



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 9, 2023  
City Hall Kiva Forum  
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:** Chair Neal Shearer, Vice Chair Tricia Serlin, Commission Members, Jeff Jameson, Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Mary Jung, and Stuart Turgel

**STAFF:** Greg Bestgen, Director; Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist; Jennifer Crane, Community Grants Specialist

**Call to Order**

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Approve the regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023

COMMISSIONER JUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 26, 2023 HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**2. Public Hearing: Solicit Public Testimony on FY 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action and the Estimated City of Scottsdale Allocation of \$1,190,264**

Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager, presented information on the FY 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action and the estimate City of Scottsdale allocation of \$1,190,264. She noted that CDBG funding must be used for the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons and communities
- Elimination of slum and blight
- Urgent need in the community

Eligible programs would include public services, housing rehabilitation, acquisition of real property, public facility improvements, economic development, planning and administration. The City of Scottsdale is proposing the following activities with the CDBG funds:

- Public services
- Mental health
- Adolescent health services with youth family services
- Non-profit funding award allocations
- Public facilities improvements including Eldorado Park Playground replacement
- Housing rehabilitation through the emergency repair, roof repair, and green housing rehabilitation programs
- Planning and administration
- A heat mitigation study through the Office of Environmental Initiatives

There were no members of the public who wished to comment on the FY 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action and the estimated City of Scottsdale allocation of \$1,190,264.

**3. FY 2023/2024 Scottsdale Cares Video Presentations, Reviews, and applicant Question and Answer**

Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager, and Chad Beougher, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, provided the FY 2023/2024 Scottsdale Cares Video Presentations. Each presentation was allotted three minutes.

**Scottsdale Cares**

Twenty-two non-profit agencies presented their requests for Scottsdale Cares funds. The agencies that submitted video presentations and their representatives were as follows:

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK); Kinship Support Teams – no representative present
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, Youth Education Programs – Ivan Gilreath
- Bloom 365, Peer Advocacy/Education Teen DV/SA – Donna Bartos

- Central Arizona Shelter Services, CASS – Lisa Glow
- Circle the City, Health Navigator at Osborn – Stephanie Martinez
- Community Bridges, Inc., Mobile Crisis Stabilization – Megan Lee
- Community Legal Services, Legal Services – Sarah Youngman
- Courtney's Place, DDD Services – Chasidy Gray
- Dress for Success Phoenix, Career Counseling – Mary Crawford
- Family Promise - Greater Phoenix, Bridges Program – Ted Taylor
- Homeless Youth Connection, Homeless Youth basic needs & case management – representative unknown
- Homeward Bound, Youth Programs – Katelynn Dean
- McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Expedition Days on the Road – Vickie McWatters
- Phoenix Rescue Mission, Homeless Outreach Navigation – Jussane Goodman
- Raising Special Kids, Homeless Navigation – Tori May
- Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Family YMCA, Childcare and Meals – Damian Vega
- Scottsdale Community Partners, Emergency Assistance – Jenny Adams
- Shoebox Ministry, Inc., Hygiene Kits for Homeless – Peggy Casey
- Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SAARC), ABA and Early Childhood for Autism – Lauren Smith/Amy Kenzer
- Teen Lifeline, Crisis Programs – Nikki Kontz
- Tempe Community Action Agency, Congregate meal program – Megan Wilson

Following the video presentations, Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask clarifying questions of each agency.

Videos will be available for Commissioners to reference as desired.

#### **4. Identification of Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were suggested.

#### **5. Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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