

**MINUTES**  
**STRATEGIC FISCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Strategic Fiscal Planning Committee, Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in the Lower Level training room of City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.

Present: Ald. Jim Gischia, Ald. Mark Hanna, Ald. Jean Kittelson, Ald. Jim Bohren

Absent: Ald. Joe Heidemann

Staff present: Paulette Enders and Chad Pelishek

Chairperson Ald. Gischia called the meeting to order at 5:00P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public hearing to afford an opportunity for citizens to review and comment on the performance of the 2009 Community Development Block Grant program, to comment on housing and community development needs, and the planning of proposed strategies and activities for the next HUD fiscal year.

No public members were present. Motion by Ald. Hanna, second by Ald. Kittelson to close the hearing. Motion carries.

Interviews of Community Development Block Grant Public Service Applicants:

Paulette Enders discussed what the priorities were as outlined in the City's new Consolidated Plan and also how the funding is allocated prior to beginning the interviews of interested agencies. Chad Pelishek explained that the yearly allocation is estimated to be \$1,043,285 of which a 15% cap can be used to fund Public Service agencies or \$156,000.

Partners for Community Development

Lucio Fuentez, Victor Quino, and Jose Araujo were present to discuss their request. The funds will be used to continue to operate the Homebuyers Counseling program. Mr. Fuentez stated that their organization has received funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Partners for Community Development's request is for \$60,000.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bonnie Wassell was present to discuss their request. The funds will be used to continue to operate the Bridgeway and Beyond program. SCIO is also working with St. Nicholas Hospital to utilize vacant houses as shelters. SCIO request is for \$15,000.

Sheboygan Transit

Ron McDonald was present. Sheboygan Transit will utilize the funds to continue to operate the evening and weekend service. Mr. McDonald stated that if this service was stopped it would affect a lot of people who use this to get to their jobs. Sheboygan Transit request is for \$53,000.

#### Salvation Army-Red Shield Clinic

Joe Rupnik stated that the Red Shield Clinic continues to see a larger number of clients due to the current economic times. The Red Shield Clinic provides free dental and medical services. Salvation Army's request is for \$20,000.

#### Habitat for Humanity

Steve Manchen was present. Mr. Manchen explained to the committee why the organization did not use the funds in the past. Habitat's request for this year is to purchase a lot and make the proper utility improvements to build a house on it. Although Habitat requested \$25,000, they said she would lower their request to \$20,000.

#### Mental Health America

Bev Randall was present. Funds are used to continue to operate the emergency medication account of which the need has increased dramatically. Mental Health's request is for \$4,000.

#### Hmong Association

Mai Xiong was present to discuss the request. The funds will be used to continue to provide the Family Care program for new refugees. Ms. Xiong stated there funding from the State was cut, therefore, they cannot provide the level of service they used too. Ms. Xiong stated they have a hard time finding Hmong daycare facilities in the community. Their request is for \$25,000. Paulette Enders asked that they provide us a copy of their entire financial statement for review and comment.

#### Safe Harbor

Funds will be used to continue to operate the shelter at the new Safe Harbor for domestic violence mothers and their children. Their request is for \$10,000.

#### Rebuilding Together

Greg Wells and Bob Wells were present. The funds will be used to purchase materials for their yearly work day held in April. Their request is for \$40,000.

#### Family Service Association

Ken King was present. Family Service Association has served over 800 households this past year. 95% of the clients they helped, they have been successful is preventing a foreclosure. Their request is for \$16,000.

#### Family Connections

Sarah Melin was present. Family Connections utilizes the funds to assist with daycare reductions and assistance. Paulette Enders asked if they would be able to assist the Hmong community with their daycare needs. Ms. Melin stated they have worked together last year on it, but nothing has been finalized. Their request is for \$8,000.

#### Home, Inc.

Henry Capetillo was present to discuss the request. These funds will be used to provide rental assistance and transportation assistance to residents staying in Superior Manor that need additional help. The request is for \$36,120.

Boys and Girls Club

John Day was present. This request is for youth development programs at the club to assist youth that need additional assistance. The request is for \$5,000.

Discussion and possible action on Community Development Block Grant allocations for the 2010-11 HUD fiscal year.

Ald. Gischia moved, Ald. Kittelson seconded to approve the following:

Historic Preservation Grants	\$15,000
Street Tree Planting	\$40,000
Street Improvements	\$503,628
Micro-Enterprise Loans	\$50,000

Motion carries.

Ald. Gischia moved, Ald. Kittelson seconded to approve the following housing activities:

Partners for Community Development	\$30,000
Rebuilding Together	\$40,000

Motion carries.

Ald. Bohren moved, Ald. Kittelson seconded to approve the following activities:

<u>Public Service Activities (15% cap)</u>	
Sheboygan Housing Coalition	\$39,000
Boys and Girls Club	\$1,500
Hmong Association	\$11,000
Family Connections	\$2,000
Mental Health America	\$2,500
Safe Harbor	\$3,000
SCIO	\$5,000
Sheboygan Transit	\$53,000
Salvation Army-Clinic	\$16,000
Family Service Association	\$10,000
Home, Inc.	\$13,000
Administration (20% cap)	\$208,657

Motion carries.

Being no further business, Ald. Kittelson moved, Ald. Hanna seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M.