



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

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Time: 6:30pm
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Moore, Co-Chair Roqueta, and Committee Member Reps. Ley and Pollack. Absent or excused were Reps. Campbell, Walston, and Williams. Also in attendance were Rep. Goldberg; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Joe Hickey, Grants Coordinator; Moira Sawch, Community Development Administrator; and presenters of the below programs.

Co-Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 6:44pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. <u>HCD31.072</u>	RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving Submittal Of Attached List Of Programs to the State Department of Revenue Services in Accordance with the Provisions of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. 03/10/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	Approved 4-0-0

The following programs made presentations for consideration in the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act for a total of \$2,128,225:

Pilgrim Towers, Inc. \$150,000
Stamford Center for the Arts \$150,000
Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County \$59,000
Mill River Park Collaborative, Inc. \$150,000
Optimus Healthcare, Inc. \$150,000
SoundWaters, Inc. \$150,000
Pacific House, Inc. 2 programs totaling \$150,000
Inspirica, Inc. \$150,000
Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern CT, Inc. \$150,000
Children in Placement CT, Inc. \$20,000
Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse CT, Inc. \$150,000
New Neighborhoods, Inc. 4 programs totaling \$595,000
Stamford Museum & Nature Center \$104,225

A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Ley, and Pollack in favor).

2. HCD31.074 REVIEW; Year 51 CDBG Budgeting Schedule **Report Made**
05/07/25 – Submitted by Moira Sawch

There is now an online portal for the application process called Zoom Grants.

May 30th – June 9th: Community Development staff to review all applications.

June 10th: The Zoom Grants portal will be open for HCD/SS Committee members to view all applications and backup. The scoring will be done through this portal.

June 12th: Board of Finance to vote on appropriation for CDBG and HOME.

June 24th: Applicants to present at the HCD/SS Committee Meeting.

July 7th: Board of Representatives to vote on appropriation and resolution for CDBG and HOME.

July 8th: Scoring will be closed.

July 22nd: The Mayor sends her recommendations to Community Development Dept.

July 29th: HCD/SS Committee to vote on the allocations for the various groups.

August 4th: Board of Representatives to vote on the allocations.

August 10th: Consolidated Plan 2025-2029 and PY51 Annual Action Plan are submitted to HUD.

The processing of grants will then begin.

3. HCD31.075 APPROVAL: of the Cancellation of Program Year **Approved 4-0-0**
46 (Program Year 2020) allocation of \$50,000.00
to Supportive Housing Works towards the funding
of a West Side Neighborhood Community
Advocate as grantee is non-responsive to requests
for documentation.
05/07/25 – Submitted by Moira Sawch

Supportive Housing Works (also known as Housing Collective) was to undertake a community engagement project. They have billed Stamford for \$50,000 to pay for staff that worked on the project. HUD requires documentation before Stamford can reimburse any organization.

Ms. Sawch and her department have repeatedly asked for documentation. Supportive Housing Works was told there would be a 60 day deadline to produce documentation or the funds would be cancelled. They have been non-responsive. She does not want to risk losing this allocation and would like it to be directed to another use.

A motion to approve Item #3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Ley, and Pollack in favor).

Under as Suspension of the Rules:

4. [HCD31.076](#) REVIEW: 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 51 Annual Action Plan **Report Made**

A motion to take Item #4 up under suspension of the rules was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Ley, and Pollack in favor).

Per HUD regulations, every five years the City needs to provide a 5-year plan. One is required to be submitted this year. Part of that plan is to have a public hearing which starts a 30 day public comment period. It was held today at the Government Center so the comment period will be through late June.

The draft 2025-2029 Consolidation Plan is [attached](#).

The two accepted HUD programs that Stamford runs are CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and HOME (Home Investment Partnerships Program).

The fund allocation this year is CDBG \$989,095.00 and HOME \$502,967.44.

Co-Chair Roqueta and Ms. Sawch discussed the \$50,000 of funds from Item #3 going towards the public service allocations. It was originally a public service allocation so it would make sense that the funds go towards that sector since the demand is always greater than the supply.

Co-Chair Roqueta adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).