

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Event Name: CCFAC 0112

Date and time: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:30 pm EDT

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MEETING SUMMARY

Call to Order

Chairperson M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided pre-meeting instructions.

Roll Call, in the order as presented:

- Michele Menapace (Alexandria, VA)
- Marlene Blum (Vienna, VA)
- Karla Bruce (Fairfax, VA)
- Melanie Bush (Fairfax, VA)
- Holly Dougherty (Alexandria, VA)
- Mary Ann Floto (WDC) (Washington DC)
- Mike Finkle (Fair Oaks, VA)
- Michele (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz (Herndon, VA)
- Richard (Dick) Kennedy (Reston, VA)
- Clayton Medford (Woodbridge, VA)
- Valerie Sutter (Annandale, VA)
- Fazia Deen (Falls Church, VA)
- Jim Edwards -Hewitt (Fairfax, VA)
- Jane Plum (XX)

Inter-agency staff present on WebEx:

Sarah Allen (NCS), Michelle Brizzi (NCS), Ramona Carroll (NCS), Jason Chia (DHCD), Regina Coyle (DHCD), Keisha Dotson (NCS), Renee Edwards (NCS), Jenny Hsu (DHCD), Andrew Janos (DPMM), Laura Lazo (DHCD), Chris Leonard (CEX), Teresa Lepe (DHCD), Beverly Moses (DHCD), Cathy Muse (DPMM), Lee Ann Pender (DPMM), George Rodriguez (DHCD), and Katie Strotman (NCS).

Chairperson M. Menapace moved that each member's voice be adequately heard by each other member of the committee. Seconded by C. Medford, motion passed.

Chairperson M. Menapace moved that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, this committee meeting is being conducted electronically online through Webex. The public can gain access

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online at: <http://bit.ly/CCFACmeeting-Jan12-2021> or by calling toll-free number: 1-844-621-3956 and using access code: 1790705372#. Second by M. Finkle, the motion passed.

Approval of December 8, 2020 CCFAC Meeting Summary

On the motion of M. Blum, second by D. Kennedy, the group approved the December 8, 2020 CCFAC Meeting Summary.

CCFP Board Matter

Deputy County Executive C. Leonard presented a quick overview of a December 1, 2020 Board Matter concerning the CCFP cycle, the basic needs of housing and food supports, and proposed changes to for the next funding cycle. C. Leonard summarized that since there were certain basic need providers that were not funded in the current CCFP cycle, this left a gap in funding for basic needs, driven by the pandemic, in western areas of County. The Board has responded to the current basic needs crisis in the following ways:

- Set-aside \$20 million of federal CARES Act funding for basic needs services
- Provided flexibility to the CCFP recipients to repurpose their funding to respond to COVID-19-related basic needs issues. Many utilized this flexibility.
- Allocated an additional \$8 million (\$28 million total) for basic needs issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Fairfax County has been spending \$500,000 to \$600,000 per week to support increase demand for basic needs services. Congress has extended the use of CARES Act funding into the next year. The Board will revisit the issues identified in the Board Matter and provide staff with an opportunity to propose changes to the CCFP cycle. M.

Menapace referred the group to the Not-In-Package (NIP) Board item that details the proposed changes to the CCFP funding process. K. Strotman reported that staff has looked at the CCFP process by reviewing previous work-team recommendations, similar programs in neighboring jurisdictions, and considering feedback from the Board and community. County staff also developed a white paper on proposed CCFP changes, presented a grant writing workshop, filled vacancies in the CCFAC membership, included One-Fairfax language in communications to the community, updated the tax process, updated the online submission process for the next cycle, and took steps to ensure that the community is aware of services available.

The NIP proposed to divide the CCFP into two categories: *Survive* - which include emergency food and housing supports (rent assistance and case management, excluding capital housing), and *Thrive* – which include other services in the remaining categories (financial stability, health, literacy/education development attainment, positive behaviors and healthy relationships, and support/community/social networks). The proposed review process would be similar to the process for CARES Act funding allocations and would utilize \$5-6 million (out of \$13 million total) to ensure geographical, all-regional, disbursement of funds for basic needs.

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The Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) will remain comprised of community-based members however, there will be a second, smaller sub-group that will read all the proposals related to food needs. There would also be a review of how the county does business and relies on programs that are integral and supplemental to county services and it will be proposed that those programs identified be funded by agency budgets. Additionally, the CCFP process will remain a 2 year-cycle.

S. Allen stated that the following will be emphasized to the Board regarding the larger context of CCFP:

- CCFP funding is a smaller portion of the Human Services budget.
- There are larger systemic issues relating to self-sufficiency and equity.
- Services within the Thrive category are essential.
- We are currently in year 1 of the 2-year cycle.
- The Board is viewing issues in the context of COVID-19 emergency response, and not the larger context of longer-term operations of programs.
- Funding gaps have emerged throughout many years of CCFP cycles.
- Recognizing that the nonprofits partners are integral in the work of the county and they often leverage funds to provide services.
- Services are competing against each other for limited funding.

In response to the question of whether the Board considered including health related services, including behavioral health, with emergency needs. C. Leonard stated that health was not highlighted because there was no obvious gap in funding. The focus was on food and shelter gaps. S. Allen stated that the health services mentioned under the *Thrive* category in the NIP pertained to health education and healthy eating, not essential health services because the latter are mainly covered by county contracts.

Members and staff found the splitting of the RFP into two areas to be beneficial and important, but some expressed concern about the omission of health and behavioral health as a critical funding need in terms of *Survive*, and suggested additional items related to health services be added. There was also concern that over placing health in the *Thrive* category where applicants will be competing against each other, and suggested essential health services, including behavioral health, be moved into the *Survive* category. CCFAC members were in general agreement with the language proposed in the NIP, along with the additional commentary discussed during this meeting.

CCFP Community Engagement Results

K. Strotman reported that there will be revisions to the outcome statements that based on the survey comments received on the CCFP categories. In general, the community agreed on the categories. C. Medford and M. Menapace will work with staff on the revised categories and develop draft categories to be presented at the Spring meeting of the Board's Housing, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee. CCFAC will revisit the categories to make any subsequent changes, if necessary.

Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2022-2026 and One-Year Action Plan for FY 2022

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L. Lazo reported that comments received so far from stakeholders included: where to target housing to 15% of Area Median Income (AMI) households, the allocation of funding to security deposit program, and the inclusion of Sensory Disabilities to Persons with Disabilities. Additional changes made to the draft documents include the addition of hazard mitigation and broadband services sections, new charts and tables to improve readability, new COVID-19 Appendix, and other editorial clean-ups and improvements.

The draft documents will be released for public comment on February 9, 2021. Upon B. Moses's request, CCFAC approved the release of the documents for public comment in public outlets and social media, and for scheduling the Board public hearing on March 23, 2021. An information item to the FCRHA will be presented January 21, 2021. The county anticipates receiving its HUD funding award notice in late March 2021. Any funding adjustments that exceed 10% will be represented to stakeholders. D. Kennedy motioned to approve the release as described, M. Blum seconded.

Information from Appointing Organization

None

Other Business

K. Strotman is retiring in February 2021 from her service at Fairfax County. R. Edwards will be taking on the role working with the CCFP.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next CCFAC Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting

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