

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Conference Room 9/10
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

MEETING SUMMARY

CCFAC Members Present: Michele Menapace (Chair), Marlene Blum (Vice-Chair), Thomas Bash, Karla Bruce, Jim Edwards-Hewitt, Mike Finkle, Mary Ann Floto, Michele Hymer Blitz, Richard (Dick) Kennedy and Valerie Sutter.

Inter-Agency Staff Present: Dawn Hyman (NCS), Andrew Janos (DPMM), Laura Lazo (HCD), Beverly Moses (HCD), Lee Ann Pender (DPMM) and Katie Strotman (NCS).

Call to Order

Chairperson M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool Request for Proposals Update

A. Janos reported that the proposals were due on December 3. An extra day was allowed because of the Thanksgiving break. Staff is reviewing each proposal to ensure that all of the required documents were submitted. The Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) will begin reviewing the proposals in January. He explained that the number of proposals submitted cannot be revealed until after the SAC review process is completed.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Tool Update

D. Hyman distributed a portion of the documents to be provided to the CCFP selection advisory committee (TAC Tool) which provide data on the 7 categories for the FY 2021-2022 CCFP funding cycle. Detailed descriptions of the Housing, Health, Food & Nutrition, Financial Stability, Support/Community/Social Networks, Literacy/Educational Development/Attainment, and Positive Behaviors & Health Relationships category areas were distributed. The TAC Tool will be provided to the SAC to use as a reference to support their proposal evaluation and scoring decisions. In addition to the 7 category datasheets, the TAC Tool also will include 5 community profiles highlighting demographic data for the 4 Human Services Regions and 1 for Fairfax County overall, and a Human Services Regional Map outlining the neighborhoods in each region.

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Working Advisory Group (WAG) Update

B. Moses reported that the WAG met on November 18, 2019 and adopted recommendations for the allocation of the estimated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding resources that are expected to be available for use in FY 2021. The WAG also adopted a recommended contingency plan for how the recommended allocations are to be adjusted after receipt of the HUD notice of the actual awards for FY 2021 (Contingency Plan). Details of the WAG recommended allocations and the Contingency Plan were distributed.

B. Moses also reported that staff requested adjustments to the WAG recommended allocations of CDBG funding. Details of the requested adjustments to the WAG recommended allocations were distributed. The staff request was made to increase the WAG recommended allocation to the "Homeownership First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance" program in order to carry out the preferences expressed by WAG members. At the meeting, WAG members expressed the preference that the allocation for the down payment assistance program be increased to enable more beneficiaries to be served. The WAG did not increase the funding for down payment assistance because of staff concern about the capacity to support additional beneficiaries with the currently available administrative resources. After further evaluation, staff concluded that additional beneficiaries could be served with current administrative resources. Therefore, staff recommended that the down payment assistance program be increased by \$73,625 and that the "Housing and Community Development Acquisitions" program be decreased by the same amount.

Draft FY 2021 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan Update

B. Moses distributed the Draft FY 2021 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan (Draft FY 2021 Action Plan) and reported that each CCFAC member is invited to provide suggested revisions at the next CCFAC meeting on January 14, 2020.

B. Moses reported that the CCFAC is scheduled to adopt the Draft FY 2021 Action Plan at the next meeting and to authorize staff to release it for public comment during a period of at least 30 days prior to the date on which the Board of Supervisors (Board) will hold a public meeting. The Board will hold the public hearing, if authorized, on March 24. She reminded the CCFAC members that the date on which the CCFAC will adopt the final Draft FY 2021 Action Plan for submission to the Board is dependent upon receipt of the HUD notice of the actual awards for FY 2021.

Approval of November 12, 2019 Meeting Summary

The summary of the November 12, 2019 meeting, with the summary of comments made at the CCFAC Public Needs Hearing, was approved unanimously on the motion of M. Blum, seconded by T. Bash.

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Information from Appointing Organizations

M. Hymer-Blitz, representing the Disabilities Services Board (DSB), reported that the DSB honored Board Chairman Bulova, Supervisor Cook and others for their work in shepherding the county toward full inclusion. The Dave and Busters at Fair Oaks Mall works with students to develop employment skills. Body Wise Dance has paired a group of students who have extensive disabilities with a group of dancers who do not have disabilities to develop a dance presentation. Hymer-Blitz also reported on the departure of former long-time DSB Director Matthew Barkley, who has taken a job with Montgomery County.

M. Blum, representing the Health Care Advisory Board (HCAB), reported that the HCAB met on December 9, 2019, and began review of the INOVA Health System budget as a part of the lease requirements. The new INOVA Chief Financial Officer Alice Pope reported to the HCAB that there has been a change in how the hospital will handle the accounts of patients who have not paid their bills for health services received. The hospital is shifting away from an approach that is punitive against those patients and increasing efforts to help patients apply for charity care. The hospital will stop making collection efforts and write-off unpaid patient bills after a period to be specified.

K. Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, provided an update on the implementation of the One Fairfax Policy. County teams have developed draft Equity Impact Plans outlining how the equity will be considered in the department and agency operations. The Office Prevent and End Homelessness hosted an equity training by Race Forward for the community at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, which was attended by over 100 persons. Chairman Bulova convened a group of stakeholders who prepared a report on the significance of race as a focus for the county. The presentation is available for review online. L. Lazo agreed to send an email to the CCFAC members with the link to the presentation and the report.

M. Menapace, representing the Human Services Council (HSC), reported that the HSC will provide testimony to the Community Action Advisory Board about price appropriate housing, TANF and independent living. The HSC also is planning outreach meetings throughout the county to discuss the Human Services Resource plan and to receive community feedback to gauge if the plans are on the right track.

M. Finkle, representing Homeless Interests, agreed that it is important to discuss the need to make housing affordable to persons whose incomes are at or below 15% of the area median income. Those are the people who are homeless.

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Other Business

L. Lazo reported that the HCD Director of Homeownership spoke with Ms. Milleville about the issues and concerns that she expressed the CCFAC public hearing on November 12, 2019.

M. Hymer-Blitz emphasized the on-going need to continue to focus and collaborate to resolve the problems that arise in matching the right people with the right accessible housing when units become available.

Chair M. Menapace adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Next CCFAC Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3

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