



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting – **MINUTES**  
Thursday, February 26, 2026  
Via Linda Senior Center  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

**PRESENT:** Chair Roger Lurie, Vice-Chair Lee Cooley, Commissioners Mary Jung, Neal Shearer, and Sheila Roe

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Cynthia Hill

**STAFF:** Mary Witkofski, Interim Human Services Director; Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor; Jessica Rapp, Human Services Manager; Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager; Sue Oh, Human Services Manager

**GUESTS:** Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council Members Jake Capampangan, Eric Wang, Kyle Huang, and Erica Johnson

**Call to Order**

Chair Lurie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Public Comment**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the February 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER SHEARER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR COOLEY, COMMISSIONERS JUNG, SHEARER, AND ROE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### 1. Commission Bylaws Amendment

Chair Lurie read the requirements for submitting amendments to the bylaws. Commissioners reviewed the amendments to Section 4.4 that were submitted.

The submission was as follows: if a quorum is present, the business of the Commission shall be transacted by the majority of the members present and eligible to vote except as provided in section 6.0. For example, for routine business items, if five members are present and eligible to vote, three affirmative votes are required for action. A member disqualified from voting due to a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety shall not be counted as present for purposes of this section. For any item requiring a recommendation to City Council, a tie vote of the members shall constitute our recommendation to deny. In the event of a tie vote, any member that voted in the negative may, during the same meeting, move to continue the matter to a future meeting of the Commission. Absent a conflict of interest or declaration of an appearance of impropriety, all commissioners shall vote on motions before the Commission.

Commissioners will vote on the amendment during the next meeting of the Commission.

### 2. FY 2026/2027 Funding Allocation Discussion

Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor, facilitated a discussion to include preliminary allocations for Community Development Block Grant, Scottsdale Cares, General Funds, and the Salt River Pima – Maricopa Indian Community. He reminded the Commission that Scottsdale Cares and General Funds are to be funded at 100 percent. Following tonight's presentation, Commissioners will have an opportunity to reopen their submissions and revise their scoring. Final revised scoring must be submitted no later than March 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission, considering the estimated number of people who will be served and Commissioners' scores for each, made recommendations on the following:

➤ CDBG – Public Services	Funding Requested
○ Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Emergency Shelter Program	\$53,812.00
○ Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) – Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program	\$40,000.00
○ Scottsdale Recovery Continued Incorporated Housing Program	\$80,000.00
○ A New Leaf, Inc. – East Valley Men's Center	\$40,000.00
○ Central Arizona Shelter Services Inc. (CASS) – CASS Single Adult Shelter – Shelter Support Staffing	\$40,000.00
○ St Joseph the Worker (The Worker) – Workforce Development Program	\$10,000.00
○ Valley Beit Midrash – Humanitarian Mobile Outreach Collaboration	\$80,000.00
➤ CDBG – Housing	Funding Requested
○ Ability 360 – Home Modification Program	\$60,000.00
➤ Scottsdale Cares	Funding Requested
○ Scottsdale Community Partners – Community Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program	\$20,000.00

○ Phoenix Rescue Mission – Street Outreach – Homeless Navigation & Diversion Tool Kits	\$10,000.00
○ Homeless Youth Connection – Empowering Youth for the Future Empowering Youth for the Future (EYFTF)	\$15,000.00
○ Family Promise of Greater Phoenix – Step-Up Housing	\$20,000.00
○ Duet: Partners In Health & Aging – Vital Services to Prevent senior Homelessness	\$20,000.00
○ Best Buddies International, Inc. – Best Buddies Friendship Project	\$8,000.00
○ Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services Inc – ST Day Training for Adults (DTA)	\$20,000.00
○ Scottsdale Recovery Continued Incorporated – Housing Program	\$20,000.00
○ Valley of the Sun YMCA – Employee U: Scottsdale Teen Workforce Readiness Program	\$20,000.00
○ Community Legal Services – Legal Advocacy and Education for Low-Income Scottsdale Residents	\$18,500.00
○ Encircle Families – Encircle Families Mentoring and Support Program for Scottsdale	\$20,000.00
○ Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale – Life & Workforce Readiness	\$20,000.00
○ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona – Mentoring for Vulnerable Scottsdale Youth	\$20,000.00
○ National Council of Jewish Women, Arizona – Ruth Place: Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence	\$10,000.00
○ One Step Beyond Inc. – The Inclusive Sports Program at OSBI Scottsdale	\$5,000.00
○ Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) – CASS Scottsdale Cares Case Management Support at the Single	\$20,000.00
○ Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center – SARRC Community School-Paiute Campus	\$20,000.00
○ The Joy Bus – The Joy Bus More Than a Meal Delivery Program	\$20,000.00
➤ SRPMIC	Funding Requested
○ Tempe Community Action Agency – Senior Nutrition (Congregate and Meals on Wheels) Programs	\$130,000.00
➤ General Funds (Chair Lurie Recused)	Funding Requested
○ Scottsdale Community Partners – Brown Bag Food Program	\$15,000.00
○ Jewish Family & Children’s Services – JFCS Older Adults In-Home Program	\$20,000.00
○ Partners for Paiute Emergency Assistance – Emergency Gap Funding Program	\$20,000.00
○ Valley of the Sun YMCA – YMCA Outreach Program for Aging Seniors	\$20,000.00
○ Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services – STARS Social Enterprise	\$20,000.00
○ A New Leaf, Inc. – DVSTOP	\$20,000.00
○ Catholic Charities Shelter Services – My Sisters’ Place	\$20,000.00
○ Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS) – The Haven Senior Navigation and Case Management Services	\$20,000.00

- Courtney's Place – Circle of Love \$20,000.00
- Gervonni Cares – Stuck in the Middle – Eviction Prevention \$20,000.00

Chair Lurie thanked the Mayor's Youth Council members for their participation in the funding process.

### **3. Director's Report**

Interim Director Witkofski provided an update on activities in the Human Services Department. Her presentation highlighted the following items:

- Senior Centers
  - Chinese New Years Celebration – Granite Reef
  - Galentines Day event – Via Linda
  - 20 Year Celebration for McDowell Village and Granite Reef Senior Center, scheduled for March 21, 2026
  - Annual Senior Health Expo, held on February 11 – further updates to be provided during March meeting
  - Scottsdale Dementia Friendly Resource Fair, scheduled for March 31 starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Paiute Neighborhood Center
  - Partners for Paiute, \$5,000 donation for afterschool programming
  - Family Resource Center activities
- Housing and Community Assistance Office
  - Graduation of three Housing Choice participants, with a total of \$35,000 in escrow; one participant successfully purchased a home
- Vista del Camino
  - Scottsdale Day Relief Centers – Community House has been relocated to Scottsdale Congregational United Church
  - Powerup Utility Assistance Day will be March 10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Food Bank
  - Received a donation to purchase and make available gluten-free items
  - SUSD Healthy Packs program
- Vista del Camino Community Center
  - Sue Oh gave an update on CAP office operational improvements
  - Homework Help program, available for students second through eighth grade
- Youth and Family Services
  - Escape the Vape Night, hosted by Scottsdale Youth Substance Abuse Coalition
- Upcoming Presentations and Information
  - Review of three 2019 Bond projects – end of March
  - Scottsdale Cares communication strategy – late April
  - 23rd Strategic Plan update and Human Services annual report – April 23

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Oh said that the shower trailer is running at Vista del Camino on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Cloud Covered Streets is at Community House every other Monday. Discussions are ongoing about the possibility of moving the City's shower trailer to the Community House location. There is a shower at the new church location, but it is not open for use at this time.

**4. Identification of Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items identified.

**Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER ROE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR COOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR COOLEY, COMMISSIONERS JUNG, SHEARER, AND ROE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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