



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

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT and remotely.*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Roqueta, Co-Chair Moore, and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Ley, and Walston. Absent or excused were Reps. Pollack and Dakary Watkins. Also in attendance were Bridget Fox and Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Moira Sawch, Community Development Administrator; Arnold Knittel, Community Development Specialist; and one member of the public.

Co-Chair Roqueta called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. HCD31.064	PRESENTATION: Presentation from the Mayor's Office for CDBG Program Year 50 08/12/24 – Submitted by Moira Sawch	<b>Report Made</b>

Ms. Freeman gave a review of the Administration's recommendations for this year's applications. The funding is divided into two parts.

### Public Improvements:

All of the Public Improvements requests are for specific projects.

Because the requested funding was below the available amount, the Administration recommends that all 10 of the organizations receive 100% of the requested funding.

Out of \$601,628.00 available, \$551,103.34 was requested and is recommended for allocation.

Historically, the team goes back with remaining available funds to look at old public improvements funding requests that were not met, and the recommended allocation will come back to the BOR.

### Public Service:

Total allocation is \$143,448.00.

A large number of the requested funds exceeded the available funds. Given the limited

dollar amount, the Administration wants to make sure every organization receives some sort of allocation that would be meaningful. There are no recommendations below \$5,000.00

Ms. Freeman explained that three organizations were not recommended for funding due to expected funding from other sources:

- Pacific House and New Covenant Soup Kitchen - The City is advocating for these organizations to receive Warming Center funds through ARPA.
- Person to Person – Recently received significant funding for the mobile food pantry.

Additionally, three organizations did not present and therefore did not receive any recommended funding:

- Community Health Center
- CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants
- Operations Pathways

2. HCD31.067	REVIEW AND FINALIZE; the results from the evaluation forms for final recommendations for YEAR 50 CDBG. 8/12/24 – Submitted by Moira Sawch	<b>Approved as Amended, excluding Wheel It Forward, 5-0-0</b>
		<b>Approved as Amended, Wheel It Forward, 4-0-1</b>

### Public Improvements

Being as all 100% of the requested funding for all the organizations was recommended by the Administration, the Committee did not make any changes.

[Attached is the list](#) of consideration for the Year 50 CDBG Public Improvements funding.

### Public Service

The Committee discussed each organization's requested funding, the Administration's recommended funding, and whether or not changes should be recommended.

[Attached is the list](#) of consideration for the Year 50 CDBG Public Service funding as amended by the Committee. There are 19 organizations recommended for funding.

A motion to approve the Year 50 CDBG funding recommendations as amended, excluding Wheel It Forward, was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Roqueta, Moore, Campbell, Ley, and Walston in favor).

A motion to approve the Wheel It Forward Year 50 CDBG funding recommendation, as amended, was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-1 (Reps. Roqueta, Moore, Campbell, and Ley in favor; Rep. Walston abstained).

Co-Chair Roqueta adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Roqueta, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).