



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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

Report of Meeting & Public Hearing

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center,
Stamford, CT

The Housing-Community Development-Social Services Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Mitchell, and Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli, McNeil, Uva and Young. Reps. Giordano and Wallace were excused. Also present: Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development; and Karen Cammarato, Grants Director.

Item No.	Description	VOTE Yes-No-Abstain
1. HCD28.08	RESOLUTION & PUBLIC HEARING (5/18/10); approving the 2010 Neighborhood Assistance Act.	Committee Approved 5-0-0

Chair Mitchell opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Karen Cammarato explained that the NAA is administered by the CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS) and provides businesses with a tax credit equal to 60% of the cash invested for contributions to agencies that provide programs such as job training, education, community services; crime prevention, housing, child care, employment services for disabled and/or people over 50, or any other program which serves a group of individuals where at least 75% are at an income not exceeding 150% of the poverty level. Funds can also be directed toward energy conservation projects.

Local agencies apply through the municipality for approval of their programs, and the municipalities submit the applications to DRS by July 1. The agencies then have until September 15 to solicit donations from corporations. The businesses wishing to donate must complete an application and submit it to the DRS between September 15 and October 1. The total amount of all tax credits allowed in any fiscal year is \$5 million, which, if exceeded, results in prorating the approved tax credits among the approved organizations.

The committee listened to the following agencies' brief presentations about their programs:

1. Horizons Student Enrichment Program
2. The Women's Business Development Center
3. Business Council of Fairfield County Foundation
4. St. Luke's LifeWorks
5. Optimus Health Care, Inc.
6. Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut, Inc.

