



MEETING AGENDA

District 1
Matthew Wilson
Alternate

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Raevan Howard
Member

District 3
Norman Crow

District 4
Lee Busby

District 5
Kip Tyner
Vice Chairperson

District 6
John Faile

District 7
Cassius Lanier
Chairperson

Council Community Development Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Daugherty Conference Room 5:00 p.m.

TOPIC	PRESENTER	SUPPORTING MATERIAL
Approval of Minutes		
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Druid City Baseball League discussion	<i>LaKeda Smith</i>	3
2. Authorizing an amendment to the City's agreement with The Salvation Army under the 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant Program –Coronavirus (ESG-CV)	<i>Heather Hill</i>	4
3. Authorization to make budget and program changes to the 2021 Action Plan of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs for 2020-2024 (Local Amendment)	<i>LaParry Howell</i>	5-6
4. Authorizing the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services to make budget and program changes to the 2019 Lead Hazard Abatement Program (Local Amendment)	<i>LaParry Howell</i>	7-8
5. Resolution authorizing the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services to make a substantial budget and program amendment and to advertise this amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan of the City's Five-Year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs (CDBG-CV3)	<i>LaParry Howell</i>	9-10
6. Program Year 2022 application period discussion	<i>LaParry Howell</i>	



MEETING AGENDA

7. Mortgage assistance Alabama program discussion – Alabama Housing Finance Authority

LaParry Howell

11-12

ADJOURN

LaParry T. Howell

From: LaParry T. Howell
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:42 AM
To: LaKeda Smith
Subject: FW: Baseball League

Good Morning LaKeda,

Are you available to discuss the below at our next Community Development Meeting on February 15 @ 5PM at City Hall in the Daugherty Conference Room?



Sent from my iPhone

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT & AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY UNDER THE CITY'S 2020 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT CORONAVIRUS (ESG-CV) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021 the City entered into an agreement with The Salvation Army for 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds to administer emergency shelter and homeless prevention; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the contract needs to be amended to redistribute the funds at the request of The Salvation Army in the categories of emergency shelter and homeless prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, that the City Council of Tuscaloosa does hereby approve the budget amendment under its agreement with The Salvation Army under the City's 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) per the following:

Amendment 2

Program Year: 2020-CV

Current Activity/Line Item: Homeless Prevention

Current Activity Description: Provide prevention assistance and services including the payment of rent and utilities to address the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the spread of COVID-19.

Current Activity Funding Amount: \$52,000.00

Amendment Funding Amount Change: \$33,000.00

Amendment Reasoning: Agency requested amendment to reallocate line items based on need

New Activity/Line Item: Emergency Shelter

New Activity Description: Provide essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters and operating emergency shelters to address the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the spread of COVID-19.

New Activity Reallocation: \$33,000.00

ESG Eligible Citation: 24 CFR Part 576.102– Emergency Shelter

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Prepared By: WB
Requested: _____
Presentation on: _____
Suspension of Rules: __

Office of the City Attorney

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE BUDGET AND PROGRAM CHANGES TO THE
2021 ACTION PLAN OF THE CITY'S 5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR 2020-2024
LOCAL AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscaloosa has the legal authority to apply for Federal Assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscaloosa has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the Federal programs:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, that the City Council of Tuscaloosa does hereby approve the budget and program amendments under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) per the following:

Amendment #6201-1

Program Year: 2021

Current Activity Name: Program Administration

Current Activity Description: Administration for CDBG Program

Current Activity Funding Amount: \$128,887.00

Amendment Reasoning: Funding decrease for reallocation to Sec 108 Interest

Amendment Funding Amount Change/Reallocation: \$1,041.70

Amendment Funding: Amount After Change/Reallocation: \$127,845.30

CDBG Eligible Citation: 24 CFR 570.201(c)

Amendment #5060-1

Program Year: 2021

Current Activity Name: Section 108 Loan Interest

Current Activity Description: Sec 108 Loan Allen Jemison

Current Activity Funding Amount: \$26,333.00

Amendment Reasoning: Funding increase-Interest Payment

Amendment Funding Amount Change/Reallocation: \$1,041.70

Amendment Funding: Amount After Change/Reallocation: \$27,374.70

CDBG Eligible Citation: 24 CFR 570.201(c)

FUNDING REQUIRED: Yes No
CDBG

By: _____
Finance Director

COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution _____
Ordinance _____
Introduced _____
Passed _____
2nd Reading _____
Unanimous _____
Failed _____
Tabled _____
Amended _____
Comments:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES TO MAKE BUDGET AND PROGRAM CHANGES TO THE 2019 THROUGH 2023 LEAD HAZARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM (LOCAL AMENDMENT)

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscaloosa has the legal authority to apply for Federal Assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscaloosa has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the Federal programs:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, that the City Council of Tuscaloosa does hereby approve the budget and program amendments under its **HUD OLHCHH Grant # ALLHB0729-19**:

Amendment # 2

1. Personnel & Fringe Benefits

Personnel changes along with COLA's have combined to necessitate these changes in Personnel & Fringe Benefits under the LEAD Hazard Abatement Program only:

- a. Margaret Jones Desjarlais' position as Community Development Program Manager will be filled by Caramyl Drake (pending office transition).
- b. Grace Savino's position as Federal Programs Technician is now filled by Jeshundra Doss.
- c. Matthew Cornelson's position as Construction and Rehabilitation Specialist is now filled by Sarah Saeed.
- d. All other staff remains the same but salaries have been changed by merit and COLA adjustments.
 - Net Change decreased by (\$102.53)

2. Travel

- a. Mileage rate increased, therefore reimbursable mileage increased by \$102.53

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA:

That the City of Tuscaloosa does hereby authorize the budget and program changes to the 2019 through 2023 Lead Hazard Abatement Program (HUD OLHCHH Grant # ALLHB0729-19) via Local Amendment under City of Tuscaloosa's Citizen Participation Plan.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM AMENDMENT AND TO ADVERTISE THIS AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN OF THE CITY'S FIVE YEAR 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires that the City prepare and submit to HUD each year a one-year Action Plan that identifies and describes activities that the City intends to undertake with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and HOME grant funds and other federal funds; and

WHEREAS, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 , the City of Tuscaloosa's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services allocated \$518, 441.60 in CDBG-CV3 funding via a interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding to the City of Tuscaloosa's Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue to fund CDBG eligible activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the emergence of the respiratory illness, COVID-19 as a result of exposure the to the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2.

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscaloosa's Fire and Rescue has identified additional CDBG eligible activities that were not included in the most recently amended and adopted Community Planning and Development Program's (CPD) 2019 Annual Action Plan and that proposed changes in approved use of CDBG-CV3 funding requires the City to further amend its CPD 2019 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the following proposed amendment to the CPD 2019 Annual Action Plan was presented to the Community Development Committee and adopted by the City Council of the City of Tuscaloosa per the following:

Amendment #1-CV3

Program Year: 2019

Current Activity Name: Acquisition of Two Lifesaving Units-TFR

Current Activity Description: Acquisition of Two (2) Advanced Lifesaving Units

Current Activity Funding Amount: \$518,441.60

Amendment Rationale: Available Funding allocation for new eligible activity

Amendment Funding Amount Change/Reallocation: \$71,671.60

Amendment Funding Amount After Change/Reallocation: \$446,770.00

Amendment New Activity Name: Acquisition of Lifesaving Units' Equipment

Amendment New Activity Funding Amount: **\$71,671.60**

CDBG Eligible Citation: 24 CFR 570.201 (c) and 24 CFR 570.207 (b) (1) (ii)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA:

- (1) That the 2019 Annual Action plan be amended to include additional CDBG-CV3 activities; and
- (2) That the additional CDBG-CV3 activities be advertised for citizen comment for thirty (30) days per the City of Tuscaloosa's Citizen Participation Plan, as amended under the CARES Act of 2020; and

- (3)** That additional activities under the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan of the 2015-2019 Five-year Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs be, and are hereby, officially adopted pending the expiration of the thirty (30) day citizen comment period; and
- (4)** That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, for and as an act of the City, to execute all certifications and other documents required in relation to submission of these additional activities to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- (5)** Then the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services is authorized to submit said additional activities, certifications and other documents to HUD.

LaParry T. Howell

From: Alabama Housing Finance Authority <communications@ahfa.ccsend.com> on behalf of Alabama Housing Finance Authority <communications@ahfa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 7:31 AM
To: LaParry T. Howell
Subject: Mortgage Assistance Now Available + Step Up Changes + More

CAUTION: External email.



 **Threshold** ONLINE

January 2022

Mortgage Assistance Alabama Launches Statewide

The U.S. Department of Treasury has allocated \$125.6 million to Alabama for mortgage payment assistance under its Homeowner Assistance Fund. AHFA has been designated to administer the program and has named it "Mortgage Assistance Alabama."

The Department of Treasury has approved AHFA's program plan, and Mortgage Assistance Alabama is now open and accepting applications. Eligible homeowners must meet income requirements and have been financially harmed by COVID-19 since January 21, 2021.



Assistance:

Qualified homeowners are eligible to receive:

- Past due mortgage-related expenses + 12 monthly mortgage payments
- A one-time payment to homeowner's participating servicer to recast the loan or be used to fill a financial gap that limits a homeowner's eligibility for a loan modification or to extinguish the lien

Total assistance per eligible homeowner may not exceed \$50,000.

Eligibility:

- Attest to inability to pay mortgage due to a COVID-19 related financial hardship
- Have a total annual household income of no more than or not to exceed 150% of the area median income
- Occupy property as primary residence
- Residence must be located in Alabama
- Eligible structures: single-family homes (attached or detached) and manufactured housing
- Maximum original principal mortgage amount on all existing mortgage loans on the property may not total more than the conforming loan limit

Applications will be accepted Monday-Friday. We expect a high demand for assistance. To shorten wait time and to ensure the prompt handling of applications, we will periodically close the application portal to process completed applications. A portal reopening date will be posted on the homepage of the website once these applications have been processed.

For more information, visit <https://www.mortgageassistanceal.com/>.

New Year, New Changes to Step Up Program



We've heard from many lenders over the past few months who have shared the hardships low-to moderate-income homebuyers are encountering in the current market: lack of sellers paying closing costs, increasing sales prices, low inventory, etc.

With that insight in mind, we are excited to announce two new changes to the Step Up program. These changes went into effect on January 12.

Increased Assistance Amounts

Now homebuyers can receive even more down payment assistance with AHFA's Step Up program. The maximum down payment assistance increased from \$7,500 or 3% of the sales price (whichever is less) to \$10,000 or up to 4% of the sales price (whichever is less), allowing a portion to pay homebuyer closing costs!

VA First Mortgage Program

Now offering a first mortgage option for veterans that can be combined with down payment/closing cost assistance of up to \$10,000 or 4% of sale price (whichever is less).

To find out more, visit <https://www.ahfa.com/homebuyers/programs-available>.