

To Grants Committee Meeting

May 8, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Richie Meile
Courtney Moore

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

May Brown

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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 Mr. Greenwald, the minutes from the April 10, 2024 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Smallheer, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in April 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. Greenwald, 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 the Weatherization staff have been traveling to training conferences to continue their education requirements.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the staff for the Community Development Block Grant is currently in St. Louis for technical assistance pertaining to the Disaster Recovery Grant that was received. The action plan for the Disaster Recovery grant has been approved and applications will be sent to all municipalities that were affected by flooding. Applications will be reviewed to determine which projects to fulfill. Mr. Stubblefield also noted that they will be working with the Core of Engineers for a global view to meet the needs in low-income areas throughout the county.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that WIPFLI will be here going over their strategic plan for the Community Service Block Grant. Board members and staff members from the Community Action Agency will be attending a 2-day meeting to investigate procedures, strengths, weaknesses and review analysis to make sure CSBG is operating the best possible program.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Workforce Development attended a summit in Collinsville.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the numbers are beginning to be received for next year's grants. LIHEAP will be down \$1.4 million. Home will be down \$225k and CDBG will be down \$100k. Weatherization's funding will double over the next 5 years. Mr. Reeb asked why that is. Mr. Stubblefield replied that there is more focus on weather and the new legislation has a change in funding. Utilities will now be receiving a discount for low income, therefore less funds will be needed. Weather is now in more demand, focusing on air quality and climate control.

Mr. Stubblefield also stated that it is the beginning of audit season. WIPFLI and Workforce audits will be conducted in the same week in June. HUD is also requesting an in person visit.

Other Comments

None

Adjournment

Chairman Steve Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Smallheer, and a second by Mr. Greenwald, motion passed, and Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.