



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**
Regular Meeting – **MINUTES**
Thursday, March 13, 2025
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Roger Lurie, Vice-Chair Mary Jung, Commission Members Jeff Jameson, Neal Shearer, Patrick Dodds, Stuart Turgel, and Lee Cooley

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; Jessica Rapp, Human Services Manager

Call to Order

Chair Lurie called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 27, 2025

COMMISSIONER SHEARER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 27, 2025, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER TURGEL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SHEARER,

DODDS, TURGEL, AND COOLEY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. FY 2025/2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICES APPLICATIONS FUNDING

Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor, said that Chrysalis Shelter contacted staff on Monday of this week to advise that they are selling the facility that they planned to operate the program out of and requested to amend their proposal to reflect that change. After consulting with both the Scottsdale attorney's office and the procurement department, staff determined that Chrysalis Shelter could only move forward with their proposal if they could proceed as it was originally submitted. Because they are unable to proceed with their original proposal, Chrysalis Shelter withdrew their funding application.

Discussion ensued regarding how the \$36,440 that was allocated to Chrysalis Shelter during the informal recommendations should be allocated. Staff confirmed that the funds could be reallocated to one of the remaining three agencies or reprogrammed for this year or future years at the discretion of staff. Commissioner Cooley proposed that the funds be applied to Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), and he provided an argument on their behalf. Commissioners debated about how they would prefer to see the funds allocated.

Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager, explained that staff would delegate the funding to the housing rehabilitation programs and/or to the Food Bank expansion, which would both satisfy the requirements of the public service activities set aside that was approved by the Commission. Commissioners came to a general consensus that the extra funds should be used for housing rehabilitation and/or the Food Bank expansion project.

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal 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 \$ 0.00
 - 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

COMMISSIONER SHEARER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY2025/2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ONE (1) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SHEARER, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER COOLEY DISSENTED.

3. FY 2025/2026 GENERAL FUNDS APPLICATIONS FUNDING

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

- General Funds
 - Scottsdale Community Partners – Brown Bag Food 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 – Y OPAS – YMCA Outreach Program for Aging Seniors (Y OPAS) \$ 20,000.00
 - Duet – Vital Services to Keep Seniors Housed \$ 0.00
 - CASS – CASS Haven Senior Shelter \$ 0.00

COMMISSIONER COOLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY2025/2026 GENERAL FUNDS FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SHEARER, DODDS, COOLEY, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. FY 2025/2026 SCOTTSDALE CARES APPLICATIONS

Mr. Beougher noted that staff confirmed with “Raising Special Kids” that they would be willing to take the award that was below the minimum they put on their proposal.

Eric Wang, Mayor’s Youth Council Member, thanked the Commission for allowing the Mayor’s Youth Council to participate in the funding process.

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal 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 \$ 15,000.00
 - Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Family YMCA – Youth Development through YMCA Early Learning and Childcare programs \$ 20,000.00
 - Scottsdale Community Partners – Emergency Rent, Mortgage, Deposit Assistance \$ 20,000.00
 - Phoenix Rescue Mission – Street Outreach – Homeless Navigation & Diversion Tool Kits \$ 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 – 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 – Raising Special Kids Mentoring and Support Program for Scottsdale Families	\$ 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 for Scottsdale Youth	\$ 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

COMMISSIONER JAMESON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY2025/2026 SCOTTSDALE CARES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER COOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SHEARER, DODDS, TURGEL, AND COOLEY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. FY 2025/2026 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY (SRPMIC) APPLICATIONS FUNDING

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

- SRPMIC
 - TCAA – Senior Nutrition (Congregate and Meals on Wheels) Program \$ 130,000.00

COMMISSIONER SHEARER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY2025/2026 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SHEARER, DODDS, TURGEL, AND COOLEY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. FY 2025/2026 ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS FUNDING

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

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

It was 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 non-profit partners who clearly fit into one of the priority areas.

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY 2025/2026 ENDOWMENT FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SHEARER, DODDS, TURGEL, AND COOLEY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

7. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Upcoming agenda items include:

- Discussion and review of the funding process
- Scottsdale Cares update

8. Adjournment

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

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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