

**HOUSING AND PUBLIC SERVICES GRANT AD-HOC COMMITTEE**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 1A  
CITY HALL  
77 FAIR DRIVE  
COSTA MESA, CA

**Final Minutes for October 29, 2015 Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mike Linares called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Phillip Morello	Present
	Leah Ersoylu	Present
	Christian Eric	Present
	Yvonne Rowden	Excused Absent
	Jeff Mathews	Excused Absent
	Eric Vu	Present (Joined Meeting at 6:12 p.m.)
	Tony Capitelli	Present
	Andrew Smith	Present

**Also in Attendance:**

Willa Bouwens-Killeen, Principal Planner  
Jacqueline Y. Reeves, Management Analyst

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Andrew Smith motion to approve the minutes; Motion Seconded by Christian Eric. Motion carried. Three Ayes. Two Abstentions.

Christian Eric - Yes  
Phillip Morello - Abstained  
Tony Capitelli - Yes  
Andrew Smith - Yes  
Leah Ersoylu - Abstained

**OPENING REMARKS**

Opening remarks were made by Mike Linares. Meet had been conveyed at the request of the members of the Housing & Public Service Grant Ad-hoc Committee at the end of its prior meeting. A request had been received by Staff to invite CEO staff to speak to the Committee regarding efforts being made to address homelessness throughout the City of Costa Mesa.

**Network for Homeless Solutions (NHS): Rick Frances, Muriel Ullman, Raven White**

Rick Frances, Assistant CEO and Muriel Ullman Homeless Consultant, addressed the Committee regarding the goals and accomplishments of the NHS. One primary obstacle of the NHS is lack of

housing. The NHS focuses on implementation of some of the recommendations of the City's Homeless Task Force:

- Integrate law enforcement, mental health and legal strategy as a collaborative approach to homeless
- Research for permanent housing options
- Review interim housing options

The NHS is looking resources for funds to meet the needs of Homeless Residents in Costa Mesa, CA.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

As requested by the Housing & Public Service Grant Ad-hoc Committee, Mike Linares called for a review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Grant Policies and Procedure. The reason for the discussion was to make the Committee aware that if changes are wanted for the Application Rating criteria; the process would have to be approved by the City Council.

Andrew Smith asked if the Committee could recommend for in-house programs. Mike Linares stated that the Committee could make that recommendation.

The following motions and votes resulted from discussion among members of the Committee:

Phillip Morello requested that the Introduction be reworded to define that the CDBG funds will benefit the Citizen of Costa Mesa.

Leah Ersoylu asked to discuss the distribution of public service grants to include a higher minimum grant amount of \$25,000.

A suggestion was made to also consider a multi-year contract. There was also a desire to encourage partnerships among smaller agencies in order to address issues in the community.

After further discussion, Christian Eric motioned to raise the minimum public service grant to \$10,000; Motion seconded by Phil Morello. Motion failed: 3 Ayes - 2 Noes - 1 Abstention.

After further discussion, Andrew Smith motioned to raise the minimum public service grant to \$25,000; Motion seconded by Leah Ersoylu. A substitute motion was made by Tony Capitelli to raise the minimum grant to \$25,000 or a minimum two-year grant of \$30,000. The substitute motion failed due to a lack of a second. A vote was taken on the original motion. That motion failed: 3 Ayes - 3 Noes.

After further discussion, Phil Morello motioned to add rating points to the application for applicants based in Costa Mesa. Motion was seconded by Tony Capitelli. Motion passed: 6 Ayes - 0 Noes.

A discussion followed regarding ways to measure “innovation” and how do you measure the “impact” of programs.

After further discussion, Eric Christian motioned to convert “Coalition” points to actual rating points versus extra points (as presently used to rate applications). Motion was seconded by Phil Morello. Motion carried: 5 Ayes - 1 No.

After further discussion, Andrew Smith motioned to raise the minimum public service grant amount to \$20,000. Motion was seconded by Tony Capitelli. A substitute motion was made by Phil Morello to raise the minimum grant to \$15,000. The substitute motion was seconded by Eric Christian. Substitute motion failed: 3 Ayes - 3 Noes. The vote was taken on the original motion. Motion failed: 3 Ayes - 3 Noes.

A motion was made by Phil Morello to add a question regarding CMPD service calls to the list of questions to ask applicants. Motion was seconded by Christian Eric. Motion failed: 2 Ayes - 4 Noes.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Tony Capitelli to raise the minimum public service grant minimum to \$15,000. Motion was seconded by Phil Morello. Motion carried: 4 Ayes – 2 Noes.

It was also requested by the Committee that the public service grant application be updated to include information regarding multi-year accomplishment trends.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

To be determined

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.