

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING FUNDING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 4:00 PM

In-Person at 222 Laporte Avenue, Colorado River Conference Room and online via TEAMS Video Call.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:06 PM

2. ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present –
 - Erma Woodfin, Chair
 - Lori Warren, Vice Chair
 - Olga Duvall
 - Michaela Ruppert
 - Chris Coy
 - Christine Koepnick
 - Mike Kulisheck
- Board Members Excused –
 - Jan Stallones
- Staff Members Present –
 - Adam Molzer, Staff Liaison, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
 - Jessi Kauffmann, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
 - Halley Pucker, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
 - Beth Rosen, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
 - Beth Yonce – Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
 - Tamra Leavenworth - Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
 - Brittany Depew - Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
- Guest(s) –
 - Tim Pierz
 - Elizabeth Lok
 - Bob Pawlikowski
 - Hope Cornelis-Moore
 - Runeela Jalal
 - Jodi Terwilliger-Stacey
 - Kyla Pfeif
 - Lorye McLeod
 - Sharlene Johnson
 - Kaley Hunyen
 - Dexter Beasley
 - Annie Lindgren
 - Brennen Barber
 - Marianne Black
 - Zoe Broughton

- Devin Barth
- Lynn Grasso
- Jen Stover

Due to the duration and extent of the preliminary grant review, the summary of the meeting reflected in the minutes below may not include all details of the HSHF Board's discussion. For further information, details and insight and video recording, contact the HSHF Board staff liaison.

3. AGENDA REVIEW – Adam Molzer reviewed the agenda. The Board accepted the agenda without modification.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION –

Guests from the public introduced themselves. No additional public comments.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- **Board Decision on Potential Funding for Homelessness in 2026**
- This board is to decide how any potential new dollars are to be assigned if in a situation next year where the local general fund budget has new funds or returned funds above what has been awarded.
- The board engaged in discussion surrounding various organizations to receive the potential funding.

Lori Warren motioned to approve a plan to allocate any new or returned dollars next year to CDBG-3 Family Housing Network and HRP-7 Outreach Fort Collins, in the listed order and not to exceed their original requests. Chris Coy seconded.
Approved 6-1. Opposed by Erma Woodfin.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Deliberations to Formulate Funding Recommendations – Human Services**
Adam Molzer provided a review of the deliberations protocol and funding available (\$785,829). Adam reviewed the scorecard criteria and ranking spreadsheet. He noted that funding recommendations will go before City Council in June and the grant cycle will begin in October 2025. This is a two-year grant cycle.
Deliberations protocol has Board members begin at the top of the ranking list, with each proposal open to further discussion. Funding recommendations will be made with a first and second motion, and friendly amendments are permitted.
- **HS-3 Alianza NORCO**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$55,000. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-40 Teaching Tree**
Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$55,000. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-13 ChildSafe Colorado**
Motion by Chris Coy to fund at \$55,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-7 CASA of Larimer County**
Motion by Chris Coy to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Lori Warren. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-35 Project Self-Sufficiency of Northern Colorado**
Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 6-1.

Opposed by Chris Coy.

- **HS-16 Crossroads Safehouse**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 5-1. Opposed by Chris Coy. Lori Warren recused.
- **HS-24 Food Bank for Larimer County**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-42 The Family Center/La Familia**
Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$55,000. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-8 CASA of Larimer County**
Motion by Chris Coy to fund at \$20,000. Seconded by Lori Warren. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-41 The Crawford Child Advocacy Center**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-36 Respite Care**
Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Mike Kulisheck. Approved 4-3. Opposed by Chris Coy, Lori Warren, and Erma Woodfin.
- **HS-38 Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center**
Motion by Lori Warren to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-30 McBackpack**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Lori Warren. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-43 The Matthews House**
Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 4-3. Opposed by Chris Coy, Michaela Ruppert, and Erma Woodfin.
- **HS-50 Volunteers of America**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-18 Disabled Resource Services**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-48 United Way of Larimer County**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$55,000. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-49 Vindeket Foods**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-6 Care-A-Van/SAINT**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 4-3. Opposed by Mike K, Christine Koepnick, and Lori Warren.
- **HS-5 Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. The motion fails 3-4. Opposed by Chris Coy, Christine Koepnick, Michaela Ruppert, Lori Warren. The board engaged in discussion. Michaela Ruppert shared hesitation to fund a program with a large recognized national name and resource reach and would prefer to support smaller grassroots organizations.

Motion by Lori Warren to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 4-3. Opposed by Mike Kulisheck, Olga Duvall, and Erma Woodfin.
- **HS-1 A Little Help**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Michalea Ruppert. Approved 5-2.
Opposed by Chris Coy and Erma Woodfin.

- **HS-37 Rocky Mountain Youth Medical & Nursing Consultants**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 5-2.
Opposed by Chris Coy, Olga Duvall. The board engaged in discussion. Olga Duvall shared hesitation to fund a program supporting a narrow group of people vs. others that serve a larger population.
- **HS-27 La Cocina**
Motion by Chris Coy to fund at \$0. Seconded by Lori Warren. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-28 Larimer County Partners – Partners Mentoring**
Motion by Lori Warren to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 7-0.
- **HS-39 Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,829. Seconded by Mike Kulisheck. Approved 5-1.
Opposed by Chris Coy. Michaela Ruppert abstained.
- **HS-45 Salvation Army**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-1. Opposed by Lori Warren.
- Lori Warren had to leave for another obligation and was excused for the remainder of the meeting.
- **HS-11 Center for Family Outreach**
Motion by Chris Coy to fund at \$0. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-17 Crossroads Safehouse**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-12 Children’s Speech and Reading Center**
Motion by Chris Coy to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-20 Elderhaus Adult Day Program**
Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-4 Boulder Pride – Rocky Mountain Equality**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-31 Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins**
Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-14 Colorado Health Network**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-21 Ensign Skills Center**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-29 Lighthouse**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-9 Catholic Charities**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 5-0.
1 recusal, Chris Coy.
- **HS-23 Feeding Our Community Ourselves – FoCo Café**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.

- **HS-44 The Quarter Project**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-47 Turning Point Center for Youth and Family Development**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-15 Colorado Youth for a Change**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-10 Center for Community Partnerships**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-19 Easterseals Colorado**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-25 Healing Warriors Program**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-32 Mercy Housing Mountain Plains**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-2 Abundance Foundation**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-34 Pathways**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-22 Exceptional Kids**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-33 Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-46 The Vegetable Connection**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0.
- **HS-26 L'Arche Fort Collins**
Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 6-0.

Slate Proposals:

Motion by Erma Woodfin to adopt the recommended funding slate for Human Services true dollars and percentages as discussed and presented. Seconded by Chris Coy. Approved 6-0. Lori Warren excused.

Adam Molzer applauded the Board members for the work done in Housing, Homelessness and Human Services over the last few months and weeks.

- **Board Decision on Potential Additional Human Services Funding in 2026**
 - The board was asked to decide how any potential additional new dollars that may become available in 2026 should be assigned.
 - The board engaged in discussion surrounding various organizations to receive the potential funding.

**Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fully fund HS-39 SAVA with potential additional funding.
Seconded by Chris Coy**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund HS-27 La Cocina with potential additional funding after SAVA is fully funded. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 5-1.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – None.

8. STAFF REPORTS –

Adam shared recognition for Beth Yonce's service to the City over the last 30 years and her upcoming retirement this summer.

9. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- **Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.**

Minutes approved by the Chair and a vote of the Board on 05/14/2025