



**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)**

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PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room, Debbie Fu presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

Robert Paul
Sarah McLain
Debbie Fu, Vice Chair
Tamela Bowie
Eric Page

Committee Members

Absent:

Deniese Sheppard
LaTashia Sherrod, Chair

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Ashleigh Feryan, Grants Specialist

Guests: See attached sign-in sheet

Item 1: Debbie Fu called the meeting to order in the presence of a quorum at 6:32 p.m.

Item 2 Public Hearing: Debbie Fu introduced the CDBG Advisory committee, City staff introduced themselves, and the four guests introduced themselves.

Jamey Kirby gave a brief overview of the CDBG program and how funds have been spent in the past. Mr. Kirby then invited comments and discussion.

A Citizen asked how we know if there are gaps in services. Is there a duplication of services in Lewisville? Mr. Kirby explained that a community survey was completed by the consultant that wrote the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. Daphne Adams from CCA spoke about how agencies are working together to make sure the gaps are being filled by agencies that can cover the needs.

A Citizen then asked about the loss of funding for homeless initiatives, Emergency Solutions Grant. Mr. Kirby talked about how City of Lewisville, City of Denton, and Denton County provided some funding to cover those needs in FY 2016-2017. Ms. Adams informed the group that ESG funds were awarded for the next two years and what the next steps are for the program.

Robert Paul asked how the City of Lewisville’s grant application looked compared to other grants. Ms. Adams explained that all grant applications are different due to having so many different guidelines.

Coordinated Entry was brought up and how was it being utilized. Ms. Adams talked about the four “front door” agencies, which make homeless intake assessments.



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Additional discussion included:

There is a need for a one stop facility for residents in need can go to and be able to speak to multiple agencies. There is something like this in Oklahoma called Homeless Alliance.

Are agencies in schools seeing similar homelessness issues? Katie Kellett with Communities in Schools in North Texas would reach out to their partners and report back.

Is housing instability the real issue in Lewisville? Underemployment is the main issue in Lewisville. Residents cannot afford the deposit, or they have credit issues, and they end up living at extended stay hotels like Budget Suites.

There needs to be more follow through with case managers to help their clients out of financial stress and to no longer be a client. We need to get Workforce Commission and the Council of Governments involved with training, employment and other ways to help our residents get jobs.

Tamela Bowie moved to close the public hearing, Eric Page seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Jamey Kirby discussed contract extensions for Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County and Special Abilities of North Texas. These contracts had not been completed during the year. Sarah McLain moved to recommend approval of extensions to City Council and Robert Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Ashleigh Feryan report on the Emergency Solutions Grant, the final number of Lewisville residents this grant assisted in FY2016-2017 was 75.

Jamey Kirby gave an update on Category I projects:

- Holfords Prairie project is complete - \$202,000
- Poydras & Decker project is complete - \$446,000
- Sewer Manhole rehabilitation project is still underway - \$308,000 so far
- Housing Rehab program
 - Completed one house \$25,000
 - Another house is being worked on right now with \$13,000 spent so far
 - Third house in the pipeline
- Contract extensions for Children's Advocacy Center and Special Abilities of North Texas
- Alvin Turner Park Sr. improvement project is being discussed with Parks Director
- Habitat Humanity project
 - A house has been purchased through a Sheriff's sale
 - An environmental review must be done on the property

Item 5: Eric Page motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sarah McLain seconded. The motion passed unanimously, Debbie Fu adjourned at 8:07pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Ashleigh Feryan

Grants Specialist

Debbie Fu

Vice-Committee Chair