

City of Wauwatosa Community Development Block Grant Committee

Meeting Minutes
October 13th, 2010
Wauwatosa City Hall, Committee Room #1

Present: Linda Ertel, Alderperson Jay, Fran McLaughlin, Jose Vasquez, Dan Werlein, Mary Wolverton and Michael Yamat.

Absent: None

Also Present: Tammy Szudy (staff)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and the public hearing regarding CDBG funding needs was opened for public comment.
- II. Public Hearing.

The following individuals attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the organizations requesting 2011 CDBG funding:

- *Merry Noel Johnson – Hart Park Senior Center*
Ms. Johnson stated that CDBG funds are needed to cover program and staff costs for the operation of the Hart Park Senior Center that provides a wide range of classes, services and activities for Wauwatosa seniors.
- *Vicki Spataro Wachniak – ARC of Milwaukee*
Ms. Wachniak commented that CDBG will help operate ARC's Family Support Program at 7302 W. Center St. The Family Support Program assists individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in securing the support and resources necessary to live safely and as independently as possible. Grant funding pays for staff salaries/costs.
- *Diane Euting - Greater Tosa Interfaith*
Ms. Euting informed the committee that CDBG funding is needed to cover staff salaries and operational costs for the services Interfaith provides. Interfaith provides needed services for seniors that include things like home maintenance, transportation and social visits.
- *Kathy Bagemihl - Tosa Community Food Pantry*
Ms. Bagemihl stated that the food pantry needs and relies on CDBG funds to purchase food when there is a donation shortfall. They have and continue to experience increased demand for emergency food services as tough economic times continue.
- *Tom Ertel – Tosa Cares*
Tosa Cares identifies families in need of help social workers, schools, churches and fire/police and provides gap services such as emergency food and clothing supplies to families and individuals. Tosa Cares is a volunteer run organization.

- *Dennis Stappas - Milwaukee Hellenic Elderly Housing Corp - Greek Orthodox Manor (Tom Rodder, property manager also in attendance and support.)*
Mr. Stappas described the need for rehabilitation of 34 units of subsidized elderly housing at Greek Orthodox Manor as the facility is outdated and presents safety hazards for its residents – improvements would not be possible without CDBG grant funds. Residents are 62 years of age and older and/or physically disabled and pay 30% of their income as rent.
- *Laura Krieger – Lutheran Home*
Ms. Krieger mentioned that they are a first time applicant and provided some background about the Lutheran Home. The proposed CDBG funding will be used to renovate housing units in their Memory Care Assisted Living program as design standards have change since the facility was constructed. The program addresses the special needs of residents with dementia.
- *Patrick Brown - Badger Association for the Blind*
Mr. Brown stated that Badger Association promotes independence and improves the quality of life for vision impaired individuals and those with changing vision through rehabilitation and training. He stated they are the premier organization in southeast Wisconsin serving around 6,000 people, 250 of whom reside in Wauwatosa.
- *Paulette Enders – City of Wauwatosa Dept. of Economic Development*
Ms. Enders informed the Committee that she has requested funding for two applications. The first is funding for economic development loans or grants for the creation of jobs for LMI persons, similar to funding previously granted to WEDC. The second is funding for a Mayfair Road planning study. Ms. Enders mentioned that this plan, as identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan, would be developed by the Community Development Department and Economic Development would be involved in implementation aspects of the adopted plan.
- *Mary Reina – PEP Program*
Ms. Reina stated that the PEP Program, providing meals and social interactions for seniors, relies completely on donated funds for operation; CDBG funds are a critical part.

III. With no more persons wishing to speak the public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.