

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
March 28, 2024 11:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The Allocation Committee met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, 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 11:05 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dr. Beverly Brown, Brad Dick, Ellen Ellenburg, Martin Cousineau, Chris Durgan and Sheila Taylor

Absent:

Jeff Lutze, Shelley Thompson, Coetta Adams, Terry Peck and Colleen Brown

Others Present: Damon Fortney, Anthony Kelly 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2024 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown **Seconded by** Brad Dick to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2024 Action Plan Update

Mr. Damon Fortney stated the 2024 Action Plan draft has been published for public comment, distributed to our public participation list and sent to all local units of government. The public comment period began on March 18, 2024 and will end on April 19, 2024. A public hearing has also been scheduled for April 4, 2024 in the Genesee County Administration Building. The draft Action Plan was included in the agenda packet. Staff is requesting Committee members review the Action Plan over the next month and will request approval at next month's meeting. Please submit any comments or questions to staff. In March, staff brought ESG funding recommendations to the Flint & Genesee County Continuum of Care's (CoC) Executive Committee for approval. Mr. Anthony Kelly reviewed the ESG projects that were recently approved by the CoC. The agencies receiving ESG funds are the first point of contact and provide coordinated entry for clients in need of emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and rapid

rehousing services. Mr. Kelly reviewed the list of agencies and funding amounts that will be allocated ESG funds for program year 2024. Discussion ensued.

*****V. 2025-2027 CDBG Call for Projects**

Mr. Fortney stated that the draft 2025-2027 CDBG Call for Projects list was provided to Committee members last month. Staff worked with local units of government over several months, reviewing applications for eligibility and obtaining details necessary for the environmental review process. The environmental review process is quite extensive and goes through an initial review from staff, then to a consultant to review as well, with final approval by HUD. Mr. Fortney went over Genesee County's common priorities and how each of these projects meets at least one if not more priorities each. Funding is split between the three years, 2025-2027, with some preferences given if possible. At this time, staff is requesting approval from the Allocation Committee of the list of CDBG activities for Program Years 2025-2027, pending final environmental review and receipt of funding from HUD.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown to approve the list of CDBG activities for Program Years 2025-2027 pending final environmental review and receipt of funding from HUD.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

*****VI. Grand Blanc Township Transfer Request**

Mr. Fortney stated that the Grand Blanc Township Board has approved a request to transfer funds from their Parks Program that helps low-income residents to participate in sports and activities for free, to their Senior Center Operations project. The township has not had enough residents that have applied or qualified for the program and they would prefer to transfer the funding over to Senior Center Operations. At this time, staff is recommending approval from the Allocation Committee for the Community Development Program fund transfer from the Grand Blanc Township Parks Program to Grand Blanc Township Senior Center Operations.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown **Seconded by** Ellen Ellenburg to approve the Community Development fund transfer as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. HUD Updates

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated that in the beginning of March, HUD completed a virtual HOME program audit (monitoring). The results were zero findings and one concern. A response will be drafted and sent, once staff receives the written report from HUD.

Ms. Taylor mentioned that staff is still waiting on the actual allocation amounts for program year 2024. Notification of the allocation amounts are expected within the next 60 days.

VIII. Other Business

Ms. Durgan reminded Committee members that we will be hosting our annual Recycle Days that will be held, May 21, June 18, July 16, and August 20. The events will be by appointment only and registration will begin 2 weeks prior to each event. Appointments can be made on our website or through the link on the flyers provided at the meeting.

Commissioner Ellenburg thanked staff for assisting a senior citizen resident in her district in applying for the Urgent Repair Program and receiving assistance in getting a new well installed at her home. Work was completed in about 2 weeks and the resident was very thankful.

Commissioner Brown stated that since the snow has cleared, area expressways are littered with trash and debris. Discussion ensued regarding ways to get the expressways cleaned up and if any grant funding could be used for that.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Durgan adjourned the meeting at 11:42 am.

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