

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 28, 2022 11:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The Allocation Committee met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in conference room 301 of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, MI 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Christine Durgan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Christine Durgan, Colleen Brown, Mark Emmendorfer, Meredith Davis, Brad Dick, Sheila Taylor, and Terry Peck.

Absent: Jeff Lutze, Gary Peppin, Ellen Ellenburg, and Shelley Thompson.

Others Present: Anthony Kelly and Damon Fortney.

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 27, 2022 MEETING

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Terry Peck, **Seconded by** Mark Emmendorfer, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Damon Fortney explained that For Program Year 2020, Catholic Charities was awarded \$21,641.45 of ESG funds for Rapid Rehousing. This contract was effective through October 31, 2021. Catholic Charities was unable to spend the entire award and the 2020 contract expired with \$12,254.96 in funds remaining for Rapid Rehousing.

Mr. Fortney stated that staff is requesting that the remaining funds are transferred to the Genesee County Youth Corporation's 2021 ESG Rapid Rehousing program.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Emmendorfer, **Seconded by** Meredith Davis, to approve the Community Development Program Transfer of Funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT – COMMUNITIES FIRST INC.

Anthony Kelly explained that Communities First, Inc. has applied for HOME Investment Partnership Program funding during the program year 2022. Communities First, Inc. is requesting one million (\$1,000,000) in funding to construct new multifamily affordable rental apartments in Flint Township. The project is currently in the environmental review phase. Once the review is complete, the project will be sent to HUD for final approval.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Terry Peck, **Seconded by** Mark Emmendorfer, to approve the request to commit \$1,000,000 in HOME Funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. CARES Act Update

Damon Fortney explained that staff continues to work with local units of government and non-profit agencies on several CARES Act-funded projects. To date, all CDBG-CV funds have been allocated to projects, with a total of \$1,008,820 has been expended so far. For ESG-CV funds, a total of \$507,120 has been spent to date. This week, HUD announced that the deadline to expend all ESG-CV funds has been extended until September 30, 2023. A list of projects completed and underway was presented.

VII. HUD UPDATE

Sheila Taylor stated that HUD recently completed monitoring of our 2020 CDBG and HOME programs and the environmental review process. Staff is expecting to receive a letter within 30 days with 3 findings and 2 concerns.

Ms. Taylor explained that the 2022 Program Year will begin next week, but we have not yet received allocation amounts for the year. Once we receive the allocation amounts, the 2022 Action Plan will be updated and submitted to HUD for approval.

Staff attended a HUD all-grantee meeting and learned that over 30 communities in Michigan still have Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding remaining, and HUD would like these grants closed out as soon as possible. Genesee County has just over \$1,000,000 remaining in the program. Staff is looking for houses to purchase and rehabilitate, but the state of the housing market has made this difficult. Discussion ensued.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila Taylor stated that the first Recycle Day event of the year will be held at Carman-Ainsworth Middle School on Saturday, May 14.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Durgan adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Damon Fortney, Lead Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission