

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2022**

A virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on June 9, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

Members Present: Chris Poirier, Tamika McKenzie, Mary Garcia, John Partin, Evan Collins, Armando Fernandez, Ben Link, Glenn Albright, and Michael Ernst

Members Absent: Christy Lemieux, Tracy Belt, Sendreka Lakes, Virginia Dickerson, and Charlotte Ingram

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Robert Scott, Michael Baker, Kawana Hooks, and Emma Kimbrel

ORDER OF MEETING

The meeting began at 11:11 am. With nine CDAC members being present, the CDAC board was able to conduct official business.

- CDAC approved meeting minutes from March 17, 2022. The vote moved to motion by Mary Garcia and second by Michael Ernst.

DISCUSSION

1. Vote for CDAC Chair & Vice Chair

Chris Poirier, Board Chair, introduced himself and Tracy Belt, Vice Chair, to the new members. Armando Fernandez, Glenn Albright, and Michael Ernst introduced themselves to the board. Emma informed the Board that Charlotte Ingram, another new member, would be absent.

2. FY23 CDBG & HOME Grant Update

a. FY23 Allocations

Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director, began the FY23 CDBG & HOME Grant Update. Rob shared that 3 weeks ago Community Reinvestment received their City FY23/HUD PY22 Entitlement Fund Allocation. CDBG received \$1,633,453 and HOME received \$1,072,086. There is a special allocation of HOME funding this year called HOME-ARP. The City received \$3,574,055 in HOME-ARP funding. Rob shared the eligible activities and how organizations could apply for the funding. There are 23 CDBG applications currently submitted, and Rob shared that only 15% of the CDBG allocation can be used for the public service applications. The Community Reinvestment Department expects to make recommendations in the next 5-6 weeks. HOME received 4 applications.

b. Reprogramming

Rob shared that there are funds that have not been spent from as early as 2015. Currently there is \$2,515,219.68 in CDBG and \$550,000 in HOME. In order to rectify the unexpended funds, Rob went to Council to have them approve a substantial amendment

to Community Reinvestments previous action plans from 2015-2021. The reprogrammed amounts will be expended between four projects: a shared kitchen at the Fox Community Center, 19th Street Storm Water Abatement project, Wynnton Rd retaining wall, and a affordable housing development at the former BTW site which is right across from the Civic Center.

c. FY22 CAPER

Rob shared about the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). Rob spoke about how the CAPER shows who has been served and what the City has funded with their yearly allocations. The CAPER is due September 30th.

d. Public Meetings

Rob talked about the public meetings coming up. Citizens will get a chance to publicly comment on the allocation recommendations and Rob welcomed the Board to be apart of that process. There will also be public meetings to discuss the HOME-ARP funding. The public meetings will take place around June/July time.

3. Open Floor Discussion

Ben Link asked if a mural could be put on the Wynnton Road retaining wall. Rob answered yes, it lies within the realm of possibility.

Ben shared his idea on a multifunctional shelter and what it could look like and incorporating that into the RFP process. Rob responded about what HUD is looking for when it comes to the HOME-ARP and how it wants to know who the organizations are going to serve and the outcomes of that service. Rob shared the City is looking for multilayered responses and progressive applicants. Ben responded wanting the language in the RFP to be intentional to attract those type of responses.

Michael Ernst asked about training in reference to scoring CDBG applications that was mentioned in the March minutes from the last meeting and if that was what Rob was referring to when he talked about the June/July public meetings. Rob responded explaining that the grant applications had been scored already. Rob further explained the scoring process and that the application window ended.

Armando Fernandez asked if there would be a training to bring the new members up to speed with CDAC with grading applications and what's going on in the community. Rob responded saying the application grading would not be taking place until next year and a training will be done then. Rob asked Emma to set up a meeting for a new member orientation. Emma responded and said that the Department can be more intentional about adding CDAC to their email chain, so they receive the notices that are going out.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting September 8, 2022, 11:00 am on Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM.