

# Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held remotely

October 12, 2020

## **URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Julie Olson	Clark County
Councilor Cherish DesRochers	City of Battle Ground
Jim Hodges	City of Camas
Jeff Swanson	City of LaCenter
David Scott	City of Washougal
Councilor Malita Moseley	Town of Yacolt

## **GUESTS**

Emily Lutz (City of Battle Ground); Steve Wall (City of Camas); Peggy Sheehan (City of Vancouver); Jamie Spinelli (community member)

## **STAFF**

Michael Torres, Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce, Janet Snook

### **I. Introductions**

Councilor DesRochers was appointed to serve as chair until Councilor Olson's arrival.

### **II. August 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved following a motion made by David Scott and seconded by Councilor Moseley.

### **III. CARES Act CDBG-CV3 funding**

Upon motion by Dave Scott that was seconded by Councilor Moseley, the board established the additional \$935,000 CDBG-CV funds will be awarded non-competitively on UCPB recommendation and County Council approval to get the funding distributed rapidly in the community. Activities funded must prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19 and meet HUD CDBG criteria.

Councilor DesRochers made a motion to award \$379,000 to the Battle Ground Free Clinic for needed COVID-related repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilor Moseley and passed. Awards for the remaining funds will be discussed in November.

### **IV. Program updates**

Small business assistance of \$1.042M was awarded to 162 businesses throughout Clark County. Fourth Plain Forward has been contracted to provide an additional \$500,000 in assistance serving 75 businesses along the Fourth Plain corridor. Funds must be spent by the end of November. County Council and City of Vancouver have also provided small business assistance.

### **V. 2019 CAPER**

From July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, \$2.77M CDBG and HOME funds were expended towards 18 activities approved by the Urban County Policy Board.

### **VI. Other**

Community Needs Assessment forums are scheduled for October 27-29, 2020. Public participation is requested. The forums will discuss needs and priorities of households with low-income in Clark County and describes poverty in our community.

The next meeting is November 9, 2020, 8:30 am, to be held virtually