

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
POLICY COMMITTEE - SPECIAL MEETING**

February 26, 2020

5:00 PM ECD Conference Room

City Hall, Second Floor

ATTENDEES: Howard Schmelder (Chair), Commissioners Charles Cyr, Tom Hick

ABSENT: Bob Passamano

STAFF: Justin Malley, Dawn Leger, David Sgro

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Howard Schmelder.
- II. **Commissioner Cyr made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meetings of May 20, 2019 seconded by Commissioner Hick. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.**

- III. Allow for any public comment on agenda item

There was no public comment.

- IV. Review status of 2019-20 CDBG grant awarded to the Bristol Historical Society and make Recommendations for its disposition.

Dawn Leger summarized the letter which was received from the Bristol Historical Society (dated Feb. 6, 2020) regarding their last approved project which they wish to change and includes their request for reprogramming of this grant. They wish to change from a lift to an elevator.
Discussion.

Dawn advised that additional details should be added to the application form next year which shows that the applicant organization's Board of Directors have approved the project for the future.

It was decided that staff should advise the Bristol Historical Society that the grant was for the lift and cannot be changed to another project.

- V. Discuss Proposed Use of Funds for 2020-21 CDBG Public Facilities allocations, take any action as necessary.

- Application #3: City of Bristol - infrastructure
 - All committee members have received the additional information submitted by the City's Public Works Department. Will return to this item later.
- Application #4: McCabe-Waters Little League
 - There was discussion about whether these improvements can be made by the City's Parks Department as the City owns the property. Recommendation: \$0.
- Application #5: Komanetsky Estates
 - If they do not get all the funding can they move forward with the project? Yes. Total project cost \$25,481 for roof deicing and soffit replacement. Dave Sgro does not recommend the deicing portion. Recommendation: \$20,000.
- Application #6: Bridge Community Church
 - Under HUD rules a church does not qualify. We have done churches before but not in a religious area – only in a non-religious community area. There must be separation of church and state. Recommendation: \$0.
- Application #10: Disabled American Veterans
 - Application for improvements in bathroom accessibility. Recommendation: \$25,000.

- Application #16: ImagineNation
 - Application for leak repairs. David provided more detailed information. Recommendation: \$10,000.
- Application #17: Turning Point Christian Center
 - Deck, door, and fire escape stairs. David described the project in detail and the recommended work to be done. There was discussion on what components could be covered. A redesign plan should be submitted per discussion. Recommendation: \$25,000. Funding is pending approval by Building Department of new design.
- Application #18: New England Carousel Museum
 - Additional lighting for safety purposes. Recommendation: \$15,000.
- Application #3: City of Bristol – infrastructure
 - Discussion of sidewalks to be done. Recommendation: \$50,000.

The total recommendations are \$145,000. Based on the anticipated allocation, this would leave \$27,500 remaining which may be used for housing rehabilitation.

These are preliminary recommendations that may change when the Public Service awards are discussed. All of the amounts may be adjusted on March 12, and when the HUD allocation is announced.

The meeting for Public Services recommendations is March 12 and will start at 4:30 p.m. Another meeting will be held on March 5 at 4:30 before the regular Board Meeting to discuss the goals for the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for CDBG.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Cyr made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Hick seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary