



City of  
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Minutes of CDBG PUBLIC HEARING  
February 24, 2023 noon  
City Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square

Anna Oltman (Community Development Administrator) opened the public hearing at 12:00pm with the following people in attendance:

MJ Adams (Director of Community Development)  
Christian LaPlante (Grant Program Assistant)  
Hope Macary  
Judith Roberts  
Jennifer Hoffman

Anna read the public hearing notice and described the CDBG funding the city receives. This year the city is applying for two years of funding at once.

**Accept community input on Greenfield's 2022-2023 Mini-Entitlement Program application activities which include: Sidewalk upgrades, Wells Street Shelter Rehabilitation, Design and Engineering for Main Street Water line upgrades and Court Square; and public social services – food pantry, elder nutrition, elders at risk, and adult literacy programs.**

Anna explained that the city will be submitting its application for 2022-23 next week. Application will include funding for sidewalks, design for Court Square, design for Main Street Water Mains, Wells Street Shelter expansion, and five social services including Center for Self Reliance, The Literacy Project, LifePath Meals, Greenfield Health Department Elders at Risk, & The Salvation Army. There are other general administration costs including staff and other costs as well as \$20,000 toward a historical property survey.

Comments:

Judith Roberts – (Director of TLP) grateful for funding from the City for The Literacy Project as it is truly changing lives. Also, what is status of ownership of Wells Street property?

MJ – CSO will be acquiring the Wells Street property. CDBG funding is only going to shelter portion of project.

Judith Roberts – Grateful for that project as well since students at TLP live in the shelter

Jennifer Hoffman – (Greenfield Health Director) appreciative to have the funding to aid seniors with their hoarding cases

**Accept community input on the cancellation of the CDBG 2020 social service Council on Aging (COA) Aging Well program and the reallocation of the funds to social services LifePath Congregate Meals and Community Action Center for Self-Reliance Food Pantry**

Anna stated that program from 2020 was cancelled and it has been determined that a good reuse of the funds would be to reallocate the funding to meals programs since that is crucial need in the community.

Hope Macary – (COA Director) 2020 brought changes and at the time everything shut down the volunteer coordinator left their position and the COA determined that it would not be filling that position. Glad to see the funds reused as COA would not have been able to use them.

MJ – SNAP benefits are being reduced so funding will be essential at this time for meals and pantries.

Hope Macary – congregate meals are a great resource for elders especially the socialization component. Also glad to see funding for hoarding cases.

Judith Roberts – thanked Jennifer Hoffman for her work

Anna closed the public hearing at 12:16pm.

