

**City of Cleveland Heights
Citizens Advisory Committee
September 13, 2018
Executive Conference Room, Cleveland Heights City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Benson	Gretchen Mettler
Vetella Camper	Marian Morton
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd	T. Nadas
Dawn Ellis	Donalene Poduska
Cory Farmer	Brittany Rabb
Jonathan Goldman	Steve Titchenal
Christine Henry	André Witt
Gail Larson	Parker Zabell
Allison McCallum	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bradley Eckert (exc.)	Robin Koslen (exc.)
Menachem Lubling (exc.)	Michelle Miller
Margaret Vanderbilt (exc.)	

STAFF PRESENT

Brian Iorio

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephen Titchenal called the meeting to order. Secretary Cory Farmer called the roll; a quorum was present.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff Recommendations

Brian Iorio distributed and reviewed staff's FY 2019 recommendations. Mr. Iorio noted that staff went through the requests and made cuts in an effort to balance allocations to the total projected budget of \$1,730,995. Mr. Iorio went through each line item that differed from the Subcommittee Recommendation and explained the reasoning behind the recommendations.

Staff recommended cutting from nearly every applicant requesting funds in order to fall within the estimated budget. Cuts were made to City programs where it was determined that rollover funds will be available at the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2019 CAC Recommendations

CAC was reminded that the allocation amount that CAC is using tonight to make recommendations is not a firm number until Congress determines the 2019 HUD budget and the formula is applied to all entitlements. At this point it is expected that Congress will appropriate the same amount of funding for FY 2019 as they did for FY 2018. It will be necessary to cut \$666,200 from the requests and \$244,107 from the subcommittee recommendations to meet the anticipated budget of \$1.73M.

In addition to the chair, there were 16 members present to begin the voting.

Administrative Activities

CD Administration

Subcommittee recommendation: \$158,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$156,143 by David Benson; seconded by Marian Morton.

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

Fair Housing Activities

Subcommittee recommendation: \$45,000

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

GIS

Subcommittee recommendation: \$11,000

CAC voted 12-4-0 in favor of the motion.

FutureHeights Community Capacity Building

Subcommittee recommendation: \$50,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$33,000 by Donalene Poduska; second by Jonathan Goldman.

CAC voted 12-0-4 in favor of the motion.

Two members are affiliated with FutureHeights Neighborhood Mini-grant review committee and abstained from the vote on this request. A third member abstained due to a family member's affiliation with FutureHeights. A fourth member abstained due to their employer being a landlord to the organization.

Public Service Activities

HRRC Housing Counselor

Subcommittee recommendation: \$28,550

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$25,000 by David Benson; second by Gail Larson.

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

Office on Aging Senior Services

Subcommittee recommendation: \$25,000

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

Heights Emergency Food Center

Subcommittee recommendation: \$25,510

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

Family Connections

Subcommittee recommendation: \$20,000

CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

One member abstained due to their employer being a landlord to the organization.

Open Doors Academy

Subcommittee recommendation: \$20,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$15,000 by Allison McCallum; second by Gail Larson.

CAC voted 12-4-0 in favor of the motion.

Later in the meeting, a motion was made to increase the recommendation to \$20,000 by T. Nadas; second by Christine Henry.

CAC voted 11-4-1 in favor of the motion.

One member abstained without giving a reason.

Heights Youth Club

Subcommittee recommendation: \$0

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$7,500 by Parker Zabell; second by Allison McCallum.

CAC voted 6-10-0 in opposition of the motion.

CAC voted 12-4-0 in favor of the subcommittee recommendation of \$0.

Later in the meeting, a motion was made to increase the recommendation to \$5,000 by Parker Zabell; second by Allison McCallum.

CAC voted 16-0 in favor of the motion.

Start Right Food Program

Subcommittee recommendation: \$7,500

CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the subcommittee recommendation.

One member abstained without giving a reason.

Neighborhood Relations Program

Subcommittee recommendation: \$58,500

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$50,000 by David Benson; second by Donalene Poduska.

CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

One member abstained due to a family affiliation with the program.

Gesher

Subcommittee recommendation: \$7,500

CAC voted 9-7-0 in favor of the motion.

Later in the meeting, a motion was made to reduce the recommendation to \$3,000 by André Witt; second by Gretchen Mettler.

CAC voted 4-11-1 denying the motion.

One member abstained without giving a reason.

Motion to reduce the recommendation to \$5,000 by Parker Zabell; second by Cory Farmer.

CAC voted 9-6-1 in favor of the motion.

One member abstained without giving a reason.

Lake Erie Ink

Subcommittee recommendation: \$12,015

CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

One member abstained due to their employer being the landlord of the organization.

Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$8,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$15,000 by Donalene Poduska; second by Gail Larson.

CAC voted 10-6-0 in favor of the motion.

Central Bible Baptist Church

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$5,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$8,000 by Donalene Poduska; second by Kim DeNero-Ackroyd.

CAC voted 12-4-0 in favor of the motion.

Public Facilities

2019 ADA Curb Ramp Construction

Subcommittee recommendation: \$200,000

Motion to amend to the recommendation to \$180,000 by Donalene Poduska; second by Gail Larson.

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

Cedar Taylor Development Association

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$10,000

CAC voted 15-1-0 in favor of the motion.

FutureHeights – Cedar Lee Mini-Park Placemaking Project

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$15,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$10,000 by Marian Morton; second by Gretchen Mettler.

CAC voted 9-4-3 in favor of the motion.

Severance Tower Local Advisory Council Board

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$10,800

CAC voted 15-1 in favor of the motion.

Housing Activities

Home Repair Resource Center Subcommittee Recommendations:

HRRC Operating Expenses: \$117,327

CAC voted 16-0 in favor of the motion

Assist Incentive Grant: \$10,000

CAC voted 16-0 in favor of the motion

Deferred Loan Match: \$10,000

CAC voted 16-0 in favor of the motion

Senior Home Stability Grant: \$8,000

CAC voted 16-0 in favor of the motion

Assist 0% Benefit: \$500

CAC voted 16-0 in favor of the motion

Total: \$145,827

Housing Preservation Office Subcommittee Recommendations:

One member abstained due to a family member's affiliation with HPO.

Paint Program:

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$100,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$80,000 by David Benson; second by T. Nadas.

CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

Later in the meeting, a motion was made to increase the recommendation to \$100,000 by Kim DeNero-Ackroyd; second by Allison McCallum.

CAC voted 10-5-1 in favor of the motion.

Nuisance Abatement:

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$20,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$0 by David Benson; second by T. Nadas.

CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

Violation Repair Program for Seniors:

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$20,000
CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

HPO Operating/Staff

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$345,700
Motion to amend the recommendation to \$315,000 by David Benson; second by T. Nadas.
CAC voted 15-0-1 in favor of the motion.

LMI Code Enforcement:

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$55,000
Motion to amend the recommendation to \$50,000 by David Benson; second by T. Nadas.
CAC voted 15-0-1 favor of the motion.

Total: \$485,000

Economic Development

Economic Development Administration

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$140,200
Motion to amend the recommendation to \$130,200 by Donalene Poduska; second by T. Nadas.
CAC voted 15-1-0 in favor of the motion.

Storefront Consultants

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$11,000
CAC voted 15-1-0 in favor of the motion.

Storefront Renovation Loans

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$75,000
Motion to amend the recommendation to \$50,000 by Donalene Poduska; second by T. Nadas.
CAC voted 15-1-0 in favor of the motion.

Storefront Renovation Rebates

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$75,000
Motion to amend the recommendation to \$50,000 by Donalene Poduska; second by T. Nadas.
CAC voted 15-1-0 in favor of the motion.

Strategic Impact Opportunity

2019 Strategic Impact Opportunity

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$140,000

Motion to amend the recommendation to \$55,000 by Gretchen Mettler; second by Allison McCallum.

CAC voted 16-0-0 in favor of the motion.

2018: HPO – Strategic Home Repair

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$50,000

CAC voted 14-0-2 in favor of the motion.

2018: HRRC – Home in the Heights

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$45,000

CAC voted 14-0-2 in favor of the motion.

2018: Family Connections – Parent Café

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$5,000

CAC voted 14-0-2 in favor of the motion.

2018: Open Doors Academy – Pathways to Independence Program at Cleveland Heights High School

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$10,000

CAC voted 14-0-2 in favor of the motion.

2018: Cain Park Trailway Planning Study

Subcommittee Recommendation: \$20,000

CAC voted 14-0-2 in favor of the motion.

The committee used staff recommendations as guidance. They returned to three previous votes to increase funding for Open Doors Academy, Heights Youth Club, and HPO's Paint Program. They returned to one previous vote to decrease funding for Gesher.

Donalene Poduska moved that these recommendations, as voted on previously, be put forward as the Year 45 (Fiscal Year 2019) CDBG Allocation recommendations from the Citizens Advisory Committee to City Council. The allocations approved as noted above total \$1,437,209 for 2018 funding. The motion was seconded by Marian Morton and passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

CAC was notified that Stephen Titchenal will present the CAC's recommendations to City Council on Monday, September 24th tentatively scheduled for 6:15pm. All members are invited to attend. Stephen thanked the committee for their thorough work.

Allison McCallum announced that the Heights Community Congress will be conducting their Home and Garden Tour on the weekend of September 15th.

Mr. Iorio mentioned that there is a second item on the agenda regarding proposed changes to the Community Reinvestment Act. Due to the length of the meeting, it was decided that this subject can be discussed at the October CAC meeting. He recommended that members read the article that was sent to members and visit the "Treasure CRA" website created by NCRC at <https://ncrc.org/treasurecra/>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Stephen Titchenal, Chair

Cory Farmer, Secretary