

To Grants Committee Meeting

April 9, 2025

MINUTES

Members Present:

Susan Gruberman, Asst. Chairman
Scott Greenwald
Courtney Moore
Matt Smallheer

Members Excused:

Steve Reeb, Chairman
Ken Sharkey
Richie Meile

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

May Brown

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Assistant Chairman Susan Gruberman 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.

Assistant Chairman Gruberman took roll call.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Smallheer and a second by Mr. Greenwald, the minutes from the March 12, 2025 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mr. Greenwald, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of March, 2025 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mr. Greenwald, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in March, 2025 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. Smallheer, and a second by Mr. Moore, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

Resolutions

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A. Director's Report

Mr. Rick Stubblefield stated that Weatherization's two newly added contractors are off to a great start. They are helping us get caught up with the trouble with the new Weather Works system.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Community Service Block Grant's new program year started in January. CSBG is moving right along, and funding is currently available for all their programs.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that LIHEAP has processed over 4,700 applications with a 91% benefits rate. Applications continue to come in at a steady pace. There is still some furnace assistance money available. LIHEAP is open until August 15th or when funding runs out. As you may have heard, all Federal LIHEAP staff have been terminated. Fortunately, 90% of the federal LIHEAP funds have been drawn for this year. We have been told that there will be no issues with getting the balance of funding and that those tasks have been transferred to another department.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Community Development Block Grant's 5-year plan is under review and the 2nd round of public hearings will be held in May. The Disaster Recovery '22 award letters have been mailed out and contracts are being prepared. That was for \$30 million which was awarded to East St. Louis, Cahokia Heights, Caseyville, Dupon, and East Carondelet for flooding infrastructure. The Disaster Recovery '24 Grant agreement arrived and waiting for signature for \$89 million. IHDA application has been submitted for supportive housing. Continuum of Care Grant agreements for 2024 are starting to arrive. Public Facility applications for '25 are being reviewed.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the Workforce Development Recognition event will be held tomorrow morning. It is always a nice event to recognize outstanding participants in the program. The One-Stop MOU and budget are complete and will be submitted by Friday.

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

Other Comments

None.

Adjournment

Assistant Chairman Susan Gruberman entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Smallheer, and a second by Mr. Moore, motion passed, and Assistant Chairman Gruberman adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.