

To Grants Committee Meeting

August 14, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stephen Reeb, Chairman
Susan Gruberman, Asst. Chairman
Matt Smallheer
Scott Greenwald
Ken Sharkey

Members Excused:

Richie Meile
Courtney Moore

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

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Chairman Steve Reeb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Clair County Annex Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Reeb took roll call.

Chairman Reeb asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey and a second by Ms. Gruberman, the minutes from the July 10, 2024 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Mr. Smallheer, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of July, 2024 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Mr. Greenwald, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in July 2024 were approved unanimously and placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Services Group and the reports were placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Development Group and the report was placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Workforce Development Group and the report was placed on file.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Mr. Smallheer, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Director's Report

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Weatherization has exhausted all their PY24 funding by weatherizing 67 homes. The PY25 grant application is complete. They are planning on 70 homes this year with 23 homes assessed and ready to begin. Weatherization is currently having state-wide issues with the new Weather Works program that has hindered productivity.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that LIHEAP will open October 1st. October will be the only month with priority guidelines this year. October will open to age 60 and older, persons with disabilities, and households with children under the age of 5. PIPP has begun recertification for the 620 clients enrolled in the program. LIHEAP will also start a voucher system for furnaces allowing clients to choose the installer.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Workforce Development currently has 72 people on their waiting list, and they have applied for supplemental funding.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Community Services Block Grant is continuing to work on the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Community Development Block Grant 2024 annual action plan has been submitted. They also have a request for proposal out for a consultant to complete their five-year plan for HUD. Rehab continues to struggle obtaining contractors and will need to move in a new direction. He also stated that Disaster Recovery applications have been sent out and they are due back by October 16th, 2024.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the HOME program is averaging 3-4 new home buyers each month.

Mr. Stubblefield stated they closed on 48 units in East St. Louis, 16 units in Cahokia Heights and are building 16 new units and rehabbing 14 units for homeless families.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the Audit Draft is complete, and everything went well.

Mr. Greenwald made a motion to approve the Director's report and Mr. Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Comments

None

Adjournment

Chairman Steve Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Mr. Greenwald, motion passed, and Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.