

Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

1300 Franklin Street, Room 679

Vancouver, Washington

July 13, 2015

URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Madore, Chair

Erin Erdman

Pete Capell

Mayor Ron Onslow

Bryan Kast

Mayor Jeff Carothers

Clark County

City of Battle Ground

City of Camas

City of Ridgefield

City of Ridgefield

Town of Yacolt

GUESTS

Rob Charles (City of Washougal); Amanda Smeller (City of Woodland); Ben Sturtz, Jessica Woodruff (REACH)

STAFF

Pete Munroe, Rebecca Royce, Samantha Whitley, Janet Snook

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Madore at 8:32 a.m.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of March 9, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Mayor Onslow moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015, meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Capell. The motion carried.

III. Allocation of 2015 CHDO Funding

HUD requires 15% of HOME funds be set aside for a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). No CHDO applications were received in this year's funding cycle. After two years, these funds must be returned to HUD. REACH, a certified CHDO in Clark County, is able to use the funds immediately for the Isabella Court senior housing project that has previously received awards in 2013 and 2014. Mayor Carothers moved to award \$59,913 CHDO funds to REACH for Isabella Court. Mayor Onslow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Citizen Participation

Administrative changes have been made to the Citizen Participation Plan. This includes a cost savings through discontinuing newspaper advertising. Information will be posted on the Clark County website and on the County Facebook and Twitter sites, sent by email, mailed on request, and provided at public hearings. Press releases may also be possible. Cities must continue to hold public meetings to determine where citizens want funds spent.

V. 2016 CDBG Projects

Rebecca Royce presented guidelines for CDBG requests. All requests must be eligible activities and meet National Objectives. Eligible activities include public facilities and

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improvements, acquisition, commercial construction/rehabilitation, housing rehabilitation, and economic development. National objectives require a benefit to low-moderate income areas, limited clientele, housing occupancy, job creation/retention, and spot-basis slum or blight resolution. Households served must meet the low-moderate income guidelines determined by census tract, exception criteria or by neighborhood survey. The presentation and additional details are available on the Clark County website "Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for CDBG Entitlement Communities." Community Services' staff is available to discuss the eligibility of potential projects.

VI. 2016 HUD Budget (CDBG and HOME)

The House of Representatives passed the HUD budget with \$3.0 billion for CDBG and \$900 million for HOME. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a budget containing \$2.9 billion for CDBG and \$66 million for HOME. The House and Senate will determine the final budget later in the year.

VII. Other

There was no discussion on this item.

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Onslow moved to adjourn at 9:33 a.m. Mayor Carothers seconded. Motion carried.