



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 27, 2025
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Roger Lurie, Commission Members Neal Shearer, Patrick Dodds, Stuart Turgel, and Lee Cooley

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Mary Jung, Commissioner Jeff Jameson

STAFF: Kira Peters, Human Services Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor; Sue Oh, Human Services Manager; Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager; Deanna Owens, Human Services Manager; Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Human Services Manager; Melissa McNeal, Human Services Manager; Jessica Rapp, Human Services Manager; Christina Cooley, HCV Supervisor

GUESTS: Mayor's Youth Council Members Arielle Kutz and Eric Wang

Call to Order

Chair Lurie called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 February 13, 2025

COMMISSIONER TURGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, COMMISSIONERS COOLEY, DODDS, SHEARER, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. FY 2025/2026 Funding Allocation Informal Recommendations

Chair Lurie reminded Commissioners that the priority areas are emergency housing assistance, crisis case management, homeless support services and shelters, vulnerable populations with an emphasis on seniors and disabled, and the positive development of youth. He asked staff to outline what would happen to funds in each area if the Commission were to choose not to allocate those funds. Ms. Peters explained that General Funds dollars would not roll over and would be placed back into the General Fund. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community funds are restricted to the senior meal program and if not allocated, they would roll over to the next year. Scottsdale Cares funds, if not used, would be left in the special revenue account and rolled over to the next year. If community development block grant (CDBG) funds are not fully allocated, the remaining funds would be reallocated to other eligible programs within the City prior to being presented to the Mayor and City Council on April 22nd. Ms. Witkofski said that if the Commission wished to allocate more funds than are requested to an agency, she would need to confer with the Purchasing and Procurement Department for guidelines.

Eric Wang, Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council Member, introduced himself. He is a sophomore at Desert Mountain High School. He thanked the Commission for giving him the opportunity to participate in the Scottsdale Cares funding process.

Arielle Kutz, Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council Member, introduced herself. She is a junior at Chaparral High School. She thanked the Commission for giving her the opportunity to participate in the Scottsdale Cares funding process.

Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor, noted that Scottsdale Cares funds and General Funds must be awarded at 100 percent funding down the priority list as funding permits.

Discussion ensued and the Commission made informal recommendations for CDBG Public Services as follows:

- CDBG – Public Services
 - Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Emergency Shelter Program \$ 39,360.00
 - Chrysalis Shelter – Transitional Housing & Supportive Services for Domestic Violence Victims \$ 36,440.00
 - Community House – Community House Day Relief Center \$ 40,000.00
 - TCAA – Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program \$ 40,000.00
 - CASS – Shelter and Services for Scottsdale Residents Experiencing Homelessness \$ 0.00
 - A New Leaf – East Valley Men's Center \$ 0.00

Discussion ensued, including members of the Mayor's Youth Council, and the Commission made informal recommendations for Scottsdale Cares as follows:

➤ Scottsdale Cares	
○ Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Bridges Program	\$ 20,000.00
○ Homeless Youth Connection – Empowering Youth for the Future (EYFTF)	\$ 15,000.00
○ Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Family YMCA – Youth Development	\$ 20,000.00
○ Scottsdale Community Partners – Emergency Rent, Mortgage, Deposit Assistance	\$ 20,000.00
○ Phoenix Rescue Mission – Street Outreach – Homeless Navigation & Diversion Tool Kit	\$ 10,000.00
○ Community Legal Services – Legal Advocacy and Education for Low Income Scottsdale Residents	\$ 17,500.00
○ Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services – STARS transportation	\$ 20,000.00
○ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) – Scottsdale Mentoring Program	\$ 20,000.00
○ National Council of Jewish Women Arizona Section – Ruth Place – Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence	\$ 10,000.00
○ Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center – SARRC Community School – Paiute Campus	\$ 20,000.00
○ Raising Special Kids – Mentoring and Support Program	\$ 7,500.00
○ Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation – Childhood Activities Program for Scottsdale Youth in Foster Care	\$ 0.00
○ Area Agency on Aging – Caring Circles	\$ 0.00
○ Child Crisis Arizona – Family Education/Safe Kids Maricopa	\$ 0.00
○ Boys & Girls Clubs – Project Learn	\$ 0.00
○ The Foster Alliance – Essential Needs	\$ 0.00
○ Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. – Shelter and services for Scottsdale residents experiencing homelessness	\$ 0.00
○ Dress For Success Phoenix – Workforce & Educational Advancement Programming	\$ 0.00
○ The Arizona Pet Project – Increasing access to human services for people with pets	\$ 0.00
○ Aid to Adoption of Special Kids – AASK Mentoring Program	\$ 0.00
○ BLOOM365 – Counseling/Advocacy at BASIS Scottsdale Charter School	\$ 0.00
○ Trellis – Homeownership Center	\$ 0.00

Discussion ensued and the Commission made informal recommendations for General Funds as follows:

➤ General Funds	
○ Scottsdale Community Partners – Brown Bag Programs	\$ 20,000.00
○ Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) - JFCS Older Adult In-Home Program	\$ 20,000.00
○ A New Leaf – DVSTOP	\$ 20,000.00
○ Scottsdale YMCA - YOPAS – YMCA Outreach Program for Aging Seniors	\$ 20,000.00

- Duet – Vital services to keep seniors housed \$ 0.00
- CASS – CASS Haven Senior Shelter \$ 0.00

Discussion ensued and the Commission made informal recommendations for SRPMIC Funds as follows:

- SRPMIC
 - TCAA – Senior Nutrition & Home Delivered Meals \$ 130,000

Discussion ensued and the Commission made informal recommendations for Endowment Funds as follows:

- Endowment Funds
 - Arizona Burn Foundation – Milo and Moxie: Smart Safety Rangers \$ 0.00
 - McDowell Sonoran Conservancy \$ 0.00

It was the consensus of the Commission to make an informal recommendation to roll the Endowment Funds over to the FY 2026/2027 funding year in hopes of receiving applications from nonprofit partners who clearly fit into one of the priority areas.

COMMISSIONER TURGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, SCOTTSDALE CARES, GENERAL FUNDS, SALT RIVER-PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, AND ENDOWMENT INFORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS KUTZ AND WANG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE FOR THE SCOTTSDALE CARES PORTION OF THE INFORMAL RECOMMENDATION. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Upcoming agenda items include:

- Formal funding process

The next meeting will be March 13, 2025.

4. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER COOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, COMMISSIONERS COOLEY, DODDS, SHEARER, 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 4:07 p.m.

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