

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Minutes Report

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

3:30 PM

Via Zoom or Phone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82068032947>

Meeting ID: 820 6803 2947

(312) 626-6799

Housing and Community Development Commission

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via 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 in the Assembly Room on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County St. Waukegan, 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 noon on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 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.

Present 19 - Anne Flanigan Bassi, Carissa Casbon, Mary Cunningham, Mary Dominiak, Sandy Hart, Stephen Henley, Angelo Kyle, Sharaka Leonard, Billy McKinney, Michael Meehan, Kathleen O'Connor, Linda Pedersen, Gina Roberts, Ray Rose, Janet Swartz, Julie Simpson, Dan Venturi, Laureen Wilhoit and Bethany Williams

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Rose called the meeting of the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) to order at 3:33 p.m.

Guests: JoEllen Erdman and Brigit Dunne of Zacharias Center; Tim DeBruler of The DeBruler Co.; Deanna Olmem of United Way Lake County; Ben Richards of Waukegan Park District; Colleen Lennon of Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Association; Barth Landor of Erie Family Health Center; Eric Foote of PADS Lake County; Gail Weil of Community Youth Network; Kate Ceithaml of Lake County Haven; Christina Douglas of A Safe Place; Eddie Soto of Greater Waukegan Development Coalition/Lake County Tech Hub; Nelly Guzman and Pam Davis of Catholic Charities; Karen Fay of Center for Enriched Living; Sarah Beck of Bear Development; Robert; and Cassandra Torstenson of the County Administrator's Office

Staff: Eric Waggoner, Brenda O'Connell; Michele Slav, Dominic Strezo, Irene Marsh-Elmer, Eric Tellez, Boris Schwarzenbach, Colleen Edwards and Laura Walley

Present 18 - Anne Flanigan Bassi, Carissa Casbon, Mary Cunningham, Mary Dominiak, Stephen Henley, Angelo Kyle, Sharaka Leonard, Billy McKinney, Michael Meehan, Kathleen O'Connor, Linda Pedersen, Gina Roberts, Ray Rose, Janet Swartz, Julie Simpson, Dan Venturi, Laureen Wilhoit and Bethany Williams

Absent 1 - Sandy Hart

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 21-0457

Approval of the February 10, 2021 Minutes

Attachments: [2.10.21 Draft Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member O'Connor, seconded by Member McKinney, that this minutes be approval of minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 15 - Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henley, Member Kyle, Commissioner Leonard, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Roberts, Chairman Rose, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Williams

Abstain 2 - Commissioner Dominiak and Ex-Officio Member Simpson

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Flanigan Bassi

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chairman Rose expressed his hope that all in attendance were enjoying the warm weather and thanked them for their attendance and contributing to the community.

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 21-0448

Presentation and Discussion - Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
Proposed Fifth Amendment to the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP)
Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator

CDBG-CV Funding Recommendations

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) – Mortgage Assistance & Housing Counseling - \$270,000 (includes \$20,000 from the City of North Chicago)

Lake County Housing Authority – Mortgage Relief Program - \$300,000

PADS Lake County – Acquisition – Fixed Site Shelter - \$626,389

PADS Lake County – Rehabilitation – Day Center - \$20,000

Highwood Public Library – Facility Improvements – Resource Distribution - \$33,396

Lake County – FERA Support - \$420,000 (includes \$20,000 from the City of North Chicago)

United Way of Lake County – 211 - \$110,000 (includes \$10,000 from the City of North Chicago)

Mano a Mano – Community Health Case Workers - \$50,000

Northern Illinois Food Bank – Food Bank - \$312,045 (includes \$62,045 from the City of North Chicago)

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic – Comprehensive Domestic Violence Legal Services – \$50,000

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic – Homeless Prevention - \$75,000

Prairie State Legal Services – Homeless Prevention - \$154,000

PADS Lake County – Hotel/Motel - \$30,000 – from the City of North Chicago

Lake County – Administration - \$612,707

6.2 21-0451

PUBLIC HEARING - Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Proposed Fifth Amendment to the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Chairman Rose requested a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Motion: To open the Public Hearing at 3:49 p.m.

Motion Made By: Mary Cunningham

Motion 2nd By: Julie Simpson

Motion approved by all.

Chairman Rose requested public comments, to which there was no reply.

Chairman Rose requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing at 3:51 p.m.

Motion Made By: Mary Dominiak

Motion 2nd By: Angelo Kyle

Motion approved by all.

6.3 21-0452

Joint resolution approving the fifth amendment to the 2019 United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP).

- HUD announced a third round of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus relief funds (CDBG-CV3) through the CARES Act to Lake County in the amount of \$3,063,537.
- Applications from community partners were submitted on January 11, 2021.
- Funding recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) on March 10, 2021.

Attachments: [DRAFT_2019 AAP 5th Amendment.pdf](#)
[Emergency Appropriation 2021-04 - Grants](#)
[CDBG-CV3 Funding Memo.pdf](#)

A written public comment was received on March 19, 2021 from Maya Ziv El, Samuel DiGrino and Susan Perlman of Prairie State Legal Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Lake County's housing and community development needs in this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. has provided free civil legal services for low-income people, the elderly, people with physical, mental health and developmental disabilities, domestic violence survivors, those dealing with substance abuse issues and other vulnerable members of our Lake County community since 1977. Housing issues have always been a primary focus of our organization. We have a team of experienced attorneys able to respond to legal needs of Lake County residents threatened with urgent housing problems.

Fairness and equal justice under the law are fundamental American values. Civil legal services help fulfill American's promise of justice for all. In a civil case, a person who cannot afford a lawyer is not granted one by the state, even though the stakes in a civil case can be very high. Prairie State ensures that people whose basic needs are at risk have access to justice even when they lack the means to hire a lawyer. We believe that civil legal services will be an essential component of Lake County's recovery from the humanitarian, public health and economic crises caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Our Fair Housing Program for Lake County enforces federal, state and local laws that protect against illegal housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, those who have children, among other protected classes. We regularly represent clients in negotiations with landlords, assist clients with disabilities

obtain accommodations and modifications, investigate potential discrimination through our fair housing testing program, and represent clients in enforcement cases before HUD and the Illinois Department of Human Rights and Human Rights Commission. Besides legal representation, we provide educational events and seminars to community groups, social service agencies, and housing providers themselves, on their fair housing rights and responsibilities.

Our Legal Advocacy Homelessness Prevention Project serves low-income Lake County residents who are eligible for affordable or subsidized housing or are renting in the private market. It also includes low-income people who are in foreclosure proceedings or tenants that rent from a property owner who is in foreclose. Through this project, we offer a wide range of legal representation to those facing imminent risk of homelessness. This includes defense of illegal eviction actions, representation in unlawful housing subsidy terminations, substandard housing conditions cases, illegal utility shutoffs and mortgage foreclosure defense.

Additionally, Prairie State provides legal information and self-help materials about current housing issues to the public. Our project attorneys prepare legal materials for self-represented litigants in eviction and foreclosure court; educate our social service agency partners about housing issues and do community outreach to the public. Currently, we do a Facebook live event on our Prairie State Facebook page each Thursday at noon to share up to date information about the eviction moratoria and other housing information. All who visit our Facebook page can access this information weekly. Each Friday, we have a Spanish translation of the previous day's program available on our page too.

In 2020, we represented 480 Lake County households who came to us for help with legal matters involving their home or homelessness.

The legal services Prairie State proposes to provide in PY 2021 through the Fair Housing Project and our Legal Advocacy Homelessness Prevention Project directly address three of the four priority needs identified in the Lake County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; ending homelessness; inclusive growth and housing accessibility. Prairie State has a proven record of accomplishment and strong collaborative relationships with other social service organizations and local government agencies that provide assistance for low-income members of our community, people with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence and other at-risk populations.

We thank the County for its continued support of Prairie State Legal Services' work in Lake County, and for recommending keeping the funding levels the same in this proposed amendment to the plan. Community Development Block Grant support has been crucial to our capacity to meet the legal needs of low income homeowners and tenants and to our ability to leverage other state and federal funding for our housing work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henley, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the Fifth Amendment to the PY2019 Annual Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 18 - Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Henley, Member Kyle, Commissioner Leonard, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Roberts, Chairman Rose, Commissioner Swartz, Ex-Officio Member Simpson, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Williams

6.4 21-0455

Approval of the Program Year 2021 (PY21) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding recommendations.

- On January 11, 2021 Community Development staff received applications for Program Year 2021 (PY21) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.
- A total of \$2,920,395 of CDBG, \$1,702,091 HOME and \$225,934 of ESG funds were made available to applicants.
- PY21 scoring and funding recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Housing and Community Development (HCDC) Advisory and Recommendation Committees (ARCs).

Attachments: [HCDC Funding Memo.pdf](#)

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Recommendations

CPAH – Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation – North Chicago - \$175,346

CPAH – Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation – Project Delivery - \$90,000

CPAH – Riverside CILA Expansion - \$342,147

Bear Development & Waukegan Housing Authority (WHA) – Armory Terrace Reconstruction - \$247,644

The DeBruler Company – Mundelein Senior Apartments - \$127,140

Youth Conservation Corps – Affordable Housing Rehab and Resale - \$100,000

Raquan's Haven – Home Front Project - \$88,000

Urban Muslim Minority Alliance – Affordable Housing: Rental Service - \$75,000

Waukegan Park District – Carnegie Building - \$100,000

Zion – Sidewalk Project - \$80,000

Clearbrook – Facility – Wright Home - \$70,000

Greater Waukegan Development Coalition – Lake County Tech Hub – \$50,000

Community Youth Network Counseling Center – Acquisition – Wellness Campus - \$100,000

Round Lake Beach – Sidewalk Project - \$100,000

North Chicago – North Chicago Infrastructure - \$165,393

Lake County – CDBG Total Administration - \$576,985

CDBG Public Services

Catholic Charities – Homeless Prevention - \$99,771

PADS Lake County – Custom Travel – Uber - \$9,771

PADS Lake County – Street Outreach - \$26,122

Center for Enriched Living – Employment Opportunity Program - \$24,771

ElderCARE @ ChristChurch – Age in Place - \$24,771

YouthBuild Lake County – YouthBuild - Transportation - \$24,771

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic – Homeless Prevention - \$19,771

Mano a Mano – Productive Parents - \$29,771

Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance – Healthcare and Transportation - \$24,771

Prairie State Legal Services – Homeless Prevention - \$19,771

Prairie State Legal Services – Fair Housing Services - \$75,059

Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association – Transportation - \$15,451

North Chicago – Public Services - \$38,168

HOME Funding Recommendations

CPAH – Community Land Trust Program - \$330,000

CPAH – Down Payment Assistance Program - \$290,000 (also \$40,000 of LCAHP funds and includes City of Waukegan HOME funds)

Bear Development & WHA – Amory Terrace Reconstruction - \$176,811 – City of Waukegan HOME funding

The DeBruler Company – Mundelein Senior Apartments - \$222,861 (also \$127,140 of CDBG funds)

Full Circle Communities – Highwood - Supportive Housing Development- \$516,172 (also \$83,828 of LCAHP funds)

Lake County – Administration - \$166,248

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Recommendations

Catholic Charities – Rapid Rehousing - \$65,000

A Safe Place – Shelter - \$25,075

Lake County Haven – Shelter - \$20,060

PADS Lake County – Shelter - \$40,255

PADS Lake County – Outreach - \$38,539

Lake County – Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – \$20,060

Lake County – Administration - \$16,945

Tier 2 Funding Recommendations

PADS Lake County – Acquisition – Fixed Site Shelter

Clearbrook – Facility Improvements – Wright Home

Community Youth Network – Acquisition – Wellness Campus

Tier 2 funding recommendations, which projects could possibly receive funding should other projects not require their total grant amount, not progress as needed or fail, or should Community Development realize project income from past years' projects, were also presented. Staff asked the ARC commissioners to provide guidance should any additional funds become available and received HCDC consensus on the presented recommendations. Brenda O'Connell stated that approval of Tier 2 funding re-allocation grants would always return to the HCDC for approval.

Irene Marsh-Elmer, Housing Grant Administration Specialist, read the written public comments into the record. They were as follows:

Donna Drinka of Catholic Charities:

Thank you very much for your consideration in renewing our submitted Lake County ESG application for our Catholic Charities' Rapid Re-housing Program. This past year, we utilized our Lake County ESG funds to provide housing case management services to 16 households (29 family members) who were experiencing homelessness. During this time, we assisted 13 families in securing permanent housing, provided budget counseling, advocacy with landlords, on-going case management services, community linkage, and access to our food pantry. One of the most exciting parts of our job is to watch our program participants receive the keys to their new apartment – at that particular moment their face is covered in pure joy. With continued Lake County ESG funds we are able to provide homes to those who lack this basic need and give each household a sense of pride and a potential new beginning.

Ashley Styx of Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program would like to thank the Board for their support of our Emergency Assistance Program through CDBG Homeless Prevention funds. Last fiscal year, these funds allowed us to assist 19 households with obtaining or maintaining stable housing.

We have especially appreciated our collaboration with Lake County Community Development during Lake County's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. From the COVID-19 funding (CDBG-CV, CHRP & CRF Finish Line Funds) we have received from the county, we have been able to assist an additional 252 households with obtaining or maintaining stable housing. We appreciate the chance to continue collaborating with the county while we all work together to address the ongoing needs of the residents as a result of COVID-19. Thank you.

Eddie Soto of Greater Waukegan Development Coalition (GWDC):

Thank you for allowing us to provide public comment.

GWDC's mission is to foster economic development in economically challenged communities. Since its inception in 2012 as "Greater Waukegan Development Coalition,"

we have grown from supporting development within the seven municipalities in and around Waukegan, to working with over 50 municipalities and hundreds of businesses.

As an independent 501(c)3 not for profit economic development corporation, our core activities have increased from our core three: supporting and incubating core businesses; pursuing transformative real estate development projects; and facilitating foreign direct investment, to also include through the Lake County Tech Hub operating as a base of information and assisting the community with direction and introductions to local resources including health and wellness services and vaccine site updates.

In order to support and incubate core businesses, in 2014 we launched the Lake County Tech Hub and Business Incubator (LCTH). In 2016 we worked with the City of Waukegan to acquire our 8,000 square foot co-working and training facility at 13 N Genesee Street in Waukegan. In 2018 we received the first in a series of CDBG grants to help aid local Low to Moderate Income underserved and unbanked companies apply for micro lending.

In August, 2019 we hired Eddie Soto, a former SBDC Lake County Certified Advisor with 12 years of experience, to become the Director of the Lake County Tech Hub. Since joining us, Eddie has worked with well over one-hundred companies providing consulting on numerous business initiatives. Furthermore, he leads GWDC INVESTS, a working group of 10 loan officers from both traditional and non-traditional financial institutions. This group connects quarterly to discuss how we can aid local MWBEV businesses and the unbanked to gain access to capital.

Now with over 32 million people out of work and a protracted return to normal, we believe that business support and online video consulting services will be in high demand. In addition to our access to capital programs, Lake County Tech Hub has an active roster of mentor business owners who have been through tough times before and are ready to help.

Eddie Soto, Director of Lake County Tech HUB recently presented as an invited speaker to Waukegan Chamber of Commerce's "Wake Up With Waukegan" where he was able to share the LCTH experience in being a services resource to our community. He has also accepted an invitation from Wintrust to present a webinar on "Virtual Networking For Business" with over 120 presently registered to attend. With Lake County's support, we greatly appreciate the responsibility to continue to help build and develop resources and businesses to support our community, especially during these trying times.

We stand ready to aid the County should they ask more of us. We are here to serve.

Irene Marsh-Elmer next read the public comments written in the Zoom meeting Chat Box:

*Colleen Lennon of Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance (AAHAA):
AAHAA is extremely grateful for your continued support. The reach of our services has*

been improved significantly due to your continued investment in the people we serve. Hundreds more people have access to healthcare because of your support.

Kate Ceithaml of Lake County Haven:

Lake County Haven is grateful for this opportunity to continue our partnership with you. Thank you so much for considering our grant request and working with us to ensure that everyone in our community has access to safe, stable housing and supportive services that will help them keep their families safe, healthy, and housed.

Pam Davis of Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities appreciates the consideration of Tier 2 funding. These funds enable us to provide valuable services that these individuals would not be able to otherwise access. Thank you for reconsidering and for your ongoing partnership.

Gail Weil of Community Youth Network (CYN):

CYN is extremely grateful for your investment in us and the services we provide. Due to this funding, we will be able to significantly expand services to our most vulnerable populations.

JoEllen Erdman of Zacharias Center:

ZCenter appreciates your continued support of the valuable services we provide to the Lake County Community with this VGR funding. Thank you!

Christina Douglas of A Safe Place:

Thank you. We at A Safe Place are genuinely grateful for this financial support and the opportunity to work closely with your team. You all have done an amazing job of bringing resources to our county.

Eddie Soto of GWDC/LCTH:

Thank you all!!

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to approve the PY2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 13 - Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henley, Member Kyle, Commissioner Leonard, Commissioner O'Connor, Commissioner Roberts, Chairman Rose, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Williams

Abstain 5 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Meehan, Vice Chair Pedersen and Ex-Officio Member Simpson

6.5 21-0453

Joint resolution approving Program Year 2021 (PY) 2021 Lake County Affordable

Housing Program (LCAHP) grant awards.

- In January 2021, Community Development staff received applications for eligible affordable housing programs and projects.
- The available affordable housing funding includes \$381,531 of Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP) Funds.
- On March 10, 2021, the Housing and Community Development Commission voted unanimously to recommend LCAHP funds to the following:
 - Catholic Charities - \$150,000 for rapid rehousing;
 - Community Partners for Affordable Housing - \$40,000 for the support of housing assistance programs;
 - Full Circle Communities - \$83,828 for a supportive housing development in Highwood, Illinois;
 - Lake County Community Development - \$30,000 program administration; and
 - Lake County Community Development - \$77,703 Zion Woods holdback.

Attachments: [Affordable Housing Program Funding Memo.pdf](#)

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator

Affordable Housing Program Funding Recommendations

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

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) – Down Payment Assistance Program - \$40,000 (also \$290,000 of HOME)

Full Circle Communities – Highwood – Supportive Housing Development - \$83,828 (also \$516,172 of HOME)

Lake County – Administration - \$30,000

Lake County – Holdback for Zion Woods - \$77,703

Tier 2 Finding Recommendations

CPAH – Community Land Trust Model

CPAH – Down Payment Assistance Program

CPAH – Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program

CPAH – Riverside CILA Rehabilitations

The DeBruler Company – Mundelein Senior Apartments

Youth Conservation Corps – Affordable Housing Rehabilitation and Resale

The Tier 2 funding recommendations were presented, to provide guidance should additional funds become available, and received HCDC consensus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the PY2021 Lake County Affordable Housing Program grant awards. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 18 - Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Henley, Member Kyle, Commissioner Leonard, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Roberts, Chairman Rose, Commissioner Swartz, Ex-Officio Member Simpson, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Williams

6.6 21-0454

Joint resolution approving the Program Year (PY) 2021 Video Gaming Revenue grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$713,260.

- 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 January 2021, Community Development received applications for \$713,260 in available VGR funds.
- On March 10, 2021, the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) approved VGR funding recommendations detailed in the attached memo, totaling \$713,260 for the following:
 - 211 information and referral services;
 - Gambling education and outreach;
 - Gambling addiction services;
 - Financial literacy services; and
 - Behavioral health services.

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

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator

Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) Funding Recommendations

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

Nicasa – Gambling Outreach and Assessment - \$100,000

Nicasa – Gambling Addiction Services - \$100,000

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

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

A Safe Place – Dept. of Child and Family Services Co-location - \$15,000

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

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

CASA Lake County – Legal Advocacy for Youth in Care - \$38,000

The Josselyn Center – Behavioral Health Services - \$42,760
Lake County Health Department – Community Support Services - \$90,000
Erie Family Health – Behavioral Health - \$30,000
Youth & Family Counseling – Counseling Program - \$18,000
Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center – Sexual Assault Services for Children - \$15,500
Kids Above All – Therapy - \$25,000
Lake County Community Development – Administration - \$33,642

Tier w Funding Recommendation
Catholic Charities – Behavioral Health

A Tier 2 funding recommendation was presented, to provide staff guidance should additional funds become available, and received HCDC consensus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kyle, to approve the PY2021 Video Gaming Revenue grant funding recommendations.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 18 - Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner Casbon, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Henley, Member Kyle, Commissioner Leonard, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Roberts, Chairman Rose, Commissioner Swartz, Ex-Officio Member Simpson, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Williams

7. STAFF REPORTS

Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, thanked the community partners who have diligently worked to continue helping our citizens during the pandemic. She stated that she looks forward to the continuing collaboration with Lake County's partners. She also thanked the HCDC members for their assistance. Staff is working hard to launch the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) program. A Request for Proposals has been sent to community partners requesting entities to help administer the program. She added that the American Rescue Act, which will provide addition funds to help Lake County's citizens, was passed by the House of Representatives and is expected to be approved by the President. Along with other funding, approximately \$6,000,000 in HOME funding would be available to help provide more permanent solutions to address homeless needs.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.