



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2023
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, **Vice-Chair** Tricia Serlin, Commission Members Jeff Jameson (arrived at 4:08 p.m.), Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Mary Jung, and Stuart Turgel

STAFF: Greg Bestgen, Director; Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist; Jennifer Crane, Community Grants Specialist; Vania Torres, Staff Coordinator; Human Services Managers Rachel Smetana, Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Kristy Hahn-McDonald; Human Services Center Supervisor Mike Lopach; Human Services Center Supervisor Jennifer Murphy

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023

Chair Shearer noted that SRPMIC applications should indicate that the topic was tabled for further discussion, not that they were approved.

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2023 HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT YET PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSIDENTING VOTES.

Approve the Work Study Minutes of March 9, 2023

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2023 HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION WORK STUDY MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT YET PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. FY2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Non-Public Services Applications Funding

Vice-Chair Serlin recused herself from discussions regarding Ability 360 and ARM of Save the Family Foundation of Arizona CDBG Non-Public Services applications.

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal allocation recommendations for CDBG Non-Public Services funding Applications as follows:

- CDBG – Non-Public Services (Housing)
 - Ability 360 – Home Modifications \$ 46,137.00
 - ARM of Save the Family Foundation of Arizona – Purchase Home \$ 0

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG NON-PUBLIC SERVICES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN RECUSED HERSELF. COMMISSIONER JAMESON NOT YET PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. FY 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Applications Funding

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal allocation recommendations for CDBG Public Services Funding Applications as follows:

- CDBG – Public Services
 - Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Homeless Family Shelter \$ 30,898.20
 - Duet: Partners in Health & Aging – Homebound Adults \$ 15,321.00
 - A New Leaf – Men's Homeless Shelter \$ 27,000.00
 - Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) \$ 11,140.00
 - Save the Family – Services (FACES) \$ 8,000.00
 - Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS) – \ Shelter and Services for Scottsdale Residents \$ 16,000.00
 - Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence – Transitional Housing \$ 11,700.00
 - STARS Application – DDD Employment \$ 0
 - Catholic Charities Shelter Services – DV/Veterans Shelters \$ 0
 - Phoenix Rescue Mission – Homeless Navigation \$ 0

- Florence Crittenton – Shelter 12-18 \$ 0
- Community Bridges – Day Relief Center \$ 0
- ELAINE, Inc \$ 0
- McDowell Sonoran Conservancy – Expedition Days on the Road \$ 0
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona – Youth Mentoring \$ 0

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, JAMESON, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. FY 2023/2024 Endowment Applications Funding

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal allocation recommendations for Endowment Funding Applications as follows:

- Endowment Funds
 - Arizona Burn Foundation – Alarms and Deaf Alarms \$ 6,000.00
 - McDowell Sonoran Conservancy - Expedition Days Live STEM lessons \$ 2,600.00

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ENDOWMENT FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, JAMESON, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. FY 2023/2024 Scottsdale Cares Applications Funding

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal allocation recommendations for Scottsdale Cares Funding Applications as follows:

- Scottsdale Cares
 - Community Bridges, Inc. - Mobile Crisis Stabilization Services \$ 16,285.00
 - Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Bridges Program \$ 22,500.00
 - Tempe Community Action Agency – Congregate Meals \$ 22,500.00
 - Homeless Youth Connection – Management \$ 10,000.00
 - Scottsdale Community Partners - Emergency Assistance \$ 22,500.00
 - Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center – ABA and Early Childhood for Autism \$ 14,625.00
 - Community Legal Services, Inc.- Community Legal Services \$13,000.00
 - Raising Special Kids – Navigation, Coaching Support – 4 AZ Families \$ 9,750.00
 - CASS – Move-out kits for Scottsdale Seniors \$ 6,100.00
 - Homeward Bound – Youth Programs \$ 5,003.88
 - Courtney's Place – DDD Services \$12, 280.92
 - Phoenix Rescue Mission – Homeless Navigation \$ 5,800.00

- Teen Lifeline – Crisis Programs \$ 0
- Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Family YMCA – Childcare and Meals \$ 0
- Circle the City - Health Navigator at Osborn \$ 0
- BLOOM 365 – Peer Advocacy/Education Teen DVA/SA \$ 0
- Shoebox Ministry, Inc – Hygiene Kits for Homeless \$ 0
- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) \$ 0
- McDowell Sonoran Conservancy – Expedition Days on the Road \$ 0
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale \$ 0
- Dress for Success Phoenix – Career Counseling \$ 0

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCOTTSDALE CARES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, JAMESON, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. FY 2023/2024 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Funding Allocation

Chair Shearer noted that additional information was needed to make formal recommendations for SRPMIC funding. Tentative recommendations previously posted were as follows:

- SRPMIC Funding Requested
 - Area Agency on Aging, Region One – North Scottsdale Home Delivered Meals \$ 105,000.00
 - Tempe Community Action Agency – South Scottsdale Home Delivered Meals \$ 104,965.25

ITEM WAS TABLED.

7. FY 2023/2024 City of Scottsdale Emergency Repair Assistance Program (CSERP) Applications Funding

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal allocation recommendations for CSERP Funding Applications as follows:

- NOFA - CDBG – Emergency Repairs
 - Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona – CDBG – Emergency Repairs \$ 200,000.00

COMMISSIONER JAMESON MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CSERP) FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, JAMESON, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Ms. Witkofski noted that the funds have already been allocated to the Emergency Repair Programs. The City is contracting with Habitat for Humanity, which will be paid for each job this agency completes for Scottsdale's Housing Programs, freeing up City staff time.

8. FY 2023/2024 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Applications Funding

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal allocation recommendations for HOME Funding Applications as follows:

- Special NOFA - HOME
 - ARM of Save the Family Foundation of Arizona \$ 269,000.00

COMMISSIONER JAMESON MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) APPLICATIONS FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS DODDS, JUNG, JAMESON, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Ms. Witkofski explained that the City is a member of the Maricopa County Home Consortium and a sub-recipient of Maricopa County's HOME funds. Historically, per the five-year consolidated annual action plan approved by City Council the funds are used for the purchase and rehabilitation of property to increase the City's affordable housing stock. ARM of Save the Family has been the agency involved for over a decade. This home purchase will be number 20 in the City's housing stock of affordable units. HOME requires that there be a 15 to 20-year affordability period, which involves the City placing a lien on the property through a land-use restrictive agreement and the property must be rented under HUD guideline standards. Ms. Witkofski noted that for program FY 2023/24, the annual action plan with Maricopa County has been amended so that those funds can be used to help Scottsdale's senior population, which have been being displaced at an alarming rate. The \$269,000 being allocated to ARM of Save the Family is being funded with leftover HOME funds.

9. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Possible future agenda items include:

- Work study session to provide feedback on the funding process
- Consideration of conducting a homeless count separate from the national Point-in-Time count

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023.

10. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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