

Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Social Services Funding Committee Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Beaverton City Hall

### Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** David Harrison, Carmela Bowns, Bill Wood, Alan Johnson, Faridah Haron, Patricia Longua (via phone), Ghana Khatiwada, and Andrea Nelson.

David called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and called role. Members reviewed the meeting minutes from February 26th. Carmela moved to approve the meeting minutes and Bill seconded with no amendments. The group unanimously approved the minutes as corrected with no discussion.

Andrea provided the committee with updated budget numbers for the next fiscal year and a chart that compares social services grants for surrounding cities (excluding the City of Portland).

Open Door Counseling: Jeremy Toevs (ED) presented Open Door Counseling's \$10,000 request for its housing and supportive services programs. These programs provide housing counseling (purchase, foreclosure and reverse mortgage), a daytime drop in center for homeless persons, and emergency rent payments for Beaverton residents. Grant funds will be used to fund rent payments and to help pay for staff time associated with program delivery.

Oregon Food Bank: Antonia Mauer (Washington County Services Coordinator) and Evan Weaver (Education Coordinator) presented Oregon Food Bank's \$10,000 for Emergency Food Purchase. This funding will provide an "in-house" credit for food pantries that serve Beaverton residents and purchase food through the Oregon Food Bank. Staff estimate the funding will provide 30,000 meals.

Oregon Somali Family Education Center: Abdi Muse (director) and Maureen Quinn (volunteer) presented Oregon Somali Family Education Center's \$25,000 request for support of the Family Education Program. The program provides culturally competent supportive services for Somali families such as tutoring, ESL, and parenting classes. Funds will be used to support personnel costs associated with shelter and case management operations.

Portland Housing Center: Felicia Tripp (deputy director) presented Portland Housing Center's \$10,000 request for their Home Owner Basics and Su Futuro programs. These programs provide first time homebuyer education for Beaverton residents and culturally competent financial literacy education for Latinos. Funds will be used to cover the facilitation costs associated with three offerings of Su Futuro and nine of the twelve proposed offerings of Home Buying 101.

Rebuilding Together of Washington County: Juan Aranda (ED) presented Rebuilding Together of Washington County's request for \$5,000 to support their housing rehabilitation

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program. This program provides housing repairs at no cost to low income Beaverton residents. Funds will be used for part of the executive director's salary.

St. Cecilia's St. Vincent de Paul: Kathy Johnson (conference president), Bruce Collins (vice president), and Howard Seal (treasurer) presented St. Cecilia, SVP's \$25,000 request for the emergency rent program. This program provides one time rent assistance payments for low income Beaverton residents who face eviction. Funds will be used to pay for rent payments.

Somali Bantu Citizen's Group: Hassan Ali (spokesman) presented Somali Bantu Citizen's Group's \$6,200 request for the After School program. This program provides tutoring services for elementary age students from the Somali-Bantu community. Grant funds will be used for program supplies, travel and overhead costs associated with program delivery.

St. Matthew SCAT: Joanne Dunatchik (Chair, SCAT leadership team) and Jaia Leyman (St. Matthew board) presented St Matthew SCAT's \$12,450 request for Emergency Food program. The SCAT program provides emergency food program provides food boxes and pantry services for low income families. Four churches partner to provide these services at the pantry located on St. Matthew's property. Grant funds will be used to purchase food for the pantry.

Store to Door: Kiersten Ware (ED) presented Store to Door's \$5,500 request to for the Grocery Assistance program. This program provides grocery shopping services for low income seniors and people with disabilities. Funds will be used for grocery delivery (staff time, vehicle maintenance, etc.).

The committee discussed the high level of need for assistance in our community and asked to learn more about the City's budget process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room of Beaverton City Hall.