

FY19 Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Applicant Presentation Session #1
Public Hearing #1
FY19 Organizational Meeting**

Minutes

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Lakewood City Hall, City Council Conference Room**

Attendees

CAC Members

Michael Bentley
Corey Clay
Joshua Gonzalez
Lindsey Grdina
Nora Katzenberger
Stephen Lamantia
Peter Mapley
Faith Noble
Deborah Perrotto
Mark Schneider
Lee Silvis
Maureen Sweeney
Tanya Wagner

City Staff

Dan Wyman, Development Officer

I. FY19 Funding Applicant Presentation Session #1

Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC)

Melissa Graves, Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC), described and answered questions regarding DVCAC's request for \$20,020 in FY19 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the agency's Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Services Program which places a part-time Justice System Advocate in Lakewood's court system who shepherds victims of domestic abuse through this often confusing and intimidating process.

North Coast Community Health Center (NCH)

Gina Gavlak, Executive Director of North Coast Community Health Center (NCH), described and answered questions regarding NCH's request for \$64,500 in FY19 Community Development Block Grant funds to support its Health Services Program which provides a broad range of high-quality, culturally sensitive health care services for low-moderate income, medically underserved Lakewood households. Ms. Gavlak described NCH's recent strategic affiliation with Neighborhood Family Practice which promises to increase the agency's capacity to serve more patients better; enhance its organizational infrastructure; strengthen its financial footing; and expand its scope of services to include pediatric care. She also addressed committee members' concerns regarding the agency's provision of birth control and unbiased family planning counseling/referrals.

Lakewood Community Services Center

Trish Rooney, Executive Director of Lakewood Community Services Center, described and answered questions regarding the following FY19 LCSC Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding requests.

Food Pantry/Emergency Food Services (CDBG)

Ms. Rooney described and answered questions regarding LCSC's request for \$36,062 in FY19 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the agency's Food Pantry/Emergency Food Services Program which combats hunger and malnutrition by distributing more than 40,000 pounds of free food to hundreds of very low-income Lakewood residents each month.

Case Management Services (CDBG)

Ms. Rooney described and answered questions regarding LCSC's request for \$24,126 in FY19 Community Development Block Grant funds to support its Case Management Services Program which provides salary support for licensed social workers who support low-moderate income Lakewood residents struggling with unemployment, unstable housing instability, lack of medical insurance, mental health concerns, and a host of other serious issues.

Employment Services /HireLocal Lakewood (CDBG)

Ms. Rooney described and answered questions regarding LCSC's request for \$38,964 to support its HireLocal Lakewood Employment Services Program. In partnership with El Barrio, The Centers for Families and Children workforce program, HireLocal offers low-moderate income Lakewood residents job readiness training; and free short-term certification opportunities associated with career paths and the identified needs of local employers.

Homelessness Prevention Assistance (ESG)

Ms. Rooney described and answered questions regarding LCSC's request for \$125,000 in FY19 Emergency Solutions Grant funding to support the agency's Homelessness Prevention Assistance Program which provides housing stability case management and housing search and placement services as well as cash assistance for rent and/or utilities for very low-income Lakewood households at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Emergency Shelter Services/Breathing Room (ESG)

Ms. Rooney described and answered questions regarding LCSC's request for \$20,310 in FY19 Emergency Solutions Grant funding to support the agency's Emergency Shelter Services/Breathing Room Program which provides short-term temporary shelter complemented by a broad array of essential supportive services to literally homeless Lakewood families and helps them secure decent, safe, affordable housing in Lakewood upon exiting.

II. FY19 Public Hearing #1

- Mr. Dan Wyman, Development Officer in Lakewood's Department of Planning & Development, welcomed CAC members and Lakewood residents to the first of two Public Hearings associated with the City's FY19 federal funding allocation process. The 2nd FY19 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.
- He explained at least (2) CAC Public Hearings are statutorily required to ensure Lakewood residents are provided with opportunities to participate in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the City's federally-funded programs and projects.
- Mr. Wyman reviewed Lakewood's community development goals and objectives which include supporting decent, affordable housing and a suitable living environment; sustaining the city's housing stock for the next 100 years; preserving historic properties as a vital link to the city's past; supporting affordable homeownership for low-moderate income residents; maintaining safe, healthy neighborhoods; arresting slum and blight conditions; fortifying aging public infrastructure and facilities in low-moderate income areas; aggressively enforcing local & federal fair housing laws; addressing the critical human services needs of low-moderate income and special needs residents; and expanding economic opportunities for low-moderate-income residents.
- He explained the composition, mission, roles and responsibilities of Lakewood's Citizens Advisory Committee; described the purposes, uses, and regulations governing Lakewood's Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership programs; and provided estimates of the City's FY19 funding from these sources.

- Finally, Mr. Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment. Both Lakewood residents and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee were invited and encouraged to pose questions and submit comments for the record concerning the City's community development needs, challenges and priorities; the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs; and the information presented during this public hearing. Despite ample written public notice well in advance of the meeting, there were no members of the public in attendance. As such, there were no comments or questions for the record.

III. FY19 CAC Organizational Meeting

Mr. Wyman welcomed CAC members old and new and thanked them for their service to our community.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mr. Corey Clay and Mr. Mark Schneider, FY18 CAC Co-Chairs, called the first FY19 CAC session to order and conducted a Roll Call of members. (14) of (17) members were in attendance.

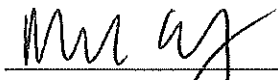
Election of FY19 CAC Co-Chairs

Ms. Maureen Sweeney and Mr. Lee Silvis were elected co-chairs of Lakewood's FY19 Citizens Advisory Committee.

Adjourn


A motion to adjourn the first FY19 CAC session was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Approved



Maureen Sweeney, Co-Chair

Date 10/10/18



Lee Silvis, Co-Chair

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