

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Summary of the
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
December 14, 2023**

A virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on December 14, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

Members Present: Mary Garcia, Virginia Dickerson, Charlotte Ingram, Mike Welch, and Tamika McKenzie

Members Absent: Armando Fernandez, Tracey Belt, Evan Collins, Michael Ernst, Christy Lemieux, John Partin, Sendreka Lakes, and Glenn Albright

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Michael Baker, Emma Kimbrel, Kawana Hooks, Altemese Wilson and Kimberly Mitchell

ORDER OF MEETING

The meeting began at 11:05 am. With five CDAC members being present the CDAC board was unable to conduct official business due to lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION

1. CDBG & HOME Grant Update

a. Chairperson

Emma Kimbrel, Community Reinvestment Planner let the board know that Chris Poirier resigned his position. Tracey Belt, Vice Chairperson, will be acting as Chairperson. There was not a quorum so a vote could not be held at the current meeting.

b. Annual Action Plan

Emma gave an update on the FY2025 Annual Action Plan. Emma explained that the Annual Action Plan carries out the goals of the Consolidated Plan. The document shares how HUD funding will be expended by the Community Reinvestment Department.

c. RVRC Program Agreement

Emma shared about the programmatic agreement between River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The agreements' purpose is to shorten the SHPO response time from 30 days to 15 days by using RVRC as the department's local SHPO authority. The agreement is in the final stages of review.

d. Public Facilities Application

Emma gave an update on the CDBG – Public Facilities applications. The application is open on a yearly basis, with no closing date. Applications will be accepted based on eligibility and readiness. Emma shared a few examples of CDBG-PF projects the department is working on.

e. ARP Update

Mary Garcia, ARP Project Analyst, gave an update on ARP funding. Mary shared about the Utility Assistance Program as well as the Affordable Housing Program.

Board Member Mike Welch asked Mary what is considered low income. Mary responded that 80% below the area median income for Columbus.

Mike asked what the amount was for 80%. Mary gave some examples and Emma sent the income chart post meeting.

Mike asked what assistance was being given and how do citizens apply. Mary shared about the utility assistance and our partnership with Enrichment Services.

Board Member Charlotte Ingram asked about how to apply. Mary shared that applications are closed right now, but they are trying to reopen once they receive additional funding. She stated that if reopened, citizens would make an appointment with Enrichment Services to ensure they qualify and should apply.

Mike asked if this is a one-time payment, Mary confirmed that is correct.

f. Meeting Times for 2024

Emma shared meeting times for 2024. She asked if there were any issues with the proposed times and no board members had any.

2. Open Floor Discussion

Mike asked about the minutes from September 8, 2022. Emma shared that CDAC has not had a quorum since 2022. Mike suggested if board members miss a certain number of meetings, they're off the board. Emma let the board know they are working on that currently.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting is March 14, 2024, at 11:00 am on Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.