



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, November 29, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member, Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Anethia Brewer, District Court
Danielle Strouse, District Court
Amber Paxton, Financial Empowerment
Toni Young, HRCS
Kim Dunbar, HRCS
Joe McClure, LPD
Captain Backus, LPD
Kim Coleman, HRCS

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2021 AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Sobriety Court Grant

Ms. Brewer and Ms. Strouse spoke briefly on the current court and Judge Alderson, noting she has been involved since 2005 and Judge Buchannen will take over for the Sobriety Court when Judge Alderson retires later this year. Ms. Strouse then outlined the program which is a felony court, with 25 participants on a 2 year long commitment. There have been 225 participants admitted in the program with 127 successful completions during the time of the program. Ms. Strouse then submitted a report from 2020 Problem Solving Courts with the State of Michigan.

Lastly Ms. Strouse explained the grant would cover a PT and contractual services offered to the recipients for treatment and testing. Included is also supplies and training.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR SOBRIETTY COURT.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Brewer for comments. Mr. Brewer asked for clarification on the funding breakdown. Ms. Strouse referenced the resolution which had the correct detailed breakdown.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Small Business Boost

Ms. Paxton first informed the Committee this was the departments 5th grant this year that they have received and this one will be used in conjunction with LEAP on One and All, working with small businesses, with the focus on minority, women owned business or other small organization owned businesses. The goal is to integrate counseling with all participants and measure with the Financial Empowerment Center as they build their business. Ms. Paxton noted for the Committee that the overall grant is \$90,000, but the breakdown is tentative at this point.

Council Member Wood asked if FEC will be contracting with LEAP for their services and Ms. Paxton confirmed. Noting that most of the funds is for overhead because hoping they hope to have a FEC counselor on site at LEAP. Council Member Wood asked if they look at geographic areas for the funding. Ms. Paxton noted they work with the members in the One and All program, and that program is City limits priority. Council Member Hussain confirmed his understanding that the One and All program has been deliberate in including all areas of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FUND SMALL BUSINESS BOOST.

Mr. Brewer had no comments

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Housing Development Authority Annual Renewal

Ms. Coleman introduce Toni Young and Kim Dunbar; grant managers. Ms. Young updated the Committee on the gran they get annually and get increases annually. The increase, she noted, is based on performance measures. Ms. Young noted there are 5 agencies that will receive the funding to provide shelter, homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and street out-reach. The 5 agencies listed in the grant were Child and Family Charities – Gateway Division, Haven House, Advent House Ministries, Loaves and Fishes Ministries, Holy Cross Services and the HRCS-HMIS and Grant Administration funds. Council Member Spadafore asked the department and OCA if any of those agencies were agencies that the City had issues with in the past.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHRORITY ANNUAL RENEWAL.

Council Member Wood asked how the increases are determined, and Ms. Young stated they have to meet performance measures connected to the grant. Council Member Wood asked if any of

the agencies were agencies that had issues under Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson when she worked for the City, and Mr. Smiertka stated the grant is through HUD and Ms. Young confirmed these agencies were not any of the agencies that were flagged under the previous HRCS Director.

Mr. Brewer had no comments
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Housing Voucher Services Program

Ms. Dunbar outlined the grant from the MSHDA Emergency Housing Voucher Program and it will be used for ongoing support to communities, carrying out the mission to end homelessness in Michigan. Council Member Wood asked if the City has had this in the past, and Ms. Dunbar confirmed it was new, but they have already been serving the need of homelessness with emergency housing vouchers. Council Member Wood asked if they have utilized the funds yet since it started October 1, 2021 and Ms. Dunbar stated they have not.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORÉ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING VOUCHER SERVICES PROGRAM.

Mr. Brewer had no comments
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Human Relations and Community Services Emergency Housing Services COVID

Ms. Young spoke on the grant, noting it is similar to the Annual Renewal grant noted earlier, but this is focused on the homelessness due to COVID. This came along with waivers from HUD as well. These funds allowed them to open an overflow shelter last winter, and this is a continuation of the same. This gives flexibility to enhance the assistance. Council Member Wood noted the start date was March 1, 2020, and asked if the funds were spent. Ms. Coleman confirmed they were using them, but the dates were moved back even before the money came so it could be utilized for the need at the beginning of the pandemic, allowing them to back fill the funding.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORÉ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EMERGENCY HOUSING SERVICES COVID.

Mr. Brewer had no comments
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Lansing Police Department Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FOR MIKEY 23 FOUNDATION

Captain Backus noted this grant is for community engagement and community relations. The stipulation is that LPD has to team with a local organization involved with efforts building community trust, building bridges. This grant will be specific for 10/1/2021- 9/30/2022 with the Mikey Foundation, which they have already established a relationship with them on other events. Captain Backus concluded that this grant covers the cost of equipment for enrollees such as tool sets, basic safety equipment, branding, and an enclosed work trailer.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR MICKEY 23 FOUNDATION.

Council Member Wood asked who or what funds would cover insurance on the work trailer, and Captain Backus noted it will be a cost part of the operational and maintenance cost that is covered.

Mr. Brewer had no comments

Council Member Wood asked if the LPD anticipates seeing this grant annually, and Captain Backus admitted it was initiated last year however the LPD did not apply, but their intention is to keep going annually, funding new equipment with enrollees and vehicles. Council Member Wood asked if they are working with the unions on apprentice programs, and Captain Backus confirmed they have already started the process.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant

Mr. McClure outlined the grant noting it covers assistance to enforce DUI, speeding and unrestrained. It will cover 700 hours of OT plus fringe. Council Member Spadafore asked if LPD has gotten this before, and Mr. McClure confirmed there was one earlier this year for pedestrian safety. Mr. Brewer noted to the Committee that if the fringes were over 40% they needed to provide proof of that determination and it was provided.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING GRANT.

Mr. Brewer had no further comments.

Council Member Spadafore asked for further details on the fringe portion, and Mr. Brewer asked Mr. McClure to forward the report they used to determine this to him and he will forward to Council Member Spadafore.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Committee held a brief discussion on the next steps at Council with the approved grants.

OTHER

No other discussion.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee December 3, 2021