



Community Development Council (CDC)

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2013

Great Falls Civic Center, Gibson Room

Susan McCord called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and took roll call.

Roll Call	
Community Development Council Members:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Anderson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jolene Bach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Campbell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Cron
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Fink
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anita Fisher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Kopyy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan McCord
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Sutinen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sandie Wright

Others Present:

Chris Imhoff, City of Great Falls (City) Planning & Community Development Department, CDBG/HOME grant administrator

Melanie Lattin, City Planning & Community Development department, grant assistant

Mike Haynes, City Planning & Community Development Department, director

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 20, 2013, CDC meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Scott Anderson and seconded by Joshua Campbell.

B. Public Comment (agenda items)

No members of the public were present.

C. CDC Discussion Regarding CDBG Public Service Allocation Recommendations

Chris Imhoff explained Congress will likely pass a Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013 federal funding with a 5% across the board decrease due to "sequestration." This scenario would result in the highest level of funding possible for 2013/2014 public service projects to be \$107,000. The City anticipates the most likely amount to be received will be \$99,000; however, the CDC will determine funding recommendations which include the additional \$8,000 in case it is received.

Initially, while discussing the two highest ranking projects, CDC members started to formally vote on the funding amount; however, after a brief discussion the members agreed they would discuss each application, determine funding amounts for each, and then vote on the funding recommendations once all had been determined.

Children's Museum – The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$5,000.

Area VIII Agency on Aging – The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$25,000.

Boys & Girls Club – It was noted the agency serves a large number of children from low/moderate income families and also serves at-risk children. The CDC unanimously agreed to fund at \$20,000.

Sunburst Unlimited – Questions were raised about whether the organization could get some of the tools, equipment and materials through donations or other funding resources. The CDC agreed to tentatively fund at \$10,000.

City Park & Recreation Department-CRC & Morony Natatorium – It was noted it was difficult to tell how many people would be served from the application. The CDC agreed to tentatively fully fund at \$7,500.

Young Parents Education Center – This application was viewed as having a low cost benefit and not demonstrating a need for funding as other funding sources are available. The CDC agreed to fund at \$12,000.

Rural Dynamics – It was noted the total amount requested is \$27,000 rather than the \$23,700 listed on one section of the first page of the application. Lengthy discussion ensued about what services would actually be provided because of an inconsistency between what was written in the application and information provided at the presentation. The source of the outcome statistics was also questioned. The CDC agreed to table the discussion at that point, not fund at any level and return to it later.

Alliance for Youth – It was noted it was hard to determine the cost benefit ratio as the agency cannot quantify how much it costs to serve each person because individuals require different types of services for different lengths of time. The CDC agreed to fund at \$12,500.

Quality Life Concepts – Lengthy discussion included whether the tracking system is a luxury or a necessity and how many people would benefit from the project. Dave Sutinen who also works at Quality Life did not join in the discussion but was questioned whether the project could be done if it were not fully funded. Dave responded the agency could find other money and prioritized funding the portable lift and slings. The CDC agreed to fund at \$7,500 and fund the lift, slings and bathroom tracking only.

Family Connections – The CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of its low ranking.

Senior Citizens Center - The CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of its low ranking.

After discussing each application from highest ranking to lowest ranking and determining initial funding levels, the CDC further discussed Alliance for Youth,

Sunburst Unlimited and Rural Dynamics applications. The CDC agreed to keep the funding for Alliance for Youth at \$12,500. Ultimately, the CDC saw the need for Boys & Girls services as more pressing than the Sunburst Unlimited project and agreed to increase the funding for Boys & Girls Club to \$25,000 and fund Sunburst Unlimited at \$5,000 for tools only. The CDC also agreed to fund Rural Dynamics at \$7,500, with the provision that if the funding for public services is \$99,000 rather than \$107,000, the \$7,500 would not be given to Rural Dynamics.

Chris Imhoff indicated the CDC would be reconvened if the final funding amount was less than \$99,000. Keith Cron volunteered to arrange a conference call to hold a meeting to approve the minutes from this meeting once they have been written.

Anita Fisher made a motion to recommend funding for all projects as discussed and as listed below. Scott Anderson seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Children's Museum of Montana	\$5,000
Area VIII Agency on Aging	\$25,000
Boys & Girls Club	\$25,000
Sunburst Unlimited	\$5,000 (tools only)
City P&R CRC & Morony	\$7,500
Young Parents Education Center	\$12,000
Alliance for Youth	\$12,500
Quality Life Concepts	\$7,500 (portable lift, slings, bathroom tracking)
Rural Dynamics	\$7,500 (if PS funding level more than \$99,000)
Family Connections	\$0
Senior Citizens Center	\$0

D. Public Comment (any public matter not on agenda but within agency jurisdiction)

No members of the public were present.

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.