



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Development Committee

*Mayor John Dickert, Alderman Gregory Holding,
Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderperson Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Alderman Jim Kaplan,
Alderman Henry Perez
Anna Clementi, Joey LeGath, Marie Black
Shana Henderson, Tony Martinez, Victor Frasher*

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

6:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Mayor John Dickert called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

*PRESENT: 11 - John Dickert, Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding, Sandy Weidner,
Joey LeGath, Henry Perez, Anna Clementi, Sharon Campbell, Jim Kaplan, Tony
Martinez and Victor Frasher*

EXCUSED: 2 - Terry McCarthy and Shana Henderson

Others Present:

*Brian F. O'Connell, Director of City Development, Committee Secretary
April Jacobs, Community Development Program Assistant
Joy Hansche, Accountant*

Approval of Minutes for the December 4, 2013 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Shakoor, II, seconded by Alderwoman Weidner, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[13-9649](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Continuum of Care (COC) to re-allocate FY2013 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. (Res. No. 13-0499)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 12-11-13: That the revised allocation of Emergency Shelter Grant funds be approved.

Fiscal Note: The reallocation reduces the amounts provided to agencies to reflect the federal grant being \$117,746, which is \$5,085 less than expected. The specific allocations are listed on the table attached to item 13-9649 in Legistar.

Attachments: [COC Request/Table](#)

Ms. Jacobs explained that the 2013 Emergency Solutions Grant was less than

expected by \$5,085. In addition, the regulations require a minimum allocation to homelessness prevention. The department asked the homelessness assistance providers, collectively as the "Continuum of Care," to recommend a revised allocation. The item before the committee is the Continuum of Care recommendation, which departmental staff supports. She noted that the specifics of the reallocation are shown in a table that was provided to the committee.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Weidner, seconded by Alderman Shakoor, II, that the revised allocation be recommended for approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[13-9613](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Proposed allocation of 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. (Res. No. 13-0498)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 12-11-13: That the recommended allocation of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) be approved; and, if the total grant received exceeds the funds allocated, that the excess be placed in the Local Option Fund; and, if the total grant received is less than funds allocated, that the Local Option Fund be reduced by the amount of the shortfall; and, that the appropriate city officials be authorized and directed to execute and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the documents required to secure the grants; and, that the appropriate city officials be authorized to execute third-party contracts with the agencies approved for the use of the funds.

Fiscal Note: This action allocates an anticipated \$1,695,000 in CDBG funds and \$117,000 in ESG funds to specific projects, programs, and administration. The specific allocations are listed on the table attached to item 13-9613 in Legistar.

Attachments: [2014 CDBG ESG Allocation](#)

Mr. O'Connell explained that, as the applicants had made presentations to the committee at its previous meeting, the staff's recommended allocations were now before the committee. He reminded the committee members that past practice was to use the staff recommendations as the starting point for amendments and that amendments would be considered until the allocation of funds was complete. He further reminded the members that maximum amounts for ESG, Public Service, and Non-Public Service could not be exceeded.

To initiate discussion, Ald. Shakoor moved that the recommended allocation of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant be approved; and, if the total grant received exceeds the funds allocated, that the excess be placed in the Local Option Fund; and, if the total grant received is less than the funds allocated, that the Local Option Fund be reduced by the amount of the shortfall; and, that the appropriate city officials be authorized and directed to execute and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the documents required to secure the grants; and, that the appropriate city officials be authorized to execute third-party contracts with the agencies approved for the use of

the funds. Ald. Kaplan seconded.

The committee recessed for five minutes to allow for photocopying details regarding the ESG recommendations.

Mayor Dickert asked if there were amendments to the recommended allocation of ESG funds. None were offered.

Mayor Dickert asked if there were amendments to the recommended allocation of CDBG Public Service funds.

Ald. Weidner moved that the allocation to application 11, Racine Literacy Council, be increased by \$5,000 and the allocation to application 5, Family Literacy Council be reduced by the same amount. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Ald. Kaplan moved that the allocation to application 1, Human Capital Development Corp., be increased by \$5,000 and the allocation to application 19, Housing Resources, be reduced by the same amount. Mr. Frasher seconded. Motion failed on a show of hands: Ayes: 4; Nays: 6.

As there were no further amendments to the Public Service allocations, Mayor Dickert asked if there were amendments to the recommended allocation of CDBG Non-Public Service funds.

Ald. Perez moved that the allocation to application 9, Urban League Building Improvements, be increased by \$25,000 and the allocation to the Local Option Fund, be reduced by the same amount. Ald. Shakoor seconded. Motion failed on a show of hands: Ayes: 4; Nays: 6.

Mr. Frasher moved that the allocation to application 7, YMCA Housing Rehab Summer Program, be increased by \$40,000 and the allocation to application 15, Hantschel Park Shelter, be reduced by the same amount. Ald. Weidner seconded. Motion failed on a show of hands: Ayes: 1; Nays: 9.

Discussion continued but no additional amendments were offered.

A motion was made by Alderman Shakoor, II, seconded by Alderman Kaplan, that the recommended allocation of the 2014 CDBG and ESG be recommended for approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Dickert adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm on a motion by Ald. Shakoor.