

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.
ROOM 402 – FOURTH FLOOR – CITY HALL**

Present: Theresa Bobula (Vice Chair), Ron Boshey, Bill Kimbler, Patricia Tyler, and DeAnne Westermann

Absent: Scott Wallschlaeger, Jennifer Baumann, and Joseph Matthes

Staff: Keith Hamre and Char McLennan

Roll Call: 5 present and 3 absent

1. Approval of Meeting Summary of July 28, 2009

Motion by Kimbler, seconded by Westermann, to approve the July 28 meeting summary. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) Applications

Keith provided background on the HPRP Program. Duluth received \$1,162,800 in federal stimulus funding. The purpose of HPRP is to provide housing stabilization for the homeless. Those eligible are homeless individuals and families or those who are at risk of becoming homeless and “but for this assistance” would be homeless, with the expectation that persons assisted will be stabilized in permanent housing following intervention. Funds are not supplement transitional housing or emergency shelter services. Financial assistance can be short–three months or medium–up to 18 months. St. Louis County (SLC) also received \$1 million + in HPRP funding.

SLC currently receives funding under the Family Homeless Prevention (FHPAP). The HPRP program is very similar to the FHPAP program. In June, SLC requested \$1.5 million from the state for FHPAP; they received \$750,000. FHPAP providers were told to apply to HPRP (either through SLC or the City of Duluth) to cover the additional costs not supported under FHPAP. A handout was provided that showed the distribution of FHPAP funding to the various Duluth providers. Comments and concerns expressed during discussion of the applications and staff reports included:

- One committee member expressed concern that we are funding staff that cannot be supported after two years. Staff also expressed this concern. However, several of the providers will be “shifting” staff duties rather creating new positions.
- Keith pointed out that he liked applications that looked at employment component.
- One CDC member questioned if CDAT allows for teens? The program is for adults only. Another member wondered how will they document homelessness before treatment? This will be required documentation to show eligibility for the program

funding.

- Another member wondered if it were possible to request that the CADT program also draw participants from Thunderbird or Wren House, which will be requested.

Staff looked at a number of factors in ranking the applications. Applications were reviewed and evaluated by part of the Committee to End Homelessness, by St. Louis County staff and by CD staff. Per unit costs ranged from \$3,900 per person to \$300 per person. Staff looked at setting a reasonable cost value of \$1,300 per person or \$1,500 per person with multiple barriers (such as mental illness or drug/alcohol issues). Some of the applications were considered to be not eligible for HPRP funding (Benjamin House) or proposed activity (street outreach) did not fit the purpose of these funds (CHUM Street Outreach and LSS Street Outreach) and were not funded. Also, because Legal Assistance was fully funded under FHPAP, it was not funded by HPRP.

3. Determine Funding Recommendation for HPRP Program for City Council Action

A motion was made by Bill Kimbler and seconded by Ron Boshey to make the following funding recommendation to the Duluth City Council:

Prevention Case Management:

- Life House \$32,500
- Salvation Army \$78,000
- Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment \$49,500

Homeless Case Management

- Human Development Center \$24,000
- Life House \$52,000
- Life House Weekend \$52,000
- CHUM \$65,000

Housing Specialist

- Salvation Army \$60,000

Flex Funds

- Salvation Army \$518,404
- Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment \$150,000

Data Collection—HMIS

- Wilder Foundation \$23,256

Motion by Kimbler, seconded by Boshey, to approve the above HPRP funding recommendations to City Council. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Other

CDBG 2010 applications are due on Monday, 8/31/09.

Next CDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Motion by Kimbler, seconded by Westermann, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.