

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

January 31, 2013

The Community and Cultural Development Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on January 31, 2013 at 9:47 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Dave Richins, Chairman
Dennis Kavanaugh

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Dina Higgins

STAFF PRESENT

Natalie Lewis
Alfred Smith

(Items were discussed out of order, but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Chairman Richins excused Committeewoman Higgins from the entire meeting.

1. Items from citizens present.

Chairman Richins stated that he would defer taking items from citizens present until after staff's presentation.

Stephen Sparks, Director of Operations for Tempe Community Action Agency, and also the Chairman of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB), expressed support for the Lutheran Social Services' Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (IHELP). He urged that the non-profit's request be fully funded. Mr. Sparks explained that the shelter model, which originated in Tempe, has expanded throughout the East Valley, including Mesa and Chandler. He added that various municipalities, working together as regional partners, have increased their capacity to assist homeless women from initially providing 35 shelter beds per night to an estimated 100 shelter beds per night.

Traci Gruenberger, representing Mesa IHELP, concurred with the comments of the previous speaker. She stated that the program truly is a community effort to address the need for single, homeless women to have a place to stay on nights when they do not have safe and stable housing. She pointed out that the faith community, including nine community-host congregations, has made significant contributions to the program by providing meals, snacks and other support services. Ms. Gruenberger added that the goal of the program is to provide the homeless women with safe and stable housing on a long-term basis and to help build their self-esteem as they move forward in their lives.

Karen Kurtz, representing Community Bridges, expressed support for staff's recommendation that the HCDAB be delegated the authority to grant a "Four Month Pre-Award" to non-profits. She asked that the City provide some flexibility with this new process, especially in terms of the four-month timeframe. She said that she was uncertain whether an agency would be able to find a site within that period of time.

Ms. Kurtz further remarked that the reason it was necessary for a non-profit organization to obtain an award for both acquisition and rehab is that a landlord will not hold a property open, whether it is a bank property or a private owner, while the agency moves through the process to obtain funding. She added that a non-profit would not acquire a property unless it knew that it would receive the rehab money.

Torrie Taj, Chief Operating Officer of A New Leaf, thanked the Committee, Council and staff for their efforts and hard work with respect to reviewing and finalizing the funding recommendations. She acknowledged that A New Leaf has many programs that received funding and said that she was most appreciative of "the extras" that it received.

Ms. Taj noted, however, that in reviewing the proposed funding recommendations, she determined that the recommended funding for A New Leaf's East Valley Men's Center and the La Mesita Shelter Operations program is less than what the facilities are currently receiving. (\$48,000 less for East Valley Men's Center and \$37,000 less for La Mesita.)

Extensive discussion ensued relative to Ms. Taj's funding concerns.

Chairman Richins stated that staff would review the funding amounts and address Ms. Taj's questions.

Chairman Richins commented that prior to next week's Committee meeting, he asked that staff prepare a document that would reflect a cumulative total per agency, with all of the funding sources combined.

Chairman Richins indicated that the City is undertaking an effort to grow its Human Services funding source through the ABC (A Better Community) Program, which is included in the City of Mesa's utility bills. He stressed the importance of the City partnering with the non-profit agencies that are beneficiaries of the Human Services funds through the ABC Program. He urged each of those entities to undertake a marketing campaign to apprise their employees, clients, business partners and Boardmembers to donate to the ABC Program. He noted that the "pot of money" is shrinking and cautioned that if the fund does not grow, there will continue to be shortfalls with respect to Human Services funding.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss and make funding recommendations to the Council for the City's 2013/2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Human Services Programs.

Director of Housing and Community Development Tammy Albright, Community Revitalization Coordinator Rob Schweitzer and Development Project Coordinator Ray Thimesch addressed the Committee relative to this item.

Ms. Albright displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) that outlined the funding recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and Human Services funding for FY 2013/14.

Ms. Albright reported that over the last year, staff has modified their process with respect to the scoring of the applications. She explained that staff conducts a technical assessment of the application, utilizing a detailed ten-page rating tool, which is weighted at 70% of the total score. She stated that the new Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) hears the presentations, which represents 30% of the total score. She also noted that the Federal funding applications have a total available score of 100 points, while the Human Services and A Better Community (ABC) requests have a total available score of 50 points.

Ms. Albright indicated that it was anticipated that Mesa's FY 2013/14 allocation by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding will remain level. (See Page 4 of Attachment 1) She noted, however, that the City has not yet received confirmation from the Federal government in that regard.

Ms. Albright clarified that the proposed funding recommendations are based on an anticipated level of Federal funding from last year. She said that if the City does not receive such funding, staff has outlined two options for the Committee's consideration. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1) She pointed out that staff would recommend the same option that the Council approved last year (i.e., eliminate the lowest rated commitments).

Ms. Albright referred to a chart titled "HUD Grant Requirements," which illustrates the national objectives and outcomes per Mesa's Consolidated Plan. (See Page 6 of Attachment 1) She pointed out that the "Benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons" objective is the most commonly used and the easiest for staff to administer.

Ms. Albright, in addition, briefly highlighted the Human Services Funding Model (See Page 7 of Attachment 1), which outlines the needs that must be met in order for the City to fund a program under Human Services. She said that the model was approved by the Council in 2005.

Ms. Albright further displayed the Funding Schedule Timeline. (See Page 8 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Albright provided a short synopsis of the CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding, of which staff would recommend full funding of the Code Enforcement and Economic Development applications. (See Pages 9 and 10 respectively of Attachment 1)

Ms. Albright advised that with respect to the three applications for Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation (Housing Needs), (See Page 11 of Attachment 1), staff would recommend that the City of Mesa Housing and Revitalization Division's (Homeowner Rehabilitation Program) request be decreased by 50%. She stated that although it is a popular program, in staff's opinion, there are other programs with higher priorities.

Ms. Albright further discussed the Public Facility applications. (See Page 12 of Attachment 1) She explained that last year, staff did "some clean up" of past contracts, which ultimately resulted in \$1.2 million in prior year funding. She stated that staff intends to allocate a portion of those monies as part of this annual process. She stressed that such funds would be "one time

only” dollars and added that staff would recommend funding, for instance, large projects with “one time only expenses.”

Committeemember Kavanaugh commented that he would anticipate that every year there would be some money remaining from the prior year that would be available to reallocate. He noted, however, that if he understands what Ms. Albright is saying, that next year the agencies should not expect that the savings would be of the same magnitude, but perhaps a much smaller amount.

Ms. Albright confirmed Committeemember Kavanaugh’s statement.

Ms. Albright reported that in last year’s Annual Action Plan, the Council approved taking \$1.5 million in prior year funds to “make whole” the request for the La Mesita Shelter Project. She explained that the City is using prior year funds (\$306,796) to equal the \$1.5 million. She added that with respect to the City of Mesa Housing and Revitalization Division – Serrine Adult Day Services Facility Renovation, staff would recommend that it be funded with \$627,582 in prior year funds.

Chairman Richins acknowledged that many community partners have come together on this project and particularly the Mesa Leadership Training and Development Program. He said that having recently toured the facility, it was apparent that the building was in desperate need of an upgrade to even participate in a market that is underserved.

Ms. Albright referenced Page 12 and remarked that the City “runs out of funds” with the application from the Mesa Community Action Network, Inc. (A New Leaf) – Parking lot preparation and rehabilitation. She pointed out, however, that approximately \$332,000 in prior year funds remain available, which could be allocated in a number of different ways per the discretion of the Committee.

Ms. Albright discussed the Public Service Applications (See Page 13 of Attachment 1) and reported that the allowable amount for this category was \$476,445 (15% maximum). She clarified that an additional \$168,000 in prior year monies could be used to fund this category and remain within the maximum allowable.

Chairman Richins briefly commented on the Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) – Special Friends Mentoring Program funding request for \$5,000. He stated that AASK is a wonderful organization and said he did not want his remarks to be construed as any sort of negative commentary against the organization. He noted that it costs the City as much to monitor a \$5,000 contract as it does a higher dollar amount and inquired whether it would be more appropriate to fund the application through Human Services and not CDBG. He added that he would like to see the City avoid monitoring contracts of \$5,000 or even \$25,000.

Ms. Albright responded that it would depend upon what AASK’s application was intended for. She said that if its purpose was to use the funds for a hard cost/direct cost to pay, for instance, one invoice, it would be “fairly easy” for the City to process such costs. She said that when an agency tries to pay for salaries or indirect costs, staff begins to run into a significant amount of paperwork and it also becomes not cost effective for the agency. She added that staff would conduct further research regarding the AASK application and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

Chairman Richins remarked that in the past, the Committee discussed how expensive it was for the City to monitor small contracts. He suggested that if there was a way in which to fund such items without using Federal dollars, perhaps that would be an appropriate option for the Committee to consider.

Ms. Albright continued with the presentation and noted that on Page 13, Save the Family requested \$62,000 in funding, but staff would recommend \$85,000. She explained that the agency requested \$135,000 in Human Services funding and noted that staff reduced that amount to \$50,000 and are thereby recommending \$85,000 under the Public Service application.

Ms. Albright highlighted the Administration funds (See Page 14 of Attachment 1) and reiterated that the City has \$332,557 remaining in prior year CDBG funds that can be allocated per the discretion of the Committee.

Ms. Albright discussed the HOME FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding. (See Pages 15 and 16 of Attachment 1) She reported that the Council previously delegated the authority to the HCDAB to award individual HOME projects and explained that there are currently several applications "in the wings" for the Board's consideration. Ms. Albright indicated, however, that some of the non-profits have advised staff that it was difficult to work with the banks and actually acquire a property when the organization does not know whether it will be awarded rehab funds.

Ms. Albright stated that in an effort to not only meet the needs of those entities, but also ensure that the City conforms to various Federal rules and regulations, staff would recommend that the Committee delegate the authority to the HCDAB to grant a "pre-award" for a four-month time period. She advised that this would allow the organization to present its application to the HCDAB and demonstrate that it has a viable project.

Ms. Albright noted that with the "pre-award," the non-profit would have four months to find a specific property, put together its Proforma and make sure that the project is financially viable. She also noted that the City of Mesa is now required to underwrite the project and utilize a tool provided by HUD in order to do so. She said that pending the completion of the above-listed activities, the applicant would bring forward the project to the HCDAB for final approval. She added that it was the opinion of staff that such an option would be "a good middle ground" to meet the needs of the non-profits.

Ms. Albright further commented that staff would not recommend that the Committee preapprove the Community Bridges, Inc. – Center for Hope Permanent Supportive Housing application (See Page 15) at this time since the "Four Month Pre-Award" was not advertised in such a way and other agencies did not have the opportunity to apply for "a pre-award" through this process.

Responding to a question from Committeemember Kavanaugh, Ms. Albright clarified that it was her understanding that it was difficult for the non-profits to work with the financial institutions and actually commit to a location if the agencies have not been awarded the necessary funding in order to complete the project.

Chairman Richins stated that he wanted to remind the City's housing providers that the principal was to inject as much of the market mechanism and competitive mechanism into this process as possible. He explained that just because an agency receives "a pre-award" of \$200,000, he

cautioned that the non-profit not “go out and make deals just because it has the money.” He commented that the City would appreciate it if the organizations would “go out and strike good deals” and yet leave as much money in the funding pool as possible to ensure that other deals can be made in the marketplace.

Ms. Albright remarked that staff has seen substantial reductions in the HOME grant allocation. She explained that with respect to ARM of Save the Family – Affordable Rental Movement, Escobedo at Verde Vista Phase II, staff did not recommend funding the project with HOME dollars. She noted, however, that the project qualifies as Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activity and staff would recommend \$300,000 of the \$500,000 go towards Escobedo. She added that Escobedo is making its tax credit application under the CHDO set aside.

Ms. Albright further commented that if the Committee does not “pre-award” Community Bridges, an estimated \$400,000 of this year’s funds would be available for agencies to apply to the HCDAB for “a pre-award” or a specific project. She stated that staff was seeking Committee direction relative to how much of those funds should be allocated toward homeownership programs versus rental programs. She noted that such direction is a required element of Mesa’s Annual Action Plan. She added that last year, the Committee allocated \$400,000 for homeownership and \$200,000 for rental.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that staff has seen more activity with respect to rental as opposed to homeownership projects; that Housing Our Community (HOC), which provided a homeownership counseling program for the City, closed its operations; that Mr. Thimesch has developed a program that staff would like to launch in an effort to use last year’s homeownership funds and possibly even this year’s funds; that the program would be a homebuyer’s subsidy, down payment and closing costs assistance program; and that the City’s Consolidated Plan includes a 50/50 split of funding for homeownership programs and rental programs.

Chairman Richins remarked that it has always been the policy of the Council to emphasize homeownership because of its stabilizing effect on neighborhoods and schools. He suggested that the City maintain the status quo with a 50/50 split at this time. He stated that he was aware of the fact that Committeewoman Higgins has also been an advocate of homeownership.

Committeemember Kavanaugh concurred with Chairman Richins’ suggestion.

Ms. Albright offered a short synopsis of the ESG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding. (See Pages 17 and 18 of Attachment 1) She reported that last year, the City received a mid-year allocation of \$162,000, which was required to be used for Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention. She explained that new Federal rules were issued at the same time and stated that staff was uncomfortable that they did not clearly understand the rules and recommended to keep the program “in house.”

Ms. Albright commented that now that staff has a better understanding of such rules, which are quite complex, it was determined that the City does not have the necessary staffing to administer the program. She noted, therefore, that staff recommends splitting the funding between A New Leaf and Save the Family, which are requesting Rapid Rehousing monies.

Ms. Albright, in addition, reported that with respect to Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc., (CASS) – Emergency Shelter Services, staff would recommend full funding (\$30,000) for the agency, with \$15,500 in ESG monies and the remaining \$14,450 from Human Services.

Chairman Richins stated the opinion that it would be appropriate to “free up some money” in the Human Services category for other projects that need to be funded. He stated that the City has been very generous with A New Leaf and Save the Family and inquired if it would be possible to somewhat reduce their funding in order to keep CASS whole. He added that the Human Services funding originally allocated to CASS could then be allocated for other projects that will need to be addressed.

Additional discussion ensued relative to the fact that the City has a limitation of 60% on outreach and shelter services (i.e. \$107,000); that if the City provides more funding to CASS out of ESG, it would put the City over its limit; that Chairman Richins stated that he wanted as much of CASS’s request funded out of ESG as opposed to Human Services; and that staff will work on this issue and bring back options to the Committee for their consideration at the next meeting.

Ms. Albright reviewed the Human Services/ABC FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding. (See Pages 19, 20 and 21 of Attachment 1) She stated that on Page 20, below the CASS funding request, it illustrates that no additional Human Services dollars are available to fund the remaining applications. She reiterated that the City has \$332,557 remaining in prior year CDBG funds, but clarified that utilization of those monies comes with certain restrictions.

Committeemember Kavanaugh suggested that some of the prior year CDBG monies be allocated for the following programs: 1.) Lutheran Social Services – IHelp Shelter Program for Homeless Women (per the recommendation of Committeewoman Higgins); 2.) Mercy Housing Southwest – Intergenerational Out of School Time Program; 3.) West Mesa CDC – Community Compliance; and 4.) West Mesa CDC – Safety Education and Crime Prevention.

Ms. Albright responded that staff would work with the above-listed agencies and review their applications to determine what, if any, of their needs would be eligible under the CDBG category. She cautioned that CDBG would require that the agencies complete additional paperwork in order to meet various requirements.

Committeemember Kavanaugh recognized that some of the CDBG funds would be used for staff time and said that it would be necessary for the agencies to complete timecards and other materials. He added that although there may be more paperwork for the agencies to complete, that is “the price you pay” to use the grant money for those purposes.

Ms. Albright further remarked that it would be necessary for staff to look at the Public Service cap to ensure that if the four items recommended by Committeemember Kavanaugh were funded, that the City would not exceed the 15% maximum allowable amount for Public Service.

Chairman Richins stated that the Committee would like staff to have the flexibility to move grant applications into appropriate categories. He noted that some agencies have a great capacity for dealing with Federal funds and are very efficient at doing so.

Chairman Richins, in addition, commented that he did not know whether the IHelp Program had the capacity to deal with Federal funding, but concurred with his fellow Committeemembers that it was a very innovative program that he would like to see continue. He further suggested that staff “free up” some Human Services money for the IHelp Program and move some of the bigger capacity organizations that can handle Federal funds into the CDBG Program.

Special Assistant to the City Manager Natalie Lewis asked that Chairman Richins read into the record a letter authored by Committeewoman Higgins, wherein she recommended that Lutheran Social Services – IHelp Shelter Program for Homeless Women be fully funded.

Chairman Richins briefly paraphrased Committeewoman Higgins’ letter. **(See Attachment 2)**

Chairman Richins stated that a follow-up meeting of the Community and Cultural Development Committee is scheduled for next week, at which time staff will bring back various funding options for the Committee’s consideration.

Chairman Richins thanked staff for the presentation.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Community and Cultural Development Committee meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Community and Cultural Development Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 31st day of January, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, INTERIM CITY CLERK

**Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

**HOME Investment
Partnership (HOME) Program**

**Emergency Solutions Grant
(ESG) Program**

Human Services Funding



**Presentation to Community and Cultural Development
Committee – January 31, 2013**

Federal Grant Purpose and Process

- Finalize funding recommendations for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding for Council approval.
- Technical review and rating by staff weighted at 70% of total score.
- Presentation score weighted at 30% from Housing and Community Development Advisory Board.
- Total available score is 100 points.

Human Services and ABC Purpose and Process

- Finalize funding recommendations for ABC and Human Services Funds for Council approval.
- Technical review and rating by staff weighted at 70% of total score.
- Presentation score weighted at 30% from Housing and Community Development Advisory Board.
- Total available score is 50.

Mesa Funding Cycles

Program	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
CDBG	3.7 million	3.1 million	3.1 million
HOME	1.3 million	944 thousand	944 thousand
ESG	151 thousand	269 thousand	269 thousand
ABC/Human Services	657 thousand	620 thousand	620 thousand

Anticipated level funding for FY 2013/14

Methodology for possible funding reduction

Option 1 (staff Recommendation)

- Eliminate the lowest rated commitments

Option 2

- Reduce all commitments by an equal percentage

HUD Grant Requirements

National Objectives

- **Benefit to low-and moderate- income (LMI) persons.**
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
- Meet a need having a particular urgency.

Outcomes per Mesa's Consolidated Plan

- Decent Housing
- Suitable Living Environment
- Economic Opportunity

Human Services Funding Model

Engage in programs that:

- Impact community safety services.
- Encourage independence and self-sufficiency.
- Avoid duplicating efforts.
- Provide diverse financial support and sustainable success.
- Prevent long-term dependence on public resources.
- Have specific outcomes for the public good.

Funding Schedule Timeline

ACTIVITY	DATE(S)
Applications due	November 5, 2012
Public Hearing #1 (Parts 1, 2, and 3) – Review of application presentations by HCDAB & EDAB	January 8, 9, and 10, 2013
Community & Cultural Development Committee – Review/modify board recommendations	January 31, 2013 February 6, 2013
Council Study Session – Review and Approval of Community & Cultural Development funding recommendations by Council	February 28, 2013
Council Study Session – Review and Approval of Community & Cultural Development funding recommendations by Council (if needed)	March 7, 2013
Annual Action Plan – 30-day public comment period	March 10 – April 11, 2013
Public Hearing #2 – Annual Action Plan review	April 4, 2013
Council Meeting – Annual Action Plan approval by Council	April 15, 2013
Annual Action Plan to HUD	May 15, 2013

CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Code Enforcement	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
CDBG	COM Housing and Revitalization Division – Demolition and Hazardous Abatement Program	\$100,000	\$100,000
CDBG	COM Development and Sustainability – Code Enforcement Program – 4 FTE Code Officers	\$363,194	\$363,194
CDBG	Code Enforcement Subtotal	\$463,194	\$463,194

CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Economic Development Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
CDBG	Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) – Business Development Program	\$81,500	\$81,500
CDBG	West Mesa CDC – Economic Development Program	\$90,000	\$90,000
CDBG	<i>Economic Development Subtotal</i>	171,500	\$171,500

CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation (Housing Needs) Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
CDBG	Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL) – Mesa Home Accessibility Program (MHAP)	\$67,696	\$67,696
CDBG	COM Housing and Revitalization Division – Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	\$1,088,400	\$557,680
CDBG	House of Refuge– Energy Efficiency Replacement Program	\$48,534	\$48,534
CDBG	<i>Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation (Housing Needs) Subtotal</i>	<i>\$1,204,630</i>	<i>\$673,910</i>

Boxes highlighted represent adjusted funding recommendations.

CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Public Facility Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
CDBG *	A New Leaf – La Mesita Shelter Project	\$475,000	\$306,796
CDBG **	COM Housing and Revitalization Division – Sirrine Adult Day Services Facility Renovation	\$627,582	\$627,582
CDBG	Community Bridges, Inc. – Center for Hope Nursery Expansion	\$225,000	\$225,000
CDBG	Los Ninos Hospital, Inc. – Construct 26 bed pediatric Hospital	\$700,000	\$700,000
CDBG	Mesa Community Action Network, Inc. (A New Leaf)- Parking lot preparation and rehabilitation	\$350,000	--
CDBG	Project Veterans Pride – Project Veterans Pride Project	\$270,000	--
CDBG	Public Facility Subtotal	\$2,647,582	\$1,859,378

* A New Leaf – La Mesita \$306,796 is from prior year funds to equal \$1.5 million request

**COM – Sirrine Adult Day Services Facility Renovation is funded with \$627,582 from prior year funds

CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Public Service Applications – (15% Maximum Allowable Amount - \$476,445)	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
CDBG	A New Leaf – Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter operations	\$42,500	\$42,500
CDBG	A New Leaf – East Valley's Men Center (EVMC) operations	\$150,000	\$150,000
CDBG	Save the Family Foundation of Arizona – Homeless Families Intervention Project	\$62,000	\$85,000
CDBG	A New Leaf – Desert Leaf and La Mesita Apartments supportive services	\$25,000	\$25,000
CDBG	Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) –Special Friends Mentoring Program	\$5,000	\$5,000
Public Service Subtotal		\$284,500	\$307,500

CDBG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Administration	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
CDBG	COM Housing and Revitalization Division – Administration	\$635,226	\$635,226
	<i>Administration Subtotal</i>	\$635,226	\$635,226

Remaining prior year CDBG funds \$332,557

HOME FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Non Profit Agency Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
HOME	Community Bridges, Inc. – Center for Hope Permanent Supportive Housing Four Month Pre-Award	\$292,000	\$292,000
HOME	ARM of Save the Family – Affordable Rental Movement Escobedo at Verde Vista Phase II	\$500,000	--
HOME	Non Profit Agency Subtotal	\$792,000	\$292,000

Funding Source	CHDO Set-Aside Applications (15% Minimum Required - \$141,674)	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
HOME	ARM of Save the Family – Affordable Rental Movement Escobedo at Verde Vista Phase II	\$500,000	\$300,000
HOME	ARM of Save the Family – Affordable Rental Movement CHDO Operating	\$40,000	\$40,000
HOME	CHDO Set-Aside Subtotal	\$540,000	\$340,000

HOME FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	City Department Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
HOME	COM Housing and Revitalization Division – Security/Utility Deposit Program	\$100,000	\$100,000
HOME	COM Housing and Revitalization Division – HOME Administration	\$94,449	\$94,449
HOME	City Department Subtotal	\$194,449	\$194,449

Remaining FY 13/14 HOME funds for \$118,042

Remaining prior year HOME funds \$322,644

- \$179,286 available for Home Ownership programs
- \$143,358 available for Rental Programs

ESG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Non Profit Agency Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
ESG	A New Leaf – La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00
ESG *	A New Leaf- EMPOWER Rapid Rehousing Program	\$38,300.00	\$38,300.00 \$81,023.77
ESG	Community Bridges Inc., - CBI Homeless Navigator Services in Mesa	\$45,693.00	\$45,693.00
ESG **	Save the Family– Rapid Rehousing Program	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00 \$81,023.78
ESG	Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc.- Emergency Shelter Services	\$30,000.00	\$15,550.00
ESG	<i>Non Profit Agency Subtotal</i>	<i>\$256,493.00</i>	<i>\$404,090.55</i>

* A New Leaf – Empower \$81,023.77 is from prior year funds

** Save the Family- Rapid Rehousing Program \$81,023.78 is from prior year funds

ESG FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
ESG	COM Housing and Revitalization - Administration	\$20,169	\$20,169
ESG	<i>Administration Subtotal</i>	\$20,169	\$20,169

Remaining FY 13/14 ESG funds for \$6,714

Human Services/ABC FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Non Profit Agency Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
HS/ABC	United Food Bank –Food Link Program	\$18,000	\$18,000
HS/ABC	Paz de Cristo – Evening Meal Service	\$40,000	\$40,000
HS/ABC	American Red Cross – Local Disaster Relief Program	\$10,000	\$10,000
HS/ABC	Community Bridges – Mobile Community Outreach	\$65,000	\$65,000
HS/ABC	East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR) – Meals on Wheels Program	\$20,000	\$20,000
HS/ABC	Mesa Community Action Network, Inc.- MesacAN Client Services	\$132,500	\$132,500
HS/ABC	East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR)- Assistance for Independent Living	\$24,000	\$24,000
HS/ABC	Save the Family- Homeless Families Intervention	135,000	\$50,000
HS/ABC	Teen Lifeline – Teen Crisis/Suicide Prevention Hotline	\$15,000	\$15,000
HS/ABC	A New Leaf, Inc. – Autumn House Emergency Shelter	\$25,000	\$25,000
HS/ABC	Marc Center – Job Training Support for the Disabled	\$29,500	\$29,500
HS/ABC	Community Legal Services– Mesa Tenants Rights Helpline	\$40,000	\$40,000

Human Services/ABC FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Non Profit Agency Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
HS/ABC	Community Legal Services– Removing Barriers to Justice	\$45,000	\$45,000
HS/ABC	Child Crisis Center – Emergency Shelter for Children	\$11,500	\$11,500
HS/ABC	A New Leaf – Mayfield Alternative Youth Center	\$10,000	\$10,000
HS/ABC	A New Leaf – Court Advocacy	\$12,500	\$12,500
HS/ABC	House of Refuge – Employment Services	\$21,000	\$21,000
HS/ABC	Sirrine Adult Day Care – Meals and Music Therapy	\$30,000	\$30,000
HS/ABC	A New Leaf – Empower Program	\$7,500	\$7,500
HS/ABC	Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) – Shelter services for homeless women	\$30,000	\$14,450
HS/ABC	Lutheran Social Services – IHelp Shelter Program for Homeless Women	\$27,000	-
HS/ABC	A New Leaf – La Mesita operations	\$40,000	--
HS/ABC	Mercy Housing Southwest – intergenerational Out of School Time Program	\$12,664	--
HS/ABC	A New Leaf – Desert Leaf Apartments	\$50,000	--

Human Services/ABC FY 2013/14 Applications for Funding

Funding Source	Non Profit Agency Applications	Agency Request	Staff Recommend
HS/ABC	A New Leaf – Peer Navigator Desert Leaf Apartments	\$35,000	--
HS/ABC	Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley – Academic Success at the Grant Woods Branch	\$25,000	--
HS/ABC	West Mesa CDC – Community Compliance	\$60,000	--
HS/ABC	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development – Supportive Services to Homeless Youth	\$10,000	--
HS/ABC	West Mesa CDC – Safety Education and Crime Prevention	\$10,000	--
HS/ABC	West Mesa CDC – Mesa Neighborhood	\$20,000	--
Non Profit Agency Subtotal		\$1,011,164	\$620,950

Questions and Discussion

I would like to recommend that Lutheran Social Services be fully funded. They are a valuable partner with the City of Mesa and capitalize on a major need in our community – providing shelter for women. The city is underserved when it comes to providing shelter for homeless women. That is why mesa faith and other community partners came together to find a solution for the homeless women in our community called I HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program). Lutheran social services is the agency that worked with community partners to make I HELP a reality in Mesa.

The I HELP program was developed a few years ago when Mesa, like many cities, were faced with budget cuts. The city was looking for creative solutions to provide more services for less money and encouraged developing more partnership. I-help is a great example of one of those partnership where the community is working together to help single homeless women in Mesa.

Before I help single women had to go to downtown Phoenix to find shelter for the night. Last year, the program provided daily shelter for 200 homeless women plus provided additional services to help these women get back on their feet.

This program is so valued by the host churches that Mesa's own "woman of the year" Joe Wilson mentioned it in her acceptance speech last year. The sense of community that is built within the faith community that hosts a night cannot be found anywhere else in the City of Mesa. The City of Chandler used Mesa's I HELP model to start their own program this past year and the Town of Gilbert is also looking into creating their own program.

The less fortunate women in Mesa need our help and I HELP delivers. That is why I believe Lutheran Social Services should be fully funded and I ask staff to look at funding it with this year's money or using prior CDBG funds.

Thank you.

Councilwoman Dina Higgins