



Housing Advisory Board

Minutes

Christian Karas – Chair
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Thursday, November 4th, 2010

5:00 p.m.

Mesa City Plaza Building
Suite 170
20 E. Main Street
Mesa, Arizona, 85211-1466

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Housing Advisory Board meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. Christian Karas, Chair of the Board, made a brief introduction and members of the Board and City staff introduced themselves.

II. Items from Citizens Present*

Karen Kurtz, Community Bridges, took this opportunity to address the Board on Community Bridges' Project H3 proposal from the night before. She wanted to clarify a potential misunderstanding by the Board regarding the project. She clarified H3 Project supported the efforts of the Board when they changed the preferences of the Housing Choice Voucher Program to accept those homeless individuals who are identified as the most medically vulnerable.

III. Public Hearing #1 (Part 2) – HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant Program, 2011/2012 Proposal Review - (Due to the number of requests received from various organizations, the proposals were allocated a time allotment of no more than five minutes each.)

F. HOME – Non Profit Agencies:

35. ARM of Save the Family, CHDO Operating – Operations/overhead for Community Housing

Development Organization (CHDO) agency. The Affordable Rental Movement Program is applying for funds to support operational costs while continuing to develop affordable rental properties.

36. Community Bridges, Inc., Center for Hope Permanent Supportive Housing – Funding requested to rehabilitate one 4-plex to be used as permanent supportive housing for women (and their children) completing the Center for Hope transitional housing program. Women will pay rent and will receive Federal substance abuse prevention and treatment funds to subsidize their rent as needed and pay for continuing care support services.
37. Habitat for Humanity, Land Acquisition & Infrastructure – Funds requested to purchase land (up to 5 lots), that will be vacant in need of infrastructure improvements.
38. Housing Our Communities – CHDO Operating – Housing Our Communities requested CHDO Operating funds to partially support HOME eligible activities related to the affordable homeownership activities developed by HOC in FY 2011/2012 under HOME and/or HOME CHDO contracts.
39. Housing Our Communities – New Opportunities for Home Ownership Program (Acquisition/Rehab, Down Payment & Closing Costs Assistance) – Housing Our Communities requested funds to acquire and rehabilitate 6 single family detached properties in Mesa, AZ for resale to first-time homebuyers who earn between 50% and 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Each household will receive homebuyer education, individual housing counseling, financial assistance, and extensive rehabilitation to the property in which they are going to purchase. HOC seeks to create affordable, sustainable homeownership within Mesa and invest in the long term residential stability, neighborhood quality, and an investment in each homeowner's long term success.

G. HOME – CHDO 15% Set-Aside:

40. ARM of Save the Family – Affordable Rental Movement – Funds requested to acquire and rehab 4 (3+ bedroom) homes for affordable rental housing.
41. Housing Our Communities – New Opportunities for Homeownership Program – Housing Our Communities requested funds to acquire and rehabilitate 6 single family detached properties in Mesa, AZ for resale to first-time homebuyers who earn between 50% and 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Each household will receive homebuyer education, individual housing counseling, financial assistance, and extensive rehabilitation to the property in which they are going to purchase. HOC seeks to create affordable, sustainable homeownership within Mesa and invest in the long term residential stability, neighborhood quality, and an investment in each homeowner's long term success.

H. HOME – City Departments:

43. COM, Housing and Revitalization Division – Security Deposit Program – Funding requested to provide security deposit assistance to low-income families and individuals moving to housing units in Mesa

I. ESG – Non Profit Agencies:

44. A New Leaf – Autumn House – Funding requested to support the services and operations at Autumn House. Autumn House provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter, advocacy and education to families who are experiencing the crisis of domestic violence. Autumn House services are designed to provide for the physical and psychological safety of victimized by domestic violence and basic necessities for those who have fled their homes. The needs of these families are met in a manner that promotes their personal power and respects their individual choices.
45. A New Leaf – East Valley Men's Center – The East Valley Men's Center helps homeless men have access to resources that will help them to get off the streets and back into the economic and social mainstream. EVMC provides the basic needs of shelter, food and clothing and additional supportive service including: life skills training, work assistance services, active participation in a required savings program, case management services, counseling and legal assistance, GED preparation, adult literacy support, substance abuse resources (on-site AA/NA) and community information and referral.
46. A New Leaf – La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter – Funds requested to support the services and operation of the La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter, which is a valuable community resource in Mesa. La Mesita assists homeless families to become economically self-sufficient and to secure safe and stable housing of their own. Services include providing the basic, physiological needs of food, shelter and clothing, subsidized childcare services, financial literacy counseling, parenting education and support, job training and employment resources and community information referrals for behavioral health and other related support services. La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter also provides on-site substance abuse support groups, including AA for its residents.
47. Child Crisis Center – Emergency Shelter Roof Replacement – Funding requested to replace the roof on the Theresa Wing of the Child Crisis Center. The original Emergency Shelter building – the Mahnah Wing – was built in 1986. The second building – the Theresa Wing – was built in 1997. Over the years, we have repaired the roof numerous times. There has been water damage to the buildings despite attempts to keep the roof maintained. According to construction experts, after this

amount of time, there are regular cases of leaks and torn flashings reported in any roof. This is a significant factor at the Shelter because water damage causes mold and many of the children who stay at the Shelter are medically fragile and susceptible to ear and respiratory infections. The total cost to repair the roof on both the buildings is \$17,849. We have already received \$8,000 from the Fort McDowell-Yavapai Nation to replace the roof on the Mahnah Wing.

48. Save the Family Foundation of Arizona – Homeless Families Intervention Project – Case Management – Funds requested to assist Save the Family in serving homeless families with children who are referred from within the City of Mesa. Save the Family provides homeless families with shelter via our transitional housing program, case management, legal services (provided by volunteer attorneys secured by the agency), housing counseling, career development/job coaching, and comprehensive individual and family intervention programming that empowers families to overcome the trauma of homelessness, abuse, poverty and to avert long-term negative outcomes.

IV. Action Item – HOME Investment Partnerships(HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) FY 2011/2012 Proposal Review – The Board discussed the proposals presented in Item III and approved the following budgets for the FY 2011/2012 HOME and ESG programs. A motion to approve the HOME budget, as shown below, was approved by a vote of 7-0, and a motion to approve the ESG budget, as shown below, was approved by a vote of 7-0. The following Housing Advisory Board budget and funding recommendations are to be forwarded to Council at the request of the Board:

FY 2011/2012 HOME Budget as Approved and Recommended by the Housing Advisory Board (HAB)

| HOME - Non Profit Agencies | | FY10/11 Received | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ARM of Save the Family | CHDO Operating | \$ - | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| Community Bridges, Inc. | Center for Hope Permanent Supportive Housing | \$ 252,810 | \$ 260,810 | \$ 260,810 |
| Habitat for Humanity | Land Acquisition & Infrastructure | \$ 124,732 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 250,000 |
| Housing Our Communities | CHDO Operating | \$ - | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Housing Our Communities | New Opportunities for Homeownership (Acquisition/Rehab, Down Payment & Closing Costs Assistance) | \$ - | \$ 300,150 | \$ - |
| HOME - CHDO Set-Aside | | FY10/11 Received | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
| ARM of Save the Family | Affordable Rental Movement | \$ - | \$ 537,600 | \$ 401,949 |

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| Housing Our Communities | New Opportunities for Homeownership Program | \$ 200,100 | \$ 200,100 | \$ 300,100 |
| HOME - City Departments | | FY10/11 Received | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
| COM Housing and Revitalization Division | HOME Administration | \$ 149,821 | \$ 148,651 | \$ 148,651 |
| COM Housing and Revitalization Division | Security Deposit Program | \$ - | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| HOME Funding Summary - Non Profit Agencies and City Departments | | | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
| HOME Non Profit Agencies / CHDO Set-Aside Subtotal | | | \$ 1,623,660 | \$ 1,287,859 |
| HOME City Departments Subtotal | | | \$ 198,651 | \$ 198,651 |
| HOME Total | | | \$ 1,822,311 | \$ 1,486,510 |

FY 2011/2012 ESG Budget as Approved and Recommended by the Housing Advisory Board (HAB)

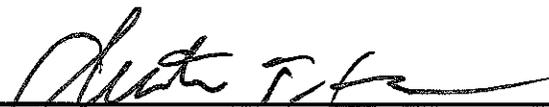
| ESG - Non Profit Agencies | | FY 10/11 Received | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| A New Leaf | Autumn House | \$ 37,135 | \$ 37,135 | \$ 27,851 |
| A New Leaf | East Valley Men's Center | \$ 77,074 | \$ 80,000 | \$ 57,942 |
| A New Leaf | La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter | \$ 30,258 | \$ 32,500 | \$ 24,375 |
| Child Crisis Center | Emergency Shelter Roof Replacement | \$ - | \$ 8,049 | \$ 8,049 |
| Save the Family Foundation of Arizona | Homeless Families Intervention Project | \$ - | \$ 35,000 | \$ 26,250 |

| ESG - City Departments | | FY 10/11 Received | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| COM Housing and Revitalization Division | ESG Administration | \$ 6,076 | \$ 6,076 | \$ 6,076 |
| | | | \$ 6,076 | \$ 6,076 |

| ESG Funding Summary - Non Profit Agencies and City Departments | FY11/12 Request | FY11/12 HAB Recommend |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Non-Profit Subtotal | \$ 192,684 | \$ 144,467 |
| City Departments Subtotal | \$ 6,076 | \$ 6,076 |
| ESG Total | \$ 198,760 | \$ 150,543 |

- V. **Adjourn** – With no additional Agenda items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was motioned and seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Approved and respectfully submitted,


 Christian Karas, Chair

February 10th, 2011

***Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. State statute prohibits the Housing Advisory Board from discussing an item that is not on the agenda; however, the Board does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.**