



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

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Roqueta and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston. Absent or excused were Co-Chair Moore and Rep. Dakary Watkins. Also present were Moira Sawch, CDBG Administrator; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; John Gutman, Executive Director New Covenant Center; Arnold Knittel, Community Development Program Specialist; and members of the public.

Chair Roqueta called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. HCD31.070	APPROVAL: Year 50 CDBG Proposal (2024-2025) 10/10/2024 – Submitted by M. Sawch	Committee Approved Wheel It Forward, 4-0-1
		Committee Approved, Excluding Wheel It Forward, 5-0-0
2. HCD31.069	RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Year 50 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program of the City of Stamford, Connecticut. 10/10/2024 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	Committee Approved 5-0-0

Ms. Sawch explained that this item is to approve the funding request for the CDBG program year 50 that was discussed and amended at the last Committee Meeting.

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

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

A motion to approve Item #2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Roqueta, Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston in favor).

3. HCD31.065 APPROVAL; of year 49 CDBG allocation amendment (FY23/24) request by New Covenant Center to reallocate the funds of their CDBG Year 49 grant of \$25,000 that was originally allocated towards the purchase of a food transportation van for their Food Pantry to be allocated towards salary support to hire a full-time Case Manager.
08/12/24 – Submitted by Moira Sawch

**Committee
Approved 5-0-0**

Co-Chair Roqueta explained that this item is to reallocate funds of a New Covenant Center CDBG Year 49 grant of \$25,000 that was originally allocated towards the purchase of a food transportation van. Funds were received through an outside source for the van. The Center would like the grant to go towards the salary of a case manager.

Mr. Gutman gave a review of the request.

The \$25,000 will fund about half of the case manager's salary.

The full time case manager works one on one to develop individual action plans based on particular needs and linking people with in-house and outside resources.

The case manager and her supervisor make hundreds of referrals every month to many of the Stamford-based nonprofit agencies and programs that receive CDBG and other municipal funding. This funding will allow them to continue helping people not only with daily sustenance but to find tangible footholds like housing and jobs.

A motion to approve Item #3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Roqueta, Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston in favor).

Co-Chair Roqueta adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Roqueta, Co-Chair

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