



FY20 Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Applicant Presentation Session #1
Public Hearing #1
FY20 Organizational Meeting**

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Attendees

CAC Members

Tyler Allen
Michael Bentley
Joshua Gonzalez
Nora Katzenberger
Ben Kipp
Peter Mapley
Faith Noble
Kristine Pagsuyoin
Deborah Perrotto
Mary Kinney Piunno
Mark Schneider
Lee Silvis
Sara Tillie
Tanya Wagner

City Staff

Dan Wyman, Development Officer

I. FY20 Funding Applicant Presentation Session #1

a) 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 \$27,919 in FY20 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 guides victims of domestic abuse through this often confusing and intimidating process.

b) Lakewood Department of Human Services

Division of Aging

Toni Gelsomino, Director of Lakewood's Department of Human Services, described and answered questions regarding the Division of Aging's request for \$39,684 in FY20 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the Senior Supportive Services Program.

The program works closely with Lakewood residents ages 62 and over and their caregivers to ensure they have access to the critical resources and supports and the capacity to safely and comfortably age in place if they so choose.

Division of Youth

Jessica Parker, Programs Manager in Lakewood's Department of Human Services, described and answered questions regarding the Division of Early Childhood's request for \$79,146 in FY20 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the Childcare Scholarship Assistance Program

The program provides subsidies that enable low-moderate income Lakewood households who do not income-qualify for a similar Cuyahoga County program to afford high quality childcare in a Lakewood-based facility.

c) LakewoodAlive

LakewoodAlive's Ian Andrews (Executive Director) and Allison Urbanek (Housing & Internal Operations Director) described and answered questions regarding the agency's request for \$78,999 in FY20 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the agency's Housing Outreach Services Program and \$42,000 to support its Paint Rebate Program.

The Housing Outreach Program facilitates exterior home improvements and the correction of code violations among Lakewood homeowners, tenants, and landlords by assisting them with project planning, budgeting, and management; demystifying city building codes and ordinances; referring residents to and assisting them in applying for CDBG-funded and other rehabilitation assistance programs; and helping to identify and work with quality contractors.

The Paint Lakewood Program provides low-moderate income homeowners with rebates up to \$3,500 toward labor, materials and supplies associated with completed, lead-compliant exterior residential paint projects.

II. FY20 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 FY20 federal funding allocation process. The 2nd FY20 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.
- 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 FY20 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. FY20 CAC Organizational Meeting

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

a) Call to Order & Roll Call

Mr. Lee Silvis, FY19 CAC Co-Chair, called the FY20 CAC Organizational Meeting to order and conducted a Roll Call of members. (14) of (15) members were in attendance.

b) Election of FY20 CAC Chair

Mr. Silvis was elected Chair of Lakewood's FY20 Citizens Advisory Committee.

c) FY20 CAC Process Overview

Mr. Wyman provided an overview of the FY20 CAC process and explained which encompasses:

- reviewing FY20 CDBG & ESG funding requests from city departments and external organizations then forwarding FY20 allocation recommendations to City Council;
- development of Lakewood's FY20-FY24 Consolidated Plan and;
- consideration of a proposed Substantial Amendment to the Lakewood's FY19 Annual Action Plan regarding the transfer of previously allocated funds unlikely to be expended in a timely manner to address other high-priority community needs and satisfy key HUD compliance requirements.

IV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the first FY20 CAC session was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Approved



Lee Silvis, Chair

Date

10/9/19