



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

Gloria DePina, Chair

Lila Wallace, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, May 17, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Wallace and Committee Member Reps Michelson, Moore and Palomba. Absent/Excused: Pratt and Roqueta. Also present: Tara Petrocelli, Community Development; Ralph Blessings, Land Use Bureau Chief; David Woods, Planning; and Erich Chatham, Civitas, LLC.

Chair DePina called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. HCD30.047	RESOLUTION <u>and Public Hearing</u> ; Approving a List of Programs to the State Department of Revenue Services in Accordance with the Provisions of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. 3/17/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	Committee Approved 5-0-0

The following programs presented for consideration of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act:

Stamford Center for the Arts - Michael Moran
Junior Achievement of Greater FC - Laura Stern
Mill River Collaborative - Kevin Kelly
Stamford Museum & Nature Center - Karen Meizels
Soundwaters, Inc. - Bob Mazzone
Pacific House, Inc. - Steve Dougherty
United Jewish Federation - Sharon Franklin
Family Centers, Inc. - Karissa Payero
Inspirica, Inc. - Denise Williams
Family Justice Centers (FJC) - Ed Spilka
New Neighborhoods, Inc. - Jonathan Singen
The Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse - Joe Dudek

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0. (DePina, Wallace, Michelson, Moore and Palomba in favor)

2. HCD30.051

REVIEW; Possible Use of HOME Funds
05/05/21 – Submitted by Reps. DePina and
Wallace

Report Made

Mr. Chatham stated the HOME funds unlike the CDBG funding, is used for Housing only and is much more restrictive. The Home program is as follows:

- Acquisition and acquisition rehab for existing or new affordable housing units to rent or buy
- Housing rehab for owner occupied households (all systems in home must be up to code in order to continue)
- Homebuyer assistance or down payment assistance
- Tenant base rental assistance voucher program
- HOME Program allows for the jurisdiction to take up to 10% for administration cost
- Each year it is required to set aside 15% for nonprofit developers for CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization.)
- Stamford only has one CHDO which is the Stamford Housing Authority
- Housing Development fund assist with down payment and home buying assistance program and it is a loan for \$20,000.00.

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria DePina, Chair

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