



FY18 LAKEWOOD CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

APPLICANT PRESENTATION SESSION #1

PUBLIC HEARING #1

FY18 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017

LAKEWOOD CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDEES

CAC Members

William Barmann
Corey Clay
Jason Estremera
Joshua Gonzalez
Lindsey Grdina
Nora Katzenberger
Steven Lamantia
Courtney Noster
Deborah Perrotto
Mark Schneider
Lee Silvis
Maureen Sweeney

City Staff

Dan Wyman, Development Officer
Bryce Sylvester, Director, Department of Planning & Development

I. FY18 FUNDING APPLICANT PRESENTATION SESSION #1

Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC)

Leslie Quilty, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center, described and answered questions regarding DVCAC's request for \$9,705 in FY18 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.

LakewoodAlive (LA)

LakewoodAlive's Ian Andrews (Executive Director) and Allison Urbanek (Housing Manager) described and answered questions regarding the agency's request for \$63,898 in FY18 Community Development Block Grant funds to support its Housing Outreach Services Program and \$28,000 to support its Paint Lakewood 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.

Lakewood Department of Planning & Development

CDBG & ESG Administration, Section 108 Loan Repayment & Project Pride Code Enforcement

Mr. Bryce Sylvester, Lakewood's Director of Planning & Development, described the Department's FY18 CDBG Administration (\$350,000), ESG Administration (\$5,000) and Project Pride Code Enforcement (\$75,000) FY18 funding requests.

Mr. Sylvester then provided the committee with and answered questions regarding Lakewood's many current and prospective community and economic development projects and initiatives including, but not limited to, the Housing Forward Survey; Madison Avenue revitalization efforts; and the Downtown Lakewood Hospital Site.

II. FY18 PUBLIC HEARING #1

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Dan Wyman, Development Officer in Lakewood's Department of Planning & Development, welcomed CAC members and Lakewood residents the first FY18 Public Hearing and explained this is the first of two Fiscal Year 2018 Public Hearings and that a 2nd Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Purposes of First FY18 Public Hearing

Mr. Wyman 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.

Additional purposes served by Public Hearings include:

- Facilitating public input and involvement.
- Informing residents about federal funding sources, uses, and restrictions.
- Notifying residents about Lakewood's federal funding requests & projected awards.
- Describing the citizen participation & strategic planning processes.
- Reviewing local community development goals & objectives.

Lakewood's Community Development Goals & Objectives

Mr. Wyman stated the following Lakewood community development goals & objectives.

Goal I: Supporting Decent, Affordable Housing & A Suitable Living Environment

Objectives

- 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; arrest slum & blight conditions, and fortifying aging public infrastructure & 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.

Goal II: Expanding Economic Opportunities

Objectives

- Stimulating private investment and creating job opportunities, especially for low- and moderate-income residents.
- Sustaining and preventing the deterioration of Lakewood's commercial districts.

Lakewood's Citizens Advisory Committee & Annual CAC Process

Mr. Wyman explained the composition, mission, roles and responsibilities of Lakewood's Citizens Advisory Committee.

Lakewood's Federally Funded Community Development Programs

Mr. Wyman briefly described the purposes, uses, and regulations governing Lakewood's Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership programs.

Community Development Block Grant: CDBG funds support a range of programs that address Lakewood's community development needs including housing rehabilitation, infrastructure, public services, and economic development primarily for persons of low- and moderate-income as well as for activities designed to prevent or eliminate slum and blight in the City.

Key limitations on the use of CDBG funds include the program's 20% cap on annual administrative expenditures and 15% cap on annual public services program expenditures. Moreover, at least 70% of CDBG funds must be expended on activities directly benefiting low- and moderate-income residents. HUD allows grantees to accomplish this over a three-year Certification Period. Lakewood's current Certification Period is FY16 – FY18.

Emergency Solutions Grant: Emergency Solutions Grant funds support programs that assist the literally homeless and those at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

HOME Investment Partnership Program: HOME Investment Partnership funds, received via the Cuyahoga County Housing Consortium, support a range of affordable home ownership opportunities for low-moderate income residents

FY18 Federal Funding Award Estimates

The City anticipates receiving the following FY18 HUD funding awards upon which the CAC's allocation decisions will be based.

<i>CDBG:</i>	\$1,750,000
<i>ESG:</i>	\$160,000
<i>HOME:</i>	\$150,000

Public Comment Period

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. FY18 CAC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Dan Wyman, Development Officer in Lakewood's Department of Planning & Development, welcomed CAC members old and new and thanked them for their invaluable service to our community.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Ms. Lindsey Grdina called the first FY18 CAC session to order and conducted a Roll Call of members. Twelve of thirteen members were in attendance.

Election of FY18 CAC Co-Chairs

Mr. Corey Clay and Mr. Mark Schneider were elected co-chairs of Lakewood's FY18 Citizens Advisory Committee.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the first FY18 CAC session was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Approved



Corey Clay, Co-Chair

Date: 10/18/17



Mark Schneider, Co-Chair

Date: 10/18/17