

Economic & Community Development Department

CDBG First Public Hearing

2023-2024 – Program Year 49

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00PM

City Hall West, 131 N. Main St., Second FL – Meeting Rm 1

CDBG Grant Committee Members present

Howard Schmelder, Chair (Zoom)

Commissioner Tom Hick

Commissioner Mike Massarelli

Dr. Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator

Justin Malley, ECD Executive Director

Mayor Jeff Caggiano, City of Bristol

Sharon Arsego, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Hick opened the meeting at 6:00pm and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to the second Public Hearing for the CDBG Annual Action Plan for Program Year 49 beginning July 1, 2023. I am Commissioner Hick joined by Commissioner Massarelli, Mayor Jeff Caggiano, Dawn Leger, Howard Schmelder.

For your information, Howard Schmelder, the Chair of this Committee, is attending this meeting via Zoom. Because of an issue with his voice, Mr. Schmelder will be observing but not speaking today.

This Public Hearing is being held as part of the required public process in the CDBG consolidated and annual planning for funding allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG Policy Committee, an offshoot of the Economic and Community Development Board, holds public hearings for the purpose of announcing and discussing the ECD's recommendation of programs and funding to the ECD Board, the Bristol City Council, and finally to HUD.

The City's allocation from HUD for Year 49 was reduced substantially from last year. These recommendations reflect the difficult decisions that the Policy Committee had to make in light of this reduction when we met and approved the proposed use of funds on March 6. A Public Comment Period begins today and continues until April 14, 2023. The ECD will forward all written comments to HUD. If anyone wishes to make a comment about these recommendations, please state your name, the agency you represent and the address for the record.

Because we have people in attendance and some using Zoom for this hearing, it is important that you clearly identify yourself prior to speaking. You may also email your comments to dawnleger@bristolct.gov.

Grant Applicants present

2	HRA – Case Manager Juan Berrios, Assistant Director of Operations (on Zoom)
13	Bristol Housing Authority - Komanetsky Carl Johnson, Director of Capital Funds & Modernization

Juan Berrios from HRA spoke on Zoom. He attended to address any questions from the Committee. He has seen the allocations and HRA always applies for funding, adjusting program planning and leverage resources from other sources to continue providing quality services to the residents of Bristol.

There were no questions from the Committee. There were no other members of the public present. With no other questions or comments, Commissioner Hick closed the Public Hearing at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Arsego
Recording Secretary