

**EXCERPTED MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)**

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:35 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room, LaTashia Sherrod presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

LaTashia Sherrod, Chair
Deniese Sheppard
Tamela Bowie
Eric Page
Sarah McLain

Committee Members

Absent:

Robert Paul
Place 7, vacant

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator

Guests: N/A

Item 3: The committee discussed funding amounts for 2018-2019 CDBG & City Fund (Category II) agencies. Jamey Kirby informed the committee that the City received its allocation from HUD earlier in the day and the CDBG program will receive \$699,807 next year (an increase of \$95,547), of which \$104,971 can be used for social services. Adding the City Social Service Fund target of \$170,000, the committee can recommend \$274,971 in grant awards.

The committee worked off a spreadsheet with their final scores and ranking for each proposal. Ms. Sherrod went from the top and invited committee members to recommend grant awards for each applicant. After an initial round, there was discussion on awards that cut or expanded funding significantly from the current year, including the following:

- Health Services of North Texas - increased would fill a gap in adult health care funding
- Communities in Schools - increase would cover expansion to new schools
- Journey to Dream – increase – prepared to expand services with new license
- Giving Hope Inc. – new program for housing
- MHMR – new program for counseling
- New Hope Learning Center – increase – an additional teacher will increase capacity
- Children’s Advocacy Center – decrease – following a shift of funding to the police dept.
- Teena’s Place – not funded – low score and other programs that do similar work

During two discussions of New Hope Learning Center, Eric Page recused himself and left the room as he has an immediate family member who works for the agency. In addition to the recusal, Mr. Kirby informed the committee that any funding of New Hope should come from the City rather than CDBG funds in order to avoid any conflict under the CDBG program.

The committee will make a formal vote on a recommended budget at its next meeting after considering brick and mortar project proposals.

Item 4: LaTashia Sherrod adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamey Kirby
Grants Coordinator

LaTashia Sherrod
Committee Chair