

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## Human Services & Housing Funding Board

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### SPECIAL MEETING

April 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM

222 Laporte Ave, Fort Collins – Colorado River Room

Additional viewing option via Zoom

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- At 4:09 PM the meeting was called to order by Josh Johnson.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present
  - Josh Johnson, Chair
  - Olga Duvall, Vice Chair
  - Christine Koepnick
  - Erma Woodfin
  - Michaela Ruppert
  - Mike Kulisheck
  - Mike Nielsen
  - Pat Hastings
- Staff Members Present
  - Adam Molzer, Staff Liaison, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
  - Javier Echeverría Díaz, Sustainability Service Area – City of Fort Collins
  - Beth Rosen, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
  - Amanda McGimpsey, Social Sustainability – City of Fort Collins
- Community Members in Attendance
  - Nathan Shaw, Vindeket Foods
  - Dustin Barrington, L'Arche Fort Collins
  - Jane Barber, Disabled Resource Services
  - Sharlene Johnson, Food Bank for Larimer County (online)
  - Katie Dockery, Exceptional Kids (online)
  - Kelli Pryor, United Way of Weld County (online)
  - Emma

Due to the duration and extent of the human services 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, resources are available by contacting the HSHF Board staff liaison.

#### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

Adam Molzer reviewed the agenda. The Board accepted the agenda without modification.

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 5, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Olga Duvall moved to approve the April 5, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Erma Woodfin seconded. Josh Johnson abstained due to absence at the April 5 meeting. Approved 7-0.

**6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

None.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Deliberations to Formulate Funding Recommendations – Human Services**

Adam Molzer provided a review of the goals of deliberation and the methods used to evaluate each Board member's scorecard. Javier Echeverría Díaz provided the Board members with a brief overview of the data analysis process, explaining that each Board member's scorecard was reviewed for accuracy and deviations. In his evaluation, Javier noted that all members' scores were well-balanced throughout the applications from high to low scores. No adjustments were necessary.

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.

Adam Molzer noted that funding recommendations will go before Council in June and the grant cycle will begin October 2023. Adam presented the Board with the available funding amount (\$907,977) and provided an overview of the ranking spreadsheet.

**HS-18: Homeward Alliance – Family Services Programs**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$35,000. Seconded by Pat Hastings. Approved 7-0-1. Christine Koepnick abstained.

**HS-34: The Family Center/La Familia – Family Support Services**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$42,700. Seconded by Mike Nielsen. Approved 8-0.

**HS-19: Homeward Alliance – Murphy Center**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$32,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 7-0-1. Christine Koepnick abstained.

**HS-5: CASA of Larimer County – Family Connections at Harmony House**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$36,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 8-0.

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#### **HS-4: CASA of Larimer County – Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$35,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 8-0.

Adam Molzer provided an update of funds: remaining balance is ~\$727,000.

#### **HS-40: United Way of Weld County – Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$21,000. Seconded by Josh Johnson. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-3: Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County – Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$31,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-8: ChildSafe Colorado – Child Abuse Treatment Program**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$40,000. Seconded by Mike Nielsen. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-31: Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center – Childcare Scholarships for Low-Income Families**

Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$54,000. Seconded by Josh Johnson. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-24: Neighbor to Neighbor – N2N Rent Assistance Coordination**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$42,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-27: Respite Care – Childcare Scholarships for Low-Income Families**

Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$25,500. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-26: Project Self-Sufficiency – Project Self-Sufficiency**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$21,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-2: Alianza NORCO – Bilingual Navigation Services Program**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$17,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-33: The Crawford Childhood Advocacy Center – Fighting Child Sexual Abuse & Maltreatment**

Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$17,000. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-35: The Matthews House – Youth and Family Center**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$30,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-17: Food Bank for Larimer County – Fort Collins Kids Cafe**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$22,000. Seconded by Josh Johnson. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-43: Volunteers of America – Home Delivered Meals Program**

Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$24,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-23: Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins – Meal Delivery Program**

Motion by Mike Nielsen to fund at \$31,000. Seconded by Mike Kulisheck. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-39: United Way of Larimer County – Larimer Child Care Fund**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$20,000. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Friendly amendment by Pat Hastings to fund at \$23,000. Accepted by Erma Woodfin and Christine Koepnick. Approved 8-0.

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#### **HS-37: The Salvation Army – Rent and Utilities Assistance**

Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$19,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 8-0.

Adam Molzer provided an update of funds: remaining balance is ~\$309,777.

#### **HS-7: Children’s Speech and Reading Center – Childhood Communication**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$16,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-10: Disabled Resource Services – Disability Services for Independence**

Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$25,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-41: Vindeket Foods – Vindeket Market**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$18,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Friendly amendment by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$19,500. Accepted by Pat Hastings and Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

Discussion: The Board expressed their appreciation for the ways in which this organization addresses both hunger and food waste.

#### **HS-29: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center – Sexual Assault Victim Services**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$26,000. Seconded by Mike Kulisheck. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-1: A Little Help – A Little Help for Older Adults in Fort Collins**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$24,000. Seconded by Mike Nielsen. Approved 8-0.

Adam Molzer provided an update of funds: remaining balance is ~\$199,000.

Adam Molzer called for a short break at 5:24 PM and the meeting resumed at 5:51 PM.

#### **HS-15: Family Housing Network – Sherwood House - Bridge Housing**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Pat Hastings. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-9: Crossroads Safehouse – Bringing Justice Home**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-12: Elderhaus Adult Day Program – Direct Care for Residents Living with Disabilities**

Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$30,000. Seconded by Josh Johnson. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-21: Larimer County Partners**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-22: McBackpack – McBackpack Program**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Friendly amendment by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$17,000 was declined. The motion fails 4-4. Opposed by Michaela Ruppert, Pat Hastings, Mike Kulisheck, and Erma Woodfin.

Adam Molzer provided an update that if McBackpack were funded at \$15,000, the remaining balance would be ~\$112,500.

Motion by Mike Kulisheck to fund at \$18,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Friendly amendment by Mike Nielsen to fund at \$16,500 was declined. The motion fails 3-5. Opposed by Josh Johnson, Olga

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Duvall, Christine Koepnick, Pat Hastings, and Mike Nielsen.

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$16,700. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 8-0.

Discussion: The Board discussed the important role of this program in the community since it provides children who may depend on school meals on the weekdays with food for the weekends. Some Board members felt it was unfair to fund this project higher than the median when higher-ranked projects received a lower percentage of funds.

#### **HS-6: Catholic Charities – Senior Services Samaritan House Fort Collins**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$32,000. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

Adam Molzer reminded the Board that 12 programs remained to be discussed and provided an update of funds: remaining balance is ~\$75,577.

#### **HS-25: Plan de Salud del Valle – Primary Health Care Services in Fort Collins**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$0. Seconded by Josh Johnson. Approved 7-1. Opposed by Erma Woodfin.

Discussion: Board members noted that City funding would make up only a small portion of this organization's total budget and that the funds could have a greater impact on another organization or program.

#### **HS-36: The Quarter Project – The Quarter Project of Northern Colorado**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 6-1-1. Opposed by Mike Kulisheck. Erma Woodfin abstained.

Discussion: Some Board members felt funds could be better utilized by organizations addressing urgent needs in the community. Other Board members argued for the long-term investment of this program, stating the importance of the educational STEM opportunities it provides to children who may not otherwise have access. The Board also discussed the importance of balancing fund distribution to support both urgent needs and long-term investments in the community.

#### **HS-28: Rocky Mountain Youth Medical & Nursing Consultants – Health & Wellness Centers**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. There is a 4-4 tie, and the motion fails. Opposed by Olga Duvall, Michaela Ruppert, Pat Hastings, and Mike Kulisheck.

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$0. Seconded by Mike Kulisheck. Approved 6-2. Opposed by Christine Koepnick and Erma Woodfin.

Discussion: Some Board members expressed concern that this program serves a smaller number of clients than others and that funding could go further elsewhere. The Board also noted the importance of this program since it helps provide healthcare services to children from underserved communities within the Poudre School District.

#### **HS-42: Volunteers of America – Handyperson Program**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Josh Johnson. Approved 8-0.

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#### **HS-13: Enight Skills Center – Low Vision Rehabilitation Care and Support Services**

Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-14: Exceptional Kids – HighPointe Services**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Pat Hastings. Approved 5-3. Opposed by Christine Koepnick, Michaela Ruppert, and Erma Woodfin.

Discussion: Board members noted that City dollars would not be able to fully fund this project, but that they could be used as a down payment. Adam Molzer explained that the organization would have until September 2024 to use the funds and if they were not able to, they would have to forfeit the funds, which would be reallocated into the 2025 grant cycle.

Adam Molzer provided an update of funds: remaining balance is ~\$15,577.

#### **HS-32: The Arc of Larimer County – Transition Opportunity Scholarship Fund**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Olga Duvall. The motion fails 2-6. Opposed by Josh Johnson, Christine Koepnick, Michaela Ruppert, Mike Nielsen, Mike Kulisheck, and Erma Woodfin.

Discussion: Board members in support of this project argued that it would be the first of its kind in Northern Colorado and offer educational opportunities to individuals who would otherwise not have access. Board members in opposition noted that it serves the lowest number of clients of all applicants and that students would be required to secure additional funding elsewhere since the program doesn't guarantee full scholarships.

#### **HS-28: Rocky Mountain Youth Medical & Nursing Consultants – Health & Wellness Centers**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$15,000. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 7-1. Opposed by Olga Duvall.

#### **HS-32: The Arc of Larimer County – Transition Opportunity Scholarship Fund**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$0. Seconded by Mike Nielsen. Approved 7-1. Opposed by Pat Hastings.

#### **HS-16: Feeding Our Community Ourselves – Community Meals**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-38: The Vegetable Connection – Feeding the Families**

Motion by Michaela Ruppert to fund at \$0. Seconded by Mike Kulisheck. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-11: Early Childhood Council of Larimer County – Professional Development Scholarships for ECE**

Motion by Pat Hastings to fund at \$0. Seconded by Mike Nielsen. Approved 8-0.

#### **HS-30: Sproutin Up – Cooking and Lunch Programs**

Motion by Josh Johnson to fund at \$0. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 7-0-1. Olga Duvall abstained.

#### **HS-20: L'Arche Fort Collins – L'Arche Fort Collins**

Motion by Erma Woodfin to fund at \$0. Seconded by Christine Koepnick. Approved 8-0.

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Adam Molzer provided an update of funds: remaining balance is \$577.

**HS-34: The Family Center/La Familia – Family Support Services**

Motion by Olga Duvall to fund at \$43,277. Seconded by Michaela Ruppert. Approved 8-0.

**Slate Proposals:**

Motion by Pat Hastings to adopt the recommended funding slate for Human Services true dollars and percentages as discussed and presented. Seconded by Erma Woodfin. Approved 8-0.

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

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Adam Molzer shared that a 360-review of the grant recommendation process will be presented at the next regular meeting on May 10, 2023.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 | 5:30 PM | Location: Zoom/Online

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Josh Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Minutes were finalized and approved by the Human Services & Housing Funding Board on \_\_\_\_\_