



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Public Hearing for 2021 Funding
September 23, 2020
Virtual- Zoom Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair, Ron HUE, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. A quorum was met.

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

Ron Hue and the Committee introduced themselves to the Zoom attendees and began the proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not presented for approval at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG-CV3: Alisha PIPER informed the committee that the City received notification it has been awarded an additional \$506,975 in CARES Act funding, also known as round 3. Funding recommendations will be emailed to the committee.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Senior Life Resources Meals on Wheels - \$24,000: Kristi Thien requested funds to purchase food that will be served to seniors who need help accessing nutritious meals. They target seniors who are over age 75, are low-income, minority, or speak limited English. Home delivery is offered to homebound clients as well as a social dining experience for those who are able to travel to the Kennewick Community/Senior Center. COVID required ALL meals to be delivered while indoor dining was not allowed.

ARC Therapeutic Recreation Scholarships - \$23,920: Donna Tracy requested funds to provide young adults with developmental disabilities who reside in the City with recreational opportunities. Activities can include summer day camps, cooking classes, swimming, social events, etc. The program reduces isolation for disabled individuals and encourages personal care and cognitive assistance to reduce barriers to the community. COVID required scholarships to be used for one-on-one services until small groups were allowed to meet with social distance guidelines.

Elijah Family Homes - \$3,000: Matthew West requested funds to continue their Youth Activities Program, which helps provide after school and summer activities for low-income children in their Transition to Success (TTS) program. EFH currently serves four school age children within the City of Kennewick.

Grace Clinic - \$50,000: Mark Brault requested funding to replace the roof at the Grace Clinic facility. The building belongs to the Benton-Franklin Health District and leased by Grace Clinic. Per the lease agreement, Grace Clinic is required to maintain the building while occupying the property.

COK Parks & Recreation Keewaydin Park Upgrades- \$: 408,860: Brandon Lange requested funding to install two new play structures, an ADA accessible pathway, and a signage kiosk at the park which is located at 204 Keewaydin Drive and serves approximately 17,300 residents in multiple census blocks. 51% of the families in those blocks are below poverty level. This serves as the only park available to most of these census tracts.

COK Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarships - \$29,000: Emily Estes-Cross requested funding for the Youth Scholarship program that is run through the recreation department. Low- moderate-income youth are given opportunities to participate in a variety of sports and activities that run twelve months of the year. These include swimming, martial arts, dance, team sports, etc.

At the end of the oral presentations, Committee members deliberated the merits of funding each of the proposed projects before agreeing to the following outcome:

Facility/Infrastructure Improvements		Public Service	
\$410,000	Keewaydin Park Upgrades	\$29,000	COK Youth Scholarships
		\$24,000	ARC Scholarships
		\$24,000	Meals on Wheels
		\$ 3,000	Elijah Family Homes

Grace Clinic was not funded due to contractors' ability to follow Davis-Bacon rules, capacity of staff with current work load, accuracy of quote for the work, and exceeding the 15% Public Service funding.

Ron Hue requested a motion for funding the above projects as deliberated – Bobbie Littrell moved and Vel Wright seconded the motion to approve funding as revised and noted. The vote in favor of the above funding was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.