



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2024
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice-Chair Mary Jung, Commission Members Jeff Jameson, Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Tricia Serlin, and Stuart Turgel

STAFF: Kira Peters, Human Services Director; Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor; Rachel Smetana, Human Services Manager; Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager; Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Human Services Manager; Sue Oh, Human Services Manager; Mike Lopach, Human Services Manager; Melissa McNeal; Community Grants Specialist

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 5:31p.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 February 22, 2024
COMMISSIONER TURGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. FY 2024/2025 Funding Allocation Informal Recommendations

Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager, and Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor, facilitated a discussion including preliminary Community Development Block Grant, Scottsdale Cares, General Funds, Salt River Pima – Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) and Endowment funding recommendations. Chair Shearer mentioned that the notice of funding identified priorities established by the Commission, including emergency housing assistance, crisis case management, homeless supportive services and shelters, and vulnerable populations, including seniors and the disabled. Formal funding recommendations will be made on March 28, 2024.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission made informal recommendations for SRPMIC as follows:

SRPMIC		Preliminary Funding
Tempe Community Action Agency	Home Delivered Meals - South Scottsdale	\$ 75,000
Tempe Community Action Agency	Congregate Meals	\$ 22,500

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

Commissioner Serlin recused herself from discussions regarding Ability 360 CDBG Non-Public Services application. Discussion ensued, and the Commission made informal recommendations for CDBG Housing as follows:

CDBG Non-Public Services		Preliminary Funding
Ability360	Scottsdale Home Accessibility Program (SHAP)	\$ 57,879

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG HOUSING INFORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER SERLIN WAS RECUSED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission made informal recommendations for Endowment Funds as follows:

Endowment		Preliminary Funding
Arizona Burn Foundation	Milo and Moxie: Smart Safety Rangers™	\$8,600

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy	Expedition Days Suite	\$0
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VICE-CHAIR JUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE ENDOWMENT FUND INFORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER TURGEL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ONE (1) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. VICE-CHAIR JUNG AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. CHAIR SHEARER DISSENTED.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission made informal recommendations for CDBG Public Services as follows:

CDBG Public Services		Preliminary Funding
Family Promise - Greater Phoenix	Emergency Shelter Program	\$42,653
A New Leaf	East Valley Men's Center	\$43,500
Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc.	Shelter and Services for Scottsdale Residents Experiencing Homelessness	\$43,500
Homeward Bound	Shelter and Family Services	\$31,020
Florence Crittenton	Girls Ranch Scottsdale	\$25,800
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Transitional Housing & Supportive Services for Domestic Violence Victims	\$22,674
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.	Housing Navigation Services	\$0

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES INFORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ONE (1) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE-CHAIR JUNG DISSENTED.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission made informal recommendations for General Funds as follows:

General Funds		Preliminary Funding
Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)	JFCS Older Adult In-Home Program	\$22,500
Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc.	CASS Housing Navigator	\$22,500
Scottsdale Community Partners	Brown Bag Food Program	\$11,000
Duet: Partners In Health & Aging	Promoting Aging in Place in Scottsdale through Transportation and Vital In-	\$22,000

Home Services

Catholic Charities Community Services	My Sisters' Place: Domestic Violence Shelter Services	\$22,000
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COMMISSIONER SERLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUNDS INFORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission made informal recommendations for Scottsdale Cares as follows:

Scottsdale Cares		Preliminary Funding
Family Promise - Greater Phoenix	Bridges Program	\$21,174
Community Bridges, Inc - 2023	Mobile Community Outreach and Crisis Stabilization Services	\$18,942
Homeless Youth Connection	Empowering Youth For The Future (EYFTF)	\$8,500
A New Leaf	A New Leaf's Hayden Apartments	\$19,122
Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc.	Flexible Financial Assistance (FFA) Program	\$19,125
Scottsdale Community Partners	Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance	\$19,125
National Council of Jewish Women Arizona Section	Ruth Place - Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence	\$8,000
Community Legal Services	Legal Advocacy and Education for Low Income Scottsdale Residents	\$15,300
Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center	SARRC Community School-Paiute Campus	\$15,300
Phoenix Rescue Mission	Homeless Outreach & Navigation - Homeless Navigation & Diversion Tool Kit	\$5,440
Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Family YMCA	YMCA Outreach Program for Aging Seniors (Y OPAS)	\$0
Cancer Support Community Arizona	Support Services for Vulnerable Scottsdale Residents Impacted by Cancer	\$0
Raising Special Kids	Mentoring and Support Program	\$0
Assistance League of Phoenix	Operation School Bell	\$0

Best Buddies International, Inc.	Best Buddies Inclusion Project	\$0
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ)	Scottsdale Mentoring Program	\$0
One Step Beyond Inc	Spellers to Communication	\$0
R.O.S.E. Resources/Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly	Safeguarding the Financial & Emotional Security of Seniors	\$0
Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation	Normalcy and Childhood Activities (NCA) for Scottsdale Youth in Foster Care	\$0
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids	AASK Mentoring Program	\$0
Dress for Success Phoenix	Mobile Career Center	\$0
BLOOM365	Scottsdale Peer Support Specialists	\$0

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE SCOTTSDALE CARES INFORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ONE (1) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE-CHAIR JUNG DISSENTED.

3. Director's Report

Kira Peters, Human Services Director, introduced herself and talked about her over 30-year history working with the City of Scottsdale. In recognition of National Social Worker Month, she thanked Scottsdale’s social worker staff for all the hard work that they have done for the community. She highlighted things that are happening in Human Services.

The Scottsdale Works program will begin on April 1, 2024. The program gives people experiencing homelessness an opportunity to work, earning a wage of up to \$70 per day. She announced that Vista Food Bank earned an “A” during their recent County inspection.

Vista Del Camino will host a clothing drive and What to Wear Career Fair on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Paiute Neighborhood Center will host the Sci-Tech Fun Festival, presented by Partners for Paiute, on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration is open for the Back-to-School event, which will be held at Scottsdale Stadium on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Allie Ortega Empty Bowls will be held at Scottsdale SkySong on March 22 and 23, 2024. Sue Oh, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, explained that the Empty Bowls event is made possible through a partnership between Scottsdale Center for the Arts and Scottsdale Unified School District. Bowls, that have been created by various groups and students, have been donated to

Scottsdale Community partners, and the proceeds are used by Scottsdale Community Partners to help fund Scottsdale Human Services.

4. Identification of Future Agenda

Possible future agenda items include:

- Work-study session to provide feedback on the funding process
- Scottsdale Cares
- Blue Zones presentation

5. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, 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 6:59 p.m.

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