

Lake County Illinois

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Minutes Report - Final

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

3:30 PM

Via Zoom or Phone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84982663953>

Meeting ID: 849 8266 3953

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Housing and Community Development Commission

22-0408

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Housing and Community Development Commission Chair's Written Determination, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC VIEWING: Per the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available at the Central Permit Facility located at 500 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville, Illinois and is limited to the number of persons practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements.

Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Public comments received by 3:00 on Wednesday March 16, 2022 will be read at the appropriate time in the agenda. Please note: A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per public comment. All comments received will be included in the meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

Public comments shall be emailed to communitydevelopment@lakecountyil.gov with the following information:

- Subject title: Housing and Community Development Commission
- Name
- Organization
- Topic or agenda item

Meeting participants will also be able to post written comment in the meeting chat box.

Attachments: [Chair Determination Letter Rose.pdf](#)

1. Roll Call

Chair Rose called the meeting of the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) to order at 3:34 p.m.

Commissioner O'Conner joined at 3:43 p.m.

Commissioner Cunningham joined at 3:52 p.m.

Guests: Cassandra Hiller of the Lake County Administrator's Office, Amanda Levinson of Arden Shore, Bev Saiz of Clearbrook, Eddie Soto of Lake County Tech Hub, Eric Foote of PADS Lake County, Sadaf Surani of Youth Conservation Corps, Katrina Volkens of Zacharias Center, Christina Douglas of A Safe Place, Richard Koenig of Housing Opportunity Development Corporation, Susan Shulman of North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic, Vickey Tello of Nicasa, Monica DiVerde of CASA Lake County, Rachael Lange of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, Karen Fay of Center for Enriched Living, Joel Williams of Habitat for Humanity, Elizabeth Thielen of NICASA, and Rob Anthony of Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Staff: Eric Waggoner, Brenda O'Connell, Dominic Strezo, Eric Tellez, Damon Coleman, Pamela Jeffries, Penni Raphaelson, Michele Slav, Daisy Rodriguez, and Joy Rice

- Present** 12 - Carissa Casbon, Mary Cunningham, Angelo Kyle, Kathleen O'Connor, Gina Roberts, Janet Swartz, Dan Venturi, Laureen Wilhoit, Billy McKinney, Anne Flanigan Bassi, Michael Meehan and Ray Rose
- Absent** 7 - Mary Dominiak, Sandy Hart, Sharaka Leonard, Linda Pedersen, Julie Simpson, Bethany Williams and Stephen Henley

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 [22-0313](#)

Approval of the February 9, 2022 minutes

Attachments: [DRAFT 2022-02-09 HCDC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Swartz, to approve the February 9, 2022 minutes. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- Aye** 10 - Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Meehan and Commissioner Rose
- Absent** 7 - Commissioner Dominiak, Ex-Officio Member Hart, Commissioner Leonard, Vice Chair Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Simpson, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Henley
- Not Present** 2 - Commissioner Cunningham and Commissioner O'Connor

3. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair remarks.

4. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

6.1 [22-0386](#)

Presentation and Discussion: Program Year 2022 (PY22) Proposed Funding Recommendations - U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Lake County Affordable Housing Program & Video Gaming Revenue Grants.

Attachments: [PY2022 Grant Funding Recommendations.pdf](#)

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator

Brenda presented an overview of the funding recommendations as discussed at the Application Review Committees. Funding amounts for federal HUD grants may be amended once final funding amounts are announced.

6.2 [22-0387](#)

Public Hearing: Program Year 2022 (PY22) Proposed Funding Recommendations - U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Lake County Affordable Housing Program & Video Gaming Revenue Grants.

Motion: To open the Public Hearing at 4:21 p.m.

Motion Made By: Commissioner Swartz

Motion 2nd By: Commissioner O'Connor

Motion approved.

Elizabeth Thielen, LPC, PCGC

Senior Director

NICASA Behavioral Health Services

March is recognized officially by Lake County and the State of Illinois as Problem Gambling Awareness Month. It's clear from leadership at the very highest levels that there is a recognition that problem gambling is a public health issue that has the potential to affect any community member, regardless of age, gender, race, or ethnicity. Though many people who choose to gamble are able to do so without significant harmful consequences, those who experience problem gambling can face tremendous suffering. With financial, health, relationship, occupational, and emotional consequences, make no mistake, problem gambling can devastate individuals, families and communities. And, with problem gamblers having the HIGHEST suicide attempt rate than ANY other addictive disorder, problem gambling does have the potential to be a fatal condition. In Lake County last year, almost \$140 million was lost by players on video slots and poker machines alone. In Illinois, over \$1 billion was lost on casino gambling and on sports wagering, over \$2 billion on video gambling terminals and \$3 billion on the lottery. For every \$1 of gambling revenue, it is estimated there are at least \$3 in social costs. Gambling revenue comes from the gamblers, from their losses specifically. It is appropriate for that revenue to be utilized to address the social costs to those individuals and the people who care about them.

Nicasa has been providing gambling awareness and treatment services in Lake County for 20 years, and it is with support from Lake County that we are able to adapt to meet the ever-increasing needs of the community related to preventing and treating problem gambling. So far this month, we've met with over 250 community members in our public awareness efforts, and continue to see new clients seek our gambling treatment services, with 2 new clients being admitted this week alone.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to navigate daily life without being faced with opportunities to gamble. Whether it's lottery, video gaming, online, sports betting, or the coming casino, gambling opportunities are increasing, as is the need for effective problem gambling prevention and treatment.

Nowhere in Illinois have we seen a dedication to using gambling revenue to prevent and address the harmful impact of problem gambling as we see her from Lake County. On

behalf of the community members who have suffered in silence until this point and who benefit from having free and confidential counseling available to them, I thank this group for their support and urge you to fully fund Nicasa's outreach and treatment efforts. I wanted to comment also on Consumer Credit Counseling of Northern Illinois. The financial consequences of problem gambling can be devastating, and are one of the reasons the rate of suicide attempt among problem gamblers is so high. The work that Consumer Credit Counseling has done with some of our gambling treatment clients has been invaluable. They also get annual training to be sure their staff are aware of problem gambling and its effect on finances. For this reason I urge they be funded fully for the services they provide to those hurt by problem gambling.

Katrina Volkens - Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Thank you so much for your generosity and hard work in determining these allocations.

Christina Douglas - A Safe Place

Thank you on behalf of the survivors of domestic violence and children that we serve for the ESG, VGR, Behavioral Health, and VGR DCFS Co-located project funds. These funds help us identify and reach out to survivors, shelter victims and their children, provide and provide trauma informed behavioral health services.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing at 4:16 p.m.

Motion Made By: Commissioner Cunningham

Motion 2nd By: Commissioner Swartz

Motion approved.

6.3 [22-0388](#)

Joint resolution approving Program Year (PY) 2022 Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP) grant awards.

- In December 2021, Community Development staff received applications for eligible affordable housing programs and projects.
- The available affordable housing funding includes \$434,828 of LCAHP Funds.
- On March 16, 2022, the Housing and Community Development Commission voted to recommend LCAHP funds to the following:
 - Catholic Charities - \$150,000 for rapid rehousing;
 - Community Partners for Affordable Housing - \$50,000 for the support of housing assistance programs.
 - Clearbrook - \$54,828 for the acquisition of a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) property.
 - Habitat for Humanity - \$75,000 to support a Critical Home Repair Program.
 - Lake County Housing Authority - \$75,000 for a Landlord Outreach Program.
 - Lake County Community Development - \$30,000 program administration.

Attachments: [PY2022 AHP Funding Memo.pdf](#)

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator.

The Program Year 2022 (PY22) Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP) grant awards are as follows:

Catholic Charities - Rapid Re-housing - \$150,000

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) - Down Payment Assistance Program Subsidy - \$50,000

Clearbrook - CILA Acquisition - \$54,828

Habitat for Humanity - Critical Home Repair Program - \$75,000

Lake County Housing Authority - Landlord Outreach Education Program - \$75,000

Lake County Community Development - Program Administration - \$30,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to approve Program Year 2022 (PY22) Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP) grant awards. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye 12 - Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Meehan and Commissioner Rose

Absent 7 - Commissioner Dominiak, Ex-Officio Member Hart, Commissioner Leonard, Vice Chair Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Simpson, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Henley

6.4 [22-0389](#)

Joint resolution approving the Program Year (PY) 2022 Video Gaming Revenue grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$707,409.

- The Lake County Board annually acts on the Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) award recommendations that are developed on the basis of the VGR policy. The policy outlines procedures for: capturing video gaming administrative, legal, and enforcement costs; and evaluating and possibly funding social programs, projects (excluding capital improvements), and/or services that benefit Lake County residents.
- The policy specifies that periodic revisions may be made by the County Board through periodic review of the policy. Most recently, at its November 2020 meeting, the County Board amended the policy to provide ongoing, dedicated funding for 211 services. This funding is to be set aside from the competitive award process.
- In December 2021, Community Development received applications for \$707,409 in available VGR funds.
- On March 16, 2022, the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) approved VGR funding recommendations detailed in the attached memo, totaling \$707,409 for the following:
 - 211 information and referral services.
 - Gambling education and outreach.
 - Gambling addiction services.
 - Financial literacy services.
 - Behavioral health services.
 - Program administration.

Attachments: [Video Gaming Revenue Memo 2022.pdf](#)

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator.

The Program Year 2022 (PY22) Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) grant awards are as follows:

NICASA - Gambling Outreach & Assessments - \$90,000

NICASA - Gambling Addiction Services - \$90,000

Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern IL -Financial Literacy Training - \$5,000

Arden Shore Behavioral Health - Intern Supervisor - \$75,000

A Safe Place - Behavioral Health Services - \$34,000

A Safe Place - Dept of Child & Family Services Co-Location - \$15,000

Lake County Health Dept - Community Support Services - \$90,000

Community Youth Network - Counseling Center Outpatient Counseling - \$25,000

Josselyn Center - Behavioral Health Services - \$40,000

CASA Lake County - Legal Advocacy for Youth In Care - \$25,000

Erie Family Health - Behavioral Health Services for Addiction - \$25,000

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center - Sexual Assault Services for Children - \$15,500

Youth & Family Counseling - Counseling Program - \$17,909

Kids Above All - Trauma Informed & Experiential Therapy - \$25,000

United Way of Lake County - 211 - \$100,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to approve the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Video Gaming Revenue grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$672,409. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye 12 - Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Meehan and Commissioner Rose

Absent 7 - Commissioner Dominiak, Ex-Officio Member Hart, Commissioner Leonard, Vice Chair Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Simpson, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Henley

7. Staff Reports

Brenda reported to the committee that an intergovernmental meeting had taken place and progress is being made on the Over the Rainbow project. The 24-unit affordable housing residence will allow adults with physical disabilities to live independently.

8. Adjournment

Chair Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned.