



LAKWOOD CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

FY18 APPLICANT PRESENTATION SESSION #3

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

LAKWOOD CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDEES

CAC Members

Corey Clay
Jason Estremera
Lindsey Grdina
Nora Katzenberger
Steven Lamantia
Erik Meihhardt
Courtney Noster
Deborah Perrotto
Mark Schneider
Lee Silvis
Maureen Sweeney

City Staff

Dan Wyman, Development Officer

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mr. Corey Clay called CAC Session #3 to order and called the roll.

II. FY18 Funding Applicant Presentation Session #3

Lakewood Community Services Center

Trish Rooney, Executive Director of Lakewood Community Services Center, described and answered questions regarding the following FY18 LCSC Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding requests.

LCSC CDBG Requests

- **Food Pantry**

LCSC requests **\$48,437** to support its Food Pantry 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. CDBG funds will provide salary support for the Pantry's Manager and Volunteer Coordinator.

- **Case Management Services**

LCSC requests **\$36,873** 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.

Case management services range from relatively simple, short-term interventions including community resource referrals and assistance accessing public benefits (food stamps, utility assistance programs, temporary assistance for needy families, healthcare etc...) to complex longer-term interventions like housing search and placement; job training; eviction prevention/landlord negotiations; and navigating intimidating bureaucracies (Social Security, VA, etc...). The program is complemented by other critical onsite services including the food pantry; legal assistance; and mental health services.

- **Employment Services**

LCSC requests **\$49,699** to support its Employment Services program which prepares low-moderate income Lakewood residents to seek, secure, and retain gainful employment. The program is administered onsite at LCSC in close partnership a highly experienced and respected not-for-profit employment agency that empowers individuals to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through gainful employment.

LCSC ESG Requests

- **Homelessness Prevention Assistance**

LCSC requests **\$125,060** to support the agency's Homelessness Prevention program which provides case management services and direct financial assistance to households at imminent risk of homelessness.

- **Emergency Shelter Services**

LCSC requests **\$30,215** to support its Emergency Shelter Services program which provides to literally homeless Lakewood families with up to 30 days of shelter in a two-bedroom apartment above LCSC's headquarters complemented by a broad array of critical supportive services.

Lakewood Division of Community Development

Mary Leigh, Programs Manager in Lakewood's Division of Community Development and Alex Harnocz, City Planner, described and answered questions regarding the following FY18 DCD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests.

- **Home Improvement Grant Program**

DCD requests **\$40,00** to support its Home Improvement Grant Program which offers homeowners agreeing to a complete exterior property inspection and subsequent correction of all cited violations rebates toward eligible home improvement projects.

- **HOME Activity Delivery**

DCD requests **\$20,00** to for HOME Activity Delivery which supports eligible costs incurred by the Division of Community Development in the delivery of the city's HOME First-Time Homebuyer Assistance and Residential Rehab Loan programs including salaries, inspections, homebuyer counseling, construction project monitoring, and customary fees.

▪ **Property Revitalization Program**

DCD requests **\$100,000** to support its Property Revitalization Program which effectively addresses foreclosure and abandonment in Lakewood's neighborhoods by strategically utilizing CDBG funds to preserve the city's housing stock and stabilize its neighborhoods by acquiring vacant, distressed properties (with a keen focus on the city's designated low-moderate income areas) exerting a blighting influence and depressing property values; rehabilitating them to a high, energy efficient standard; then selling them to income-eligible households that have undergone home buyer counseling.

▪ **Storefront Renovation Program**

DCD requests **\$214,500** to support its Storefront Renovation Program which improves the physical appearance of and building code compliance in Lakewood's aging commercial corridors and incentivizes private investment by offering financial assistance for exterior facade renovations and specific interior improvements to businesses located in the city's slum-blight designated Commercial Improvement Target Area (CITA). Support is typically provided in the form of a rebate of up to 40% of total eligible costs with a maximum of \$30,000 per project.

III. New Business

- Mr. Corey Clay called the new business portion of CAC Session #3 to order.
- A motion to approve the 10.18.17 FY18 CAC Session #2 Meeting Minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- Dan Wyman reviewed the FY18 Allocation Recommendations Worksheet with members.
- Mr. Mark Schneider requested a motions to adjourn the FY18 CAC Session #3 which was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Approved

Corey Clay, Co-Chair

Date: _____

Mark Schneider, Co-Chair

Date: _____