

## **Housing & Community Development Committee – Public Services ARC**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
1:00 p.m.  
Libertyville Township Office Building  
359 Merrill Court, Libertyville, IL  
Conference Room

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### **1.0 Roll Call**

The Housing & Community Development Commission (HCDC) Public Services Application Review Committee (ARC) meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

X Sandra Hart  
X Diane Hewitt

E Ray Rose  
X Glenn Swanson

Guests: none

Staff: Brittany Sloan, Jodi Gingiss, Brenda O'Connell, Jordan Bartle, Monika Bobo and Laura Walley

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.1 Approval of December 11, 2013 minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the December 11, 2013 minutes

**Motion Made By:** Sandra Hart

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> By:** Diane Hewitt

**Motion approved**

#### **2.2 Approval of the May 16, 2014 minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the May 16, 2014 minutes

**Motion Made By:** Sandra Hart

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> By:** Diane Hewitt

**Motion approved**

### **3.0 Public Comment (items not on the agenda)**

There were no public Comments.

### **4.0 Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **5.0 New Business**

#### **5.1 Discussion of PY2015 Application Materials**

Ms. Jodi Gingiss went over the PY2015 Public Services application materials, stating that there were minor changes to the scoring criteria, which included the possibility of additional points for those projects that would address pressing community needs or bonuses for projects to that would be well-aligned with the recommended action steps in the Lake County Analysis of Impediments to Fair

Housing (AI) and/or support the ability of low-income people to access affordable rental housing. The five Consolidated Plan goals that had public service components were listed within the instruction packet, on pages 4 & 5, as follows:

- A. Subsidize Housing for Low/Mod Income Families (Number 4),
- B. Assist People with Disabilities (Number 7),
- C. Provide Welcoming Communities (Number 8), and
- D. Provide Services for Job Stability (Number 10)

Due the Affordable Care Act, which requires that all individuals have healthcare insurance, and the robust public- and private-sector financial support provided to agencies that assist low-income clients with their medical care, there will be a shift from providing additional funding to those agencies. Ms. Gingiss stated that the “Assist People with Disabilities” goal could provide agencies with funding for purchasing or improving facilities. A discussion of how the new goals would affect Lake County’s public service agencies, and under which goals certain of their programs might fit, ensued. The consensus was to allow applications for programs dealing with domestic abuse under the “Assist People with Disabilities” goal, but that additional information was needed to make a decision on whether food pantries would be allowed to apply under one of the four goals.

Ms. Gingiss reminded the ARC that the City of North Chicago had entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Lake County to administer the City’s CDBG funds. Therefore, this ARC would also make funding recommendations on the City’s public services applications, once North Chicago’s Citizens Advisory Council had expressed its opinions on their applications. More information will be provided on this matter after additional consultation with the City’s administration.

Ms. Gingiss spoke about Prairie State Legal Services, which currently provides the County’s eligible citizens with fair housing legal services. The County’s AI consultants recommended that, rather than requiring yearly applications, it would be prudent to request applications from organizations to provide fair housing services for a contract period longer than one year.

**Motion:** To forward the PY2015 Public Services Application Materials to the HCDC for approval and to recommend that the County announce a Request for Proposal for a multi-year provider of fair housing services

**Motion Made By:** Diane Hewitt

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> By:** Glenn Swanson

**Motion approved**

## **6.0 Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

**Motion Made By:** Glenn Swanson

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> By:** Sandra Hart

**Motion approved**