total amounts. The mayor went through and recommended certain amounts to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID. We received this allocation to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID. So the mayor made recommendations to do just that. So if you look at the column Carissa just highlights we have all these projects.

Glenda goes through CDBG-CV funds and the mayor's recommendations.

Elaine: I have one question, the COF DPW community centers, I heard Berston, I thought I only read Brennan.

Deyhana: And Hasselbring.

Glenda: I thought Berston was there, but I was mistaken.

Elaine: Brennan and Hasselbring submitted separate applications. When we do it together like this, is that the discretion of the mayor of who gets what amount?

Glenda: I think that it says that because it would be the DPW carrying out the activity, not the specific centers.

Billie: Community Center Facility Improvements, that's Brennan, Hasselbring, and Berston?

Glenda: It might just be Hasselbring and Brennan?

Billie: And \$100,000 is all they're receiving. Habitat for Humanity is receiving \$500,000 and a couple million. Why is our maintenance department only receiving \$100,000?

Glenda: No, they are not. Unless they got funded with the Annual Action Plan. But the recommendations are already there, but if you want to make the comment, we can put that on there.

Billie: Yeah, I wouldn't mind seeing that.

Carissa: It would have to be an improvement that prepares, prevents, and responds. When we have a contract with DPW we may have activity for community centers, but we may not know which center until we are in contract. So it's possible that the \$100,000 we allocate may be going to another facility improvement, not Berston or Hasselbring or Brennan.

Glenda: Basically, if we give the money to DPW then they can decide where to spend that money. I know for a fact Berston needs windows, we have an audit for Berston that was done by Consumers and it shows what they need to do to improve their air quality and conserve energy. So they have things they need to do.

Billie: I just left Berston, \$100,000 just does not seem like enough money to meet the requirements for what they need.

Glenda: So we can make note of that, that we have \$100,000 recommended for Community Centers but it seems like we should be providing them more to prevent, prepare, or respond to COVID.

Billie: Thank you.

Glenda: You are welcome. Does anyone have any questions or comments?

Elaine: I have questions and comments. I have procedural questions, when we review these 15 applications... and it goes back to the community centers to make sure they're funded and funded properly. So Berston did not submit an application? How is it you're aware of Berston but we did not see anything about Berston? For these centers, the applications were separate items. So are they now falling under one umbrella and this umbrella is going to make all the decisions about who gets what.

Glenda: Right, but these centers don't have the capacity to get all of these things done. But our maintenance department knows what needs to be done, so he will have to bid that out.

Elaine: Right, but they did put together a budget for what they wanted to improve. Like Brennan wanted flooring and different things and they did put together a budget.

Glenda: But then you have to look at how it prevents, prepares, and responds to COVID. So they can apply for anything they want, but if it doesn't prevent, prepare, or respond, then we can't fund that. I can tell you will have reprogramming dollars that can go toward them soon, we will be calling you guys soon. There is money. Any other questions?

Toni: When were these proposals submitted to you guys?

Deyhana: Around March and April is what the application has on them.

Toni: And we just saw them two days ago. So this administration has had months to review them and we have had two days to look at them. I think we should just go with the administration's recommendations since they've had time to look at them this long.

Carissa: Will you let them know there has been a big evolution with HUD for eligibility and that's why it's been taking so long to get them applications?

Glenda: The mayor and admin has looked at all of these and we have talked to HUD about what was proposed and they kept telling us things were ineligible. Some things I thought were eligible, they would say no, but then they would go back and talk to people and come to us after and say it is eligible. There have been more regulations released more recently about what is available to be spent with this funding. Like we heard about one emergency shelter, we could get touchless amenities, and HUD said no at first, but now it's okay. Things have been evolving. When I present this to you, it's essentially just to show you so you know what's going on.

Elaine: Let's just take it and go with it.

Toni: What Elaine said.

Glenda: I still want to make sure we pass on your comments. Let's move on to ESG. We spoke about shelters with CDBG funds, but for shelters here, we can use ESG-CV funds for this. Because in shelters, it's close quarters, so you can put that toward preventing COVID. They discussed getting modular furniture.

Glenda reviews ESG-CV activities.

Toni: What is the C-line, the amount they requested or the administration's suggestions?

Glenda: The admin didn't suggest anything because the shelters knew what they wanted so we were able to fund them to the full amount. So that's it, that's all we have for you until we call on you again. Any questions or comments before we adjourn.

Elaine: No.

Glenda: Toni?

Toni: No. That looks good to me.

Glenda: Billie?

Billie: No. Everything looks fine.

Glenda: Okay, then I move to adjourn this meeting, do I have someone to second that?

Billie: I will second.

Glenda: All who agree to adjourn say "I".

All say I in unison.

Glenda: Okay, this meeting is adjourned at 5:59pm. Have a great night.

Meeting adjourned.