

FUNDING DELIBERATION REMARKS FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING FUNDING BOARD



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"I believe that all of these projects are worthwhile. When ranking them, I considered how many units would be created/preserved, special needs of the residents, readiness to proceed, and other unique aspects of each project."

"Maintaining our inventory of affordable housing is extremely important."

"These are all very good proposals for important projects. They deserve support. In a world of limited resources, I prioritized maintaining current affordable units and adding to our affordable housing inventory."

"I put preservation at the top, and there were two really good preservation projects."

"I had to look at the actual people living there, and everyone that is low income may not plan to be low income forever, and they have aspirations and goals, and therefore if you are working 2 or 3 jobs, you have no money, you get disrespected, you have so many life events...you ought to be able to come home to a decent place to live, and that is where you are going to get your calm and motivation that helps you get up and go the next day. Would you want to come home to this each day? You may not feel so motivated. Your home affects your mental health, as well. We need to pay more attention to the actual residents who have to live in these conditions, and just giving them a roof over their heads is just not enough."

"I don't think any of these are bad programs...and I was taking into consideration what AHB said, and how we can be stewards of the actual dollars."

"Highest importance was given to housing preservation, but then I also took into consideration the Affordable Housing Board's comments and it made sense to me to group the proposals so that the first representation of different housing options, I was also mindful of other diverse projects."

"Preservation was really important, and I also tried to diversify to make sure other housing options were given favor."

"I was looking at diversity of different missions, as well as turnkey ready, and number of folks served."