



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2024
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Mary Jung

STAFF: Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Office Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor; Vania Torres, Staff Coordinator; Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Rachel Smetana, Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, and Mike Lopach, Human Services Managers; Sue Oh, Human Services Center Supervisor

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 5:04 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. Youth and Family Services Community Intervention Court Program Update

Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Human Services Manager, provided an update on the Community Intervention Court addressing the unhoused population with legal matters. Her presentation included a review of the history of the program dating back to just prior to the program beginning on January 13, 2020, noting that the program began as an effort to help defendants who are experiencing homelessness or mental health-related issues. Participants are referred by judges and attorneys involved in the individual's case. Ms. Hahn-McDonald explained that over the past year, the new Scottsdale Presiding

Judge, together with a team of stakeholders, has done research and revamped the program and decided to focus strictly on people who are experiencing homelessness, to begin using the ORAS screening tool during intake sessions, and to involve navigation services from Center for Health and Recovery. Participants are provided with a case manager, a treatment plan, and additional services. Once a participant graduates from the program, the case could be dismissed or charges reduced due to their compliance with mental health treatment plans and social determinants of health services.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Hahn-McDonald said that currently, she relies on the truthfulness of participants to their intake responses. She said that participants must have been arrested to be eligible for the program and are typically, except in rare cases, expected to appear in person. It is hoped that over time, statistics from this program can be used to help in gaining grant funding. She explained that the program is not revenue-generating and that at one time, the court had funds they wanted to give to the program; however, because of the type of funds, it would have required that a contracting agency be hired. She feels strongly that the person handling the program should be someone working for the City and managed by her office. Conversations are ongoing to try to find a way to utilize court funding for the program. Ms. Hahn-McDonald noted that the navigator does the bulk of the work, and the amount of time she personally contributes to the program is minimal and fluctuates depending on the situation. The cost of the program is less than five percent of the Human Services Department budget. She said that the hope is to eventually be able to use opioid funds for the program.

1a. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2024

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 11, 2024, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. FY 2024/2025 CDBG, Scottsdale Cares, General Funds, SRPMIC and Endowment Orientation: Funds, Funding Process, and Proposal Review

Chad Beougher, Community Development Supervisor, provided an overview of the proposals received for the FY 2024/25 funding process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Scottsdale Cares, SRPMIC, and Endowment Funds and the anticipated funding available. As part of the presentation, he reviewed new funding priorities and scoring opportunities. Funding priorities include emergency housing assistance, crisis case management, homeless supportive services and shelters, and vulnerable populations. The Scottsdale Cares, SRPMIC, and General Funds contracts will be reimbursed on expenditures in lieu of units provided. He noted that Human Services staff evaluations were due by December 16, 2023. Proposals were due electronically by November 17, 2023, and responses to the Human Services staff evaluations were due December 22, 2023. In lieu of video presentations, a Q and A session will be held on Thursday February 8, 2024. Funding scoring submissions in Neighborly are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday March 7, 2024.

CDBG Public Services anticipated available funding is approximately \$307,155 and includes a set-aside for a Human Services Case Worker of \$91,226. A total of seven proposals were received before the set-aside, totaling \$260,569, resulting in a deficit of \$51,414.

CDBG Non-Public Services anticipated available funding is approximately \$1,062,807 and includes a set-aside for housing rehabilitation programs of \$800,000 and a general public facilities set-aside of \$200,000. One proposal was received before the set-aside, totaling \$57,879, resulting in a surplus of \$4,928.

Scottsdale Cares requests cannot exceed 15 percent of the total funding amount available, which is approximately \$150,000. Twenty-two proposals were received, totaling \$352,119, resulting in a deficit of \$202,119.

General Funds anticipated available funding is approximately \$100,000 and includes a \$22,500 funding cap. Five proposals were received, totaling 100,500, resulting in a deficit of \$500.

SRPMIC anticipated available funding is approximately \$97,500. Two proposals were received, totaling \$97,500, resulting in a deficit of zero.

Endowment anticipated available funding is approximately \$8,600. Two proposals were received, totaling \$11,600, resulting in a deficit of \$3,000.

Mr. Beougher provided training on utilizing the Neighborly program in correlation with the SharePoint website. All tools and information needed, including agency proposals, presentation videos, evaluation tools, guidelines, and previous fiscal year funding allocations, can be found using these sources.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions during the presentation.

3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

4. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER 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 5:43 p.m.

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