



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 24, 2021
Virtual- Zoom Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair, Ron HUE, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. A quorum was met after Vel logged in about 4:07 p.m..

ATTENDANCE

☒	Ron Hue, Chair	☐	Gary Earp
☒	Bobbie Littrell, Vice Chair	☒	Vel Wright
☐	Brandon Pocasangre	☐	
☐	Christy Watts	☐	
☒	Bruce Donner		

Staff present:

☒	Alisha Piper, Community Development Coordinator
☐	Christina Palmer, Director Management Services
☐	Brad Beauchamp, City Council Liaison

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron HUE opened the discussion on the May 25, 2021 minutes and asked for a motion – Vel WRIGHT motioned for the minutes to be approved as written – Bruce DONNER seconded the motion – vote approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ron HUE opened the Public Hearing at 4:03 p.m. and closed the Hearing at 4:04 p.m. No comments had been received prior to the meeting and no citizens had registered to address the committee in the virtual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency TBRA: Alisha PIPER presented an update on the Em. TBRA. Kennewick had spent about \$376,000 with about \$90,000 left. Most of it will be spent by the time the contract is up in September.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Project Updates: Alisha PIPER shared the Keewaydin Park equipment has been delayed due to material shortages and the COVID resurgence. However, the project should still be completed by the end of the year.

CDBG-CV3 Funds: Alisha PIPER presented an update on the projects. Mercy Corps NW has awarded all of the grants, some of the money not spent but not sure yet the remaining amount. CaC- The water/sewer utility payments have not been well utilized, probably due to other funds available in the area. Senior Life Resources- Meals on Wheels has ordered PPE and once it arrives, they will order the fresh food to make up the boxes.

TBRA: Alisha PIPER explained the regular Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program is scheduled to be implemented after the Em. TBRA contract expires. The new contract is not yet finalized, but CaC will be the subrecipient and administer this program for the Consortium.

WA Commerce Grant (CDBG-CV2): Alisha PIPER shared that the City was awarded the grant to be used for Kennewick residents Benton PUD bills, in arrears due to COVID. However, since applying, the PUD created an in-house assistance program (May to Dec) and LIHEAP is receiving additional funds starting in October. We do not feel we can spend the money efficiently for electrical subsistence, so we are now looking at different options. The amount would be about \$140-145,000 after administration and subrecipient costs.

2022 Application Presentations: Alisha PIPER reminded everyone the meeting for presentations will be Wednesday, Sept. 22.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.