



## ***Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives***

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Lila Wallace, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888  
Washington Boulevard

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met at the above time and place. Present were Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Wallace, and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Moore, Mahoney, McNeil, and Watkins. Also present were Erik Larson, Grants Coordinator; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; and Ellen Bromley, Social Services Coordinator. ([Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet](#))

Chair Mitchell opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
1. <a href="#">HCD29.032</a>	RESOLUTION and <u>Public Hearing</u> ; approving a list of programs to the State Dept. of Revenue Services in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act ( <u>public hearing to be held May 19, 2015</u> ). 03/20/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	<b><i>Committee Approved 7-0-0</i></b>

Ms. Cammarota stated the Neighborhood Assistance Act is a State program that provides \$5 million dollars in tax credits statewide to organizations that contribute to local social service organizations. A requirement of the process is that all organizations applying for the tax credit must submit an application and present their program at this public hearing. The Stamford's Grants office must submit the applications to the State by July 1. Then, the entities that donate to these not-for-profits are entitled to receive the tax credits. In the event the State reaches the maximum of \$5 million, the amount is pro-rated among eligible participants.

The committee heard presentations from the attached [list](#) of presenters.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0. (Reps. Mitchell, Wallace, Giordano, Mahoney, McNeil, Moore and Watkins in favor)

2. [HCD29.036](#) APPROVAL; Reallocation of CDBG of Year 39 funds of \$36,755 from Stamford Housing Authority/Charter Oak for replacement of Emergency Generator at Stamford Manor to \$19,000 for Revised Plan for Generator Repair and \$17,755 for replacement of resident closet spaces at Scofield Manor. **Item Held 7-0-0**  
05/05/15 – Submitted by Erik Larson

Mr. Larson suggested that since the new use of the money is not the same scope or purpose they would put a legal notice in the newspaper saying the Committee will consider this new proposal for the sole purpose of this money. Reinsuring in the notice that they “are not accepting” new applications for these funds only that Charter Oak Communities request to take funds from one project at one location to take the funds to enhance a project at another location.

The Committee is concerned about doing a public hearing for the sole purpose of this money and organization. Mr. Larson stated under the guidelines, the legal notice and public hearing are required because there is a change in the purpose and scope.

The Committee agreed that in the future the organizations that do not use their allocated money, they must use the remaining money for the same scope and purpose at that same property.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved to hold this item. (Reps. Mitchell, Wallace, Giordano, Mahoney, McNeil, Moore and Watkins in favor)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

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