

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
March 23, 2023 11:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The Allocation Committee met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in conference room 301 of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, MI 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Chris Durgan called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Brad Dick, Ellen Ellenburg, Jeff Lutze, Shelley Thompson, Martin Cousineau, Chris Durgan and Damon Fortney

Absent:

Dale Weighill, Mark Emmendorfer, Colleen Brown, Terry Peck and Sheila Taylor

Others Present: Gwynneth Coselman and Renate Soto

There were no members of the public in attendance, nor were any comments received from the public regarding the Allocation Committee meeting or the agenda items.

*****III. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2023 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded by** Brad Dick, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

*****IV. Approval of the 2023 Action Plan**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that a draft copy of the 2023 Action Plan was provided to Committee members at the last Allocation meeting and the Plan was put out for public comment between February 20 and March 22. Additionally, a public hearing was held on March 9, at which one comment was received. Mr. Fortney gave a brief overview of the Plan, stating the funding amounts that will be received from HUD for each program, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) programs. The overall funding total for 2023, \$2,861,782, is slightly lower than what was received for 2022. He went on to explain each of the 3 programs, and what types of services are provided by these programs. Next steps in the approval process include approval by the Community & Economic Committee and the full Board of Commissioners, submitting the Plan to HUD for approval, and signing the grant agreements with HUD. Once funding is received, agreements would be signed with local units of government/subrecipients. At this time,

staff is recommending approval of the 2023 Action Plan and approval for Board of Commissioners Chairperson, Ellen Ellenburg, to sign the HUD grant submittal and acceptance forms.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded by** Ellen Ellenburg, to approve the 2023 Action Plan as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. HUD Updates

Mr. Fortney stated the Home Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan was provided to Committee members at the January Allocation Committee meeting. Since then, the Plan has been approved by the Board of Commissioners and submitted to HUD for approval. Once approved, that funding (approximately \$3 million) will be used for construction of affordable housing, which has been determined to be a great need in Genesee County.

Mr. Fortney went on to explain that we have met our HUD timeliness deadline, which means that we had less than 1.5 times our annual allocation amount remaining unspent by the deadline of March 2, 2023.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Chris Durgan gave information regarding our upcoming Recycle Day events, where Genesee County residents can drop off various Household Hazardous Waste items. We are hosting 8 events, starting in May, which will be by an appointment only basis. All the information regarding the events, including how to register for an appointment, can be viewed on our website.

Ms. Durgan stated that our 2022 Accomplishments report has been completed and copies are available for Committee members to review. This report is a summary of our 2022 accomplishments, but more detailed information is available on our website.

Ms. Durgan explained that the public comment period for the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment (SWMP) is in progress and will be ending on May 30. There will also be a public hearing on April 5 at 1:00 pm at the Genesee County Administration Building as well as open houses held at the Flint Farmer's Market on April 18, Loose Senior Center on April 19 and Montrose Township Hall on April 20.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Durgan adjourned the meeting at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission