

# Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

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

March 8, 2021

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

Councilor Julie Olson, Chair	Clark County
Councilor Cherish DeRochers	City of Battle Ground
Jim Hodges	City of Camas
Jeff Swanson	City of La Center
Bryan Kast	City of Ridgefield
David Scott	City of Washougal
Councilor Malita Moseley	Town of Yacolt

## **GUESTS**

Emily Lutz (City of Battle Ground): Scott Conger, Dennis Morrow (Janus Youth); Katie Ulrich (Proud Ground); Amy Reynolds (Share); Lloyd & Sue Neal (BGHC); Michelle Wright (City of Washougal); Joshua Ollinger (Vancouver Housing Authority)

## **STAFF**

Michael Torres, Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor Olson called the meeting to order.

### **I. Introductions**

### **II. January 11, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made by Jim Hodges to approve the minutes, seconded by David Scott, minutes approved.**

### **III. HUD Funding Updates**

Available funding has been calculated. With reprogrammed funds, CDBG has \$1,116,303 to allocate to applicants, and HOME has \$488,311. There is also a balance of \$459,185 of CDBG-CV funds that have not been allocated. The American Rescue Plan is expected to provide additional HOME dollars.

### **IV. 2021 Application Scoring and Selection**

Based on scoring by the UCPB, a recommendation was provided to the board for consideration. **David Scott motioned to accept the recommendation, seconded by Jeff Swanson and approved.**

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<b>2021 Clark County CDBG and HOME Scoring and Recommendations</b>					
Applicant	Project	Total Score	Request	CDBG	HOME
<b>Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements</b>					
Camas	NE 2nd Avenue Improvements	88.00	\$170,000	\$170,000	
Lifeline	Mothers Recovery House	82.67	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Washougal	Hamlik Park	80.00	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Battle Ground	NE 1st Street Sidewalks	70.80	\$247,200		
Woodland	Beechwood Sidewalks	69.40	\$228,000		
<b>Asset and Economic Development</b>					
Hispanic Chamber	Small Business Assistance	91.47	\$73,200	\$73,200	
Proud Ground	Homeownership Assistance	88.60	\$300,000	\$261,689	\$38,311
Mercy Corp NW	Business IDA Program	86.03	\$290,000	\$221,414	
<b>Affordable Housing and Homelessness</b>					
Janus Youth	Nest TBRA	93.17	\$120,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Lifeline	Recovery TBRA	91.33	\$120,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Share	ASPIRE TBRA	79.00	\$300,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
VHA	Battle Ground Multifamily	72.33	\$300,000		
Second Step	Market-rate Unit Acquisition	71.00	\$300,000		
<b>Total CDBG</b>			<b>\$1,116,303</b>	<b>\$1,116,303</b>	
<b>Total HOME</b>			<b>\$488,311</b>	<b>\$488,311</b>	

### V. **CDBG-CV3 Discussion and Selection**

An update to the Battle Ground Health Care project was discussed. The original funding request was to provide rehab to their current building. The board originally awarded \$627,858. BGHC has since found a newer building in a more accessible location and can expand services by moving to a new location. They are requesting the balance of CDBG-CV3 funds of \$459,185, bringing the new total for the project to \$1,087,043. The total project cost is \$2,600,000 after an \$856,000 discount to the price. Remaining balance would be paid through a 15-year purchase option. CDBG-CV funds will be used to pay the first 5 years of payments and do some tenant improvements. **Cherish DeRochers motioned to accept the recommendation to allocate the remaining dollars for the program, seconded by David Scott, and approved.**

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## **VI. Program Updates and Reports**

- Clark County is receiving U.S. Treasury funding for emergency rent assistance in the amount of \$14.7m, estimated to assist 2,200 households. Clark County is partnering with several nonprofit and affordable housing agencies to distribute the funds. The state is also providing \$15.4m for this program in Clark County, estimated to assist an additional 2,500 households. Waiting for additional guidance from Treasury.
- In 2020, Clark County Community Services received a grant from Washington State Department of Commerce to increase shelter capacity. This is a joint project with the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Housing Authority. The VHA acquired a former hotel near Vancouver Mall to serve as a non-congregate shelter. Catholic Community Services was selected as the operator for the shelter through a request for applications. The shelter is estimated to open in June. This will convert to permanent supportive housing in three years.
- An overview of the October-December 2020 quarterly reports was provided. Most projects are on schedule.

## **VII. Other**

- National Community Development Week is April 5-9. Staff can provide information and draft proclamations if needed.
- The next virtual meeting is April 12, 2021, at 9:30AM, if needed.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 10:28 AM.