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MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session Summary Minutes

2025-26 CDBG/HOME Project Funding Direction

May 1, 2025. 1:30 PM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

Board's Office: Trevor Lane, Heather Inyama, and Matt Lawyer.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga, and Cody Waltermann

Community Services: Sheila Roberts, Kelli Weese, and Steve Dickey

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Review of 4/1/25 Follow-Up Materials from Applicants

- Reviewed responses from applicants after January, and April work sessions.
- Catholic Community Services provided clarification on equipment ownership with Church at the Park:
 - The lease agreement will specify equipment ownership if the project is not completed
- Family Building Blocks detailed expansion plan:
 - \$100,000 would increase staffing from 6 to 11 Full Time Equivalents (FTE).
 - New positions include two teachers, one receptionist, and one kitchen staff.
 - The sustainability plan includes fundraising and potential classroom leasing.
- Liberty House explained the North Marion County expansion:
 - \$200,000 request for startup services.
 - Funding would cover staff salaries and initial lease costs.
 - Anticipate becoming self-sustaining after establishing client base.
- Santiam Hospital discussed the Resiliency Center project:
 - Ambulance base to be located separately near Cascade Highway and Highway 22.
 - Previous ARPA funding of \$1 million for generator.
- Valor Mentoring confirmed funding needs:
 - \$100,000 minimum considered meaningful for project implementation.

25-26 CDBG/HOME Applications Direction

- Public Service Projects Funding:
 - \$98,930 to Family Building Blocks.
 - \$50,000 to Liberty House.
 - \$50,000 to Valor Mentoring.
- Other Project Funding:
 - \$225,000 to Catholic Community Services.

- \$300,000 to Marion Polk Food Share.
 - \$337,030 to Homeowner Rehabilitation Program
- Specific Decisions:
 - Rejected Santiam Hospital's Resiliency Center project.
 - Expressed interest in future ambulance bay project funding.
 - Noted existing \$250,000 from previous year's award not yet executed.

Next Steps

- Wait for United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to drop official funding amounts.
- Prepare for potential special hearing if funds are not released soon.
- Follow up Santiam Hospital about the ambulance bay project.
- Staff prepare draft documents with potential funding scenarios.
- Anticipate potential extension of submission deadlines due to congressional budget process.

Adjourned – time: 2:40 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White