



**Housing and Community Development Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 22, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance:

Gordon Smith Julie Mayfield Gwen Wisler

Staff in Attendance:

Jeff Staudinger Jonathon Jones Chris Hnatin
Sandra Anderson Marvin Feinblatt Christiana Glenn Tugman
Heather Dillashaw Erica Germer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

2. NEW BUSINESSES

The Committee heard applicant presentations and deliberated on the CDBG funding decisions for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. A motion was made by Julie Mayfield to approve the recommendations to City Council listed below. This was seconded by Gwen Wisler. The motion passed unanimously.

2016-2017 PROGRAM	Funding Recommend.
Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity - Home Repair	\$ 40,000
Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity - Homeowner Education	\$ 50,000
Asheville City Schools Foundation - Improving Success for Asheville's Youth	\$ 18,000
Bountiful Cities - Urban Agriculture Partnership	\$ 28,000
Eagle Market Street Development Corporation - Empowering Residents	\$ 30,000
Green Opportunities - Job Training and Placement	\$ 125,000
Helpmate - Domestic Violence Services	\$ 19,000
Homeward Bound - AHOPE Coordinated Assessment	\$ 48,904
Homeward Bound - Pathways to Permanent Housing	\$ 80,000
Housing Authority of the City of Asheville - Lee Walker Heights	\$ 135,720
Mountain BizWorks - Business Training	\$ 60,000
Mountain Housing Opportunities - Tier 1 & 2 Emergency Home Repair	\$ 110,000
OnTrack - Financial Capabilities	\$ 20,000
Pisgah Legal Services - Homelessness Prevention Project	\$ 41,000
The Support Center - Reaching Innovative Solutions for Entrepreneurs	\$ 40,000
YWCA - Drop in Childcare	\$ 13,000

City of Asheville - Section 108 Repayment	\$ 15,567
City of Asheville - Program Administration	\$ 200,350
RECOMMENDED FUNDING	\$ 1,074,541

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 CITIZENS, 3 MINUTES EACH)

- Cindy Weeks, of Mountain Housing Opportunities, asked if the City had a plans to implement a housing bond given reductions in HOME and CDBG funds. Gordon Smith noted that the Housing Trust Fund amount was at an all-time high, Strategic Partnership Fund has been increased, and the City is taking a zoning and regulatory approach to developing more affordable housing, but that there has also been discussion about housing bonds.
- David Nash, from the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville, suggested that new tax revenues from hotels coming online might be directed to affordable housing development.
- Beth Maczka, with the YWCA, stated that there is a childcare crisis in the area in addition to the regional housing crisis. While there are vouchers available, there are now fewer childcare centers, making it more difficult for families to coordinate employment, housing and childcare.
- Kate Pett, of the Asheville City Schools Foundation, noted that the community also underspends on youth. It will be necessary to get ahead of generational poverty by investing resources in youth programs.
- Sallye Graves, with Partners Unlimited, stated that there continues to be a large economic development and wealth gap between whites and African Americans and any City support for programs addressing the issue would be appreciated.

7. ADJOURN

The next meeting will be held April 12, 2016 at 10:00 am in the 6th Floor HR Training Room of Asheville City Hall to hear CDBG applicant presentations and make funding recommendations.

For more information on the Housing and Community Development Committee, please contact Jeff Staudinger at jstaudinger@ashevillenc.gov.