

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2019

ATTENDEES: Chair Shaneka Henson, Alderwoman Elly Tierney, Alderman Marc Rodriguez, H&CD Members Jackie Wells, Terri Bond, Colby Peters, Staff Liaison Theresa Wellman, Recorder Maria Brown. Jackie Wells recused herself, as she is associated with the Housing Authority.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. The Committee approved The Minutes of December 12, 2018 and January 15, 2019.

Today's hearing is for the Board to receive presentations by non-profit organizations who have filed applications to receive FY2020 Community Development Block Grants. The Community Development Division received 14 applications. One organization, the ARC, withdrew its application.

1) **Arundel Lodge** - Representatives: Michael Drummond, Executive Director and Ahmed Kapata, Facilities Director.

The Arundel Lodge is requesting \$28,824 to renovate the residential kitchen in four group homes in four townhomes where 12 clients live, located at 1790-1796 Bay Ridge Avenue. The total to complete the project is \$30,054.

2) **OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Center)** - Representative Ed Greene, Executive Director

The OIC is a job readiness program. They are requesting \$25,000 in grant funds to address the un-met needs of approximately 24,335 who are officially impoverished largely due to lack of education. These funds will allow OIC to build the educational and confidence level they need to obtain and maintain employment that will allow them to live decent, normal lives and contribute to the greater community.

3) **AACCAA (Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency)** – Representatives Arlene Jackson, Director, Housing Programs at AACCAA and Charlestine Fairley, PHD, Interim CEO.

The AACCAA is requesting \$10,000 to offer counseling to approximately 300 families. They offer monthly workshops for households exploring the option of purchasing their first homes. Counseling topics include, but are not limited to, credit repair, rental housing counseling, financial planning, delinquent/default counseling, and post-purchase education for homebuyers.

4) **Habitat for Humanity** - Representative Gregory Mitchell

This organization is requesting \$20,000 to rehabilitate the foundation and porch at 123 Clay Street, a vacant and abandoned three-bedroom property that sits within walking distance to the

State's capitol. This work will provide access to affordable home ownership for a deserving and dedicated family. Habitat has recently built or renovated 23 homes in the Clay Street area.

**5) Housing Authority of City of Annapolis-Eastport** - Representatives Patrick Stewart of Pennrose and Francisco Castellanos, Director of Development and Modernization for HACA

HACA requested \$9,575 for renovations that will include industrial grade equipment in the kitchen at the Eastport Terrace/Harbor Housing Community Center. These upgrades will include a refrigerator, stand-alone freezer, dishwasher, ice machine, microwave and second oven. At least 622 residents will benefit from these upgrades.

**6) Housing Authority of City of Annapolis-Newtowne 20** - Representatives Patrick Stewart and Francisco Castellanos, Director of Development and Modernization

This neighborhood is going through a \$24 million redevelopment effort. They are requesting \$100,000 to help support the funding of the construction of a new community center building. The total cost of the building is a little over \$700,000. The building will consist of a teen room, multipurpose room, computer room and management offices. There will also be a basketball court with restricted access connected to the center.

**7) Housing Authority of City of Annapolis-Robinwood**- Representatives Patrick Stewart and Francisco Castellanos, Director of Development and Modernization

They are requesting \$2,800 for exterior lighting at 1435 Tyler Avenue to increase visibility and safety for the Robinwood community at night. They will purchase "wall packs" which are lighting systems that can be installed on the outside walls of buildings in the darker areas of the community.

**8) Center of Help** - Representative Sean Schneider

The Center provides public services for new Americans. They are requesting \$25,000 to help support the 900 additional cases they have served in FY18. The program objectives include providing conflict resolution, translation, health, citizenship, and education and employment services to immigrants in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

**9) Homes for America** - Representative Kathy Ebner, President

Homes for America requested \$76,572.75 to upgrade lighting in the common areas at the senior apartments located at 930 & 940 Bay Forest Court. The interior light fixtures are old and outdated. These upgrades will enhance the appearance of the common areas and hallways and provide residents with brighter, more pleasant lighting. The energy efficient fixtures will also reduce utility and bulb replacement costs.

**10) Lighthouse Shelter** – Representative Joanne Matson, Executive Director

The Light House requested \$10,000 to pay one quarter of a case manager's salary. The Lighthouse Shelter provides homeless prevention and support for 45 individuals and 5 families. They also have a job-training program, a culinary arts track that feeds into the Bistro Restaurant, and are developing a building trades program.

11) **Blessed in Tech Ministries** – Representatives Willie Bullock, Founder & CEO and Delores Bullock, Executive Director

Blessed in Tech requested \$7,000 to assist with their "Defeat the Streets" crime prevention program. CDBG funds will help this non-profit organization provide resources to at-risk youth, homeless individuals, homeless families, and returning citizens their ability to defeat the streets through empowerment seminars, counseling and mentorships. They are seeking funding for one instructor.

12) **OHLA – Organization of Hispanics/Latin Americans of Anne Arundel County** - Representative Tony Gamboa, President

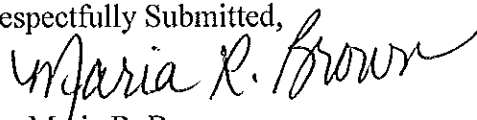
OHLA requested \$2,000 to be used to pay the salary for OHLA's office manager/case worker. The caseworker is there every day for four hours and runs the office providing continuity and stability. Six volunteers come in sporadically, but not every day. Twenty percent of the Annapolis population is Hispanic and 7.6% of the Anne Arundel County population is Hispanic. This organization assists 2,000 clients with taxes, legal matters, and completing applications for benefits for DSS for their children, social security, and health department. They assist with immigration matters and offer translation services as well.

13) **RCDC – Restoration Community Development Corps** - Representative Sheryl Menendez, Executive Director for RCDC and H2O for Life

H2O for Life Clubhouse provides services for children affected by the drug culture. They are requesting \$20,000 to open a music studio in the Robinwood community. With help from Behavioral Health, they have hired a full-time Peer Support Specialist for Annapolis so these funds can be used to help with the music studio. Studies have shown that music dramatically increases positive behavior in children. Some instruments have already been purchased.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcriber