

Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held remotely. Audio at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/urban-county-policy-board>

April 13, 2020

URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Temple Lentz	Clark County
Councilor Cherish DesRochers	City of Battle Ground
Jim Hodges	City of Camas
Jeff Swanson	City of La Center
Councilor Ron Onslow	City of Ridgefield
David Scott	City of Washougal
Tracy Coleman	City of Woodland
Councilor Malita Moseley	Town of Yacolt

GUESTS

Sam Crummett (City of Battle Ground); Peggy Sheehan (City of Vancouver)

STAFF

Michael Torres, Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce, Janet Snook

I. Introductions

II. March 9, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion made by Jim Hodges and seconded by David Scott.

III. HUD Funding – CARES Stimulus CDBG Allocation #1

CARES Stimulus provided \$890,000 Covid-based funding. A second allocation is expected. Focusing these funds towards small businesses that are experiencing declines due to Covid 19 closures, and to support tenants in HOME tenant-based rental assistance units, was recommended. David Scott moved to proceed with the distribution as described. Jim Hodges seconded. Motion carried.

Activity	Funding
Small Business Forgivable Loan assistance	525,000
Addtl TBRA Housing Case Management	60,000
Addtl Hispanic Chamber business assistance	50,000
Addtl Mercy Corps NW business assistance	50,000
Implementation	27,010
Administration (20%)	178,003
Total CDBG	890,013

IV. 2020 CDBG and HOME Scoring and Selection revisit

To alleviate homelessness in Clark County, in March, the UCPB prioritized funding TBRA. This reduced the allocation to Proud Ground. Proud Ground is also eligible for CDBG funding, and requested reconsideration of this allocation.

David Scott made a motion to move \$100,000 funding from VHA Orchards Inn Outdoor Amenities to Proud Ground. Motion was seconded by Jim Hodges and passed.

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Upon further discussion, a motion was made by David Scott to move the remaining \$56,270 of Orchards Inn funding to supplement TBRA assistance. Some HOME funding previously awarded to Proud Ground was also adjusted to provide additional TBRA. Ron Onslow seconded the motion and motion carried. Revised allocations are as follows:

2020 Clark County CDBG and HOME Application Scoring and Recommendations						
Contract #	Applicant	Project	Average	Request	CDBG	HOME
Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements						
2004	Washougal	Social Service Building Repairs	92.50	\$227,000	\$227,000	
2002	Camas	NW 12th Avenue Improvements	81.67	\$255,000	\$255,000	
2003	Ridgefield	Simons Street Improvements	81.67	\$255,000	\$255,000	
2001	Battle Ground	SE Clark Avenue Improvements	74.17	\$129,200	\$129,200	
2005	VHA	Orchards Inn Outdoor Amenities	70.71	\$244,300	\$0	
Asset and Economic Development						
2008	Mercy Corps NW	Small Business Development	85.43	\$50,000	\$50,000	
20H8	Proud Ground	Homeownership Assistance	84.29	\$300,000	\$147,000	\$153,000
2007	Hispanic Chamber	Small Business Assistance	83.14	\$73,200	\$73,200	
Affordable Housing and Homelessness						
2009/20H1	Janus Youth	Nest TBRA	93.29	\$120,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
20H5	Mercy Housing	Mercy PeaceHealth Housing	90.71	\$250,000		\$250,000
20H6	Second Step	Market-rate Unit Acquisition	89.86	\$300,000		\$300,000
20H7	VHA	Central Park Place Rehab	83.71	\$200,000		\$180,000
2011/20H3	Share	ASPIRE TBRA	80.29	\$300,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
2010/20H2	Lifeline	TBRA	80.00	\$87,500	\$9,370	\$47,500
					\$1,215,770	\$1,280,500
Total Available CDBG				\$1,215,770		
Total Available HOME				\$1,280,500		
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V. Three Year Agreement Renewal

Every three years, HUD requires jurisdictions to commit to participating in the County program. Jurisdictions that choose not to continue in this participation must send a letter to the County and to HUD by June 7, to opt out.

VI. Other

The next meeting is May 11, 2020, 8:30 am, if needed.