



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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Lila Wallace, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, August 7, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Wallace and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Moore and Watkins. Absent or excused were Reps. Custis and Mahoney. Also present was Erik Larson, Community Development Director.

Vice Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s)
1. HCD29.63	APPROVAL; Year 43 CDBG Budget. 06/16/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 07/13/17 – to be considered by Board of Finance	Approved 5-0-0

The 2017-2018 budget process for HUD funds was undertaken assuming level funding from 2016-2017 (\$875,430 in CDBG and \$365,232 in HOME funds). As required by HUD and our local Citizen Participation Plan public hearings were held on Feb. 2nd and March 21st. Prior to the second public hearing, the HCD/SS Committee determined if the CDBG allocation was less than estimated, funded public service activities would be decreased pro rata from the estimated funding allocation to match the actual allocation amount; no funded public service activity would receive less than \$5,000. For the balance of activities (public improvements, economic development and housing) a decrease in funding would first be applied to the contingency line. If further reductions were necessary pro rata reductions would be made to WBDC, Inc. (not to be reduced below \$15,000) and the Stamford Community Development Housing Development Program (CDP HSG) (not to be reduced below \$125,000.) If further reductions were necessary all public improvement, economic development and housing programs, including WBDC, Inc. and the CDP HSG program would be cut pro rata. Funds for grant administration would be increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match the actual allocation amounts. Any increase would be held in contingency. HOME would be increased or decreased from the estimate funding levels to match actual allocation amounts.

In June, HUD informed the City that we will receive \$843,125 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$330,568 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. \$111,146.13 in unspent prior year(s) CDBG funds will be reallocated.

The 4% or \$32,305 reduction in CDBG funds will mean:

- The total amount allocated to public services will be \$126,468 (or 15% of our allocation; the maximum amount allowed by the program);
- \$655,234 will be allocated to public improvements, economic development and housing;
- \$168,635 will be allocated to administration and planning;
- \$3,944.13 will be held in contingency (to be allocated during the year with HCD/SS committee approval to previously approved projects in need of funding or allocated in the year 44 budget process)

The 9% or \$34,664 reduction in HOME funds will mean:

- \$247,927 will be allocated to HOME projects and downpayment loans;
- \$49,585 for HOME CHDO projects (15%)
- \$33,056 for HOME administration (10%)

A motion to approve this budget was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Mitchell, Wallace, Giordano, Moore and Watkins in favor).

2. [HCD29.62](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Year 43 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program of the City of Stamford, Connecticut. **Approved 5-0-0**
06/16/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
07/13/17 – to be considered by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Mitchell, Wallace, Giordano, Moore and Watkins in favor).

Vice Chair Wallace adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Wallace, Vice Chair