



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

6:45 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting - Review of Consolidated Grants Programs

Roll Call: President O'Connell

Present: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

15-798 Federal Grant Materials: Income Chart; Allocation Spreadsheet, Scores and Funding History; Action Plan Draft; Line Item Budget; Proposal Summaries

Attachments: [Council Memo -Consolidated Grants](#)
[Income Chart](#)
[Allocation Spreadsheet, Scores, Funding History](#)
[Action Plan Draft](#)
[42 Draft Line Item Budget](#)
[Proposal Summaries 42nd Year](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer thanked Council and stated that this is the 42nd Year of the Community Development Block Grant Program. The consolidated grant program consists of three pots of Federal money, the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Home Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant program. Each of these pots of money have its own rules and regulations. We did see a slight increase in our funds. Our CDBG Dollars are about \$55,316 more than last year. Our Home Program is about \$51,304, and ESG we received a \$1,744 more. Last year, we came before you and approved the Consolidated Plan which is our five year strategy from 2015 - 2020. Our allocation looks pretty much the same for previous years.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that you gave an overview and it looks like the same participants applied.

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that the city had several agencies that requested funding last year, that did not come before of this year. Mr. Guridy is always interested in Casa Guadalupe Center. They are still working on their program. They opted not to apply for this year. The DaVinci Science Center that was new last year and we are still working with them to finalize

what their program will be.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if the city has money for homelessness.

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. If you look at the One Year Action Plan Draft and it give you a description of each program.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other comments or questions from my colleagues. He stated that he sees the score in the 80s, 90s, and one score that is not good. Is there like a cut-off score?

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that this year it really wasn't because we had the funding available. If the agencies really score low, we want to work with them to beef up their score. I offer technical assistance, not only during CDBG Funding application time, but any time nonprofits come in and ask about grant funding.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other questions for Ms. Baer and Ms. Calluori about the overview.

15-771

Bill 19 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0

An Ordinance amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Fortieth and Forty-first years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred (\$39,100) Dollars of unexpended funds.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 19 Rollover of funds](#)
[Bill 19 Memo](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that every year they look at our accounts to see if a project is not going forward or a few dollars that will not be spent. Then we reprogram it. We use this \$39,100 moving forward as part of the pot of money that makes up the new year budget.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues about that Rollover money. Any comments from the public?

Yes: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that this is the actual Ordinance that sets up the budget line items for each of the activities that we are going to fund. If you look at the Action Plan Draft, we explained all the activities in the HUD Language and Categories that we are going to fund in the upcoming

program year.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or questions.
Any comments from the public?

Yes: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

15-773 Bill 21 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0
An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from the repayment of loans made through the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 21 Rental Rehab](#)
[Bill 21 Memo](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer stated years ago there was a pot of money for rental rehabilitation program which has ceased probably 20 years ago. We get repayments for some of the funds that we put out for the rehabilitation of rental units in the city. In the last year, we only received \$16,000 in repayments.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked what do we do with that money.

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that we make it available to landlords if they are interested. It is a lower three percent loan which requires a match. We don't really advertise it much because in a half of a day, the money would be gone. They do have to rent to low and moderate income persons.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other questions or comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

15-774 R72 Council forwarded favorably, 7-0
Authorizes the City to submit the Year Action plan to HUD. The Action Plan outlines the use of the federal funds for the upcoming program year in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Five Year Consolidated Plan approved by City Council last year.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R72 Submission of Action Plan](#)
[R72 Action Plan Memo](#)

Ms. Heidi Baer stated that this is just a Resolution that allows us to apply for these funds to HUD. What we do was take all this information and put it

into a report/application to HUD using their prescribed format. This Resolution allows us to submit this application for the use of these funds.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues or the public or the public.

Yes: 7 - Ray O'Connell, Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and David McGuire

ADJOURNED: 7:01 PM