

Nevada Governor's Office of
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 & 24, 2019

The meeting of the CDBG Advisory Committee was called to order by Patricia Herzog, Director, Rural Economic & Community Development, at the Governor's Office of Economic Development offices, 808 W. Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89703. No telephone conferencing was required.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Voting Advisory Committee Members Present

Patricia Herzog, Chair, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Jeff Fontaine, Lincoln County Development Authority
Sheldon Mudd, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority
Lynn O'Mara, Northern Nevada Development Authority
Bryan McArdle, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada
Paul Miller, Nye County Regional Economic Development Authority

Staff Members Present

Jean Barrette, CDBG Program Administrator
Jessica Sanders, CDBG Program Specialist

Guests Present

Henna Rasul, Attorney General's Office
Refer to Attendance/Sign-in Sheet

2. Public Comment

Chair, Patricia Herzog, called for any public comments. There being none, the meeting proceeded.

3. Chairman's Comments

Chair Herzog called the meeting to order, took roll to establish a quorum, noted that all are present to review the CDBG applications submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2019 Meeting: 2019 Allocation

Lynn O'Mara stated a typo on page 2 Brian McArdle is misspelled. Jeff Fontaine page 6 third line should read "an- Entitlement Program". Lynn O'Mara motion to approve with corrections Brain McArdle second motion, Patty Herzog and Paul Miller abstained, passed unanimously.

5. Election of Vice Chair

Chairman Herzog asked for a motion of vice chair, should she be called out of the meeting Lynn O'Mara volunteered. Brian McArdle made the motion, Paul Miller seconded the motion, Lynn O'Mara abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff Report: CDBG Allocation Process & Instruction to CDBG Advisory Committee

Ms. Barrette provided a summary of the CDBG Program. Ms. Barrette stated that Nevada has 15 rural counties and 11 rural cities that are eligible for CDBG funding. Eligible entities can submit two applications and two sponsored application each year: only the city or county can service as the local CDBG Grant Administrator.

The application cycle is a year-long process in which potential applicants work with the CDBG office in developing the application. Ms. Barrette gave a brief summary of the 2019 application cycle; twenty-one (21) eligible proposals submitted, seven were for Carson City; 14 were for rural for rural Nevada. Total requests were \$4,532,109: Carson City applicants requested \$588,800 and rural Nevada applicants requested \$3,943,309. Nine of the 14 projects for rural Nevada were approved for the application stage. The reasons for denying five proposals were: (1) the project did not meet the GOED/CDBG focus or (2) the proposal was not project ready.

One of the nine (9) projects was withdrawn because the county received funding from another source. That leaves eight projects for the advisory committee to review and recommend for funding. The revised request totals \$2,781,902; the total to allocation is \$2,677,129 this includes any recaptured funds minus administration and T.A.

7. Discussion and potential revision about applicants collaborating with Regional Development Authorities when developing projects for highest impact for communities and regions.

The applicant must obtain a letter of support from their regional RDA to submit with the application. The RDA's must abstain from commenting on the application in the funding deliberations this letter of support gives the RDA's the opportunity to comment on the application and a chance to work with the applicant to develop the application or assist in other funding sources. The RDA'

8. External Review of Projects

NDEP -Jason Cooper Program Manager for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund programs.

USDA- Cheryl Couch Community Programs Director

Refer to recording of meeting for full presentation and discussion.

9. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for the City of Fallon: Front Street Rehabilitation

Project ranked 4 of 8 in scoring. Discussion that the total project is 1.7 million project not started it was mentioned that the City may want to have all funding in place prior to the start of the project and that phasing the project could cost more than doing the entire project at one time. AC decided to reduce the award by \$133,105.

Sheldon Mudd motioned to partially fund the Front Street Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$630,445 Paul Miller seconded the motion, motion passes unanimously.

10. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for Esmeralda County: Historical Goldfield Street Rehabilitation Project, Phase II.

Project ranked 2 of 8 in the scoring. Discussion around the \$83,000 cost savings to the project and the ability to do more roads with the grant. There was discussion about the economic growth with the new mine potentially coming to Esmeralda County and having quality paved roads for the potential new residents.

Lynn O'Mara motioned to fully fund the Historical Goldfield Street Rehabilitation Phase II project in the amount of \$425,000 Sheldon Mudd seconded the motion, Paul Miller abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

11. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for City of Caliente: Caliente Depot: National Historic Rehabilitation Project, Phase II.

Project ranked 3 of 8 in the scoring. It was discussed that this is a phased project, phase I was approved for CDBG funding in 2018. It was discussed that the Caliente Depot is the centerpiece of the community. The project aligns with the State plan for economic growth and could bring more businesses to the community.

Lynn O'Mara motioned to fully fund the Caliente Depot: National Historic Rehabilitation Phase II project in the amount of \$559,000 Sheldon Mudd seconded the motion, Jeff Fontaine abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

12. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for Nye County: Fairgrounds - Pahrump Drainage & Flood Control Project.

Project ranked 1 of 8 in the scoring. Discussion this is a good project that has a large amount of leveraging funds. This project was a solid project and will help with the overall growth of the community.

Sheldon Mudd motioned to fully fund the Fairgrounds- Pahrump Drainage & Flood Control project in the amount of \$411, 950 Brain McArdle seconded the motion, Paul Miller abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

13. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for the City of Ely: Murry Street Sewer & Water Upgrade Project, Phase I.

Project ranked 6 of 8 in the scoring. Discussion regarding the Environmental Review not being completed, AC questioned what would happen if the Environmental Review has major issues and the City cannot complete the project on time, Ms. Barrette explained that with construction grants CDBG will generally extend the project in three month increments with the appropriate backup to

justify the extension. Another concern is that this project would be a health and safety issues with 100-year clay pipes.

Lynn O'Mara motioned to fully fund the Murry Street Sewer & Water Upgrade Project, Phase I in the amount of \$245,735 Paul Miller seconded the motion, Sheldon Mudd abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

14. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for the City of Wells: Corridor Design Project

Project ranked 7 of 8 in the scoring. Discussion around the City of Fernley's model for this type of project Wells is not Fernley so the model may not work for Wells. There was discussion of the City's requirement to implement the plan the plan should include the next steps of implementation.

Brian McArdle motioned to fully fund the Corridor Design project in the amount of \$170,000 Paul Miller seconded the motion, Sheldon Mudd abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

15. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for the City of Wells: Well House Building #2 & Disinfection Project.

Project ranked 5 of 8 in the scoring. It was discussed that this project is a health and safety issue with the need to update and will also help promote new growth within the City of Wells.

Paul Miller motioned to fully fund the Wells House Building #2 & Disinfection project in the amount of \$200,000 Lynn O'Mara seconded the motion, Sheldon Mudd abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

16. Discussion and Potential Funding Recommendation for the White Pine County: McGill Slag Ditch Study Project

Project ranked 8 of 8 in the scoring. Discussion that this project would be a starting point for the County to assess other funding sources that are would there for the full project. Discussion that this plan will help identify blight in the area and the safety hazard in the area. Funded with conditions: once the issues are identified that the County will look at other sources of funding.

Lynn O'Mara motioned to fully fund the McGill Slag Ditch Study project in the amount of \$35,000 Brian McArdle seconded the motion, Sheldon Mudd abstained from the motion, motion passes unanimously.

17. CDBG Advisory Committee Discussion on Final Recommendations

Final recommendations are listed under each project above.

18. CDBG Advisory Committee Discussion on Recommendations for Next Year.

No recommendation for the next year.

19. Public Comment

Chair Herzog called for Public Comment. No Public Comments.

20. Adjourn