

**MINUTES**

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no public attendance was permitted. The public was able to view the meeting via Zoom Webinar.*

**Committee Members Present**

Joe Belcher, Amanda Edwards, Brownie Newman

**County Staff Present**

Rebecca Brothers, Matthew Cable, Brandon Freeman, William High, Andrew Mayronne, Nate Pennington, Amanda Stratton, Sybil Tate, and Don Warn

**Call to Order & Welcome**

- Commissioner Newman Called the meeting to Order at 1:03 p.m.
- Mr. Cable provided an overview of the agenda and public comment processes.

**New Business**

*FY 2021 Affordable Housing Services Program Applications and Allocation Recommendation*

- Mr. Cable provided a review of the total available funds, and a comparison of the funding requests as compared to available funds.
- Mr. Cable reviewed the Employee Housing Assistance Program and included the recommended funding as identified by the Committee during its previous meeting, of \$40,000.
- Mr. Cable provided the following staff recommendation as compared to the funding request:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
WH, Inc.: Jasper Apartments	\$484,312	\$484,312
Eblen: Rental Assistance, Adults	\$300,000	\$156,000
Eliada: Rental Assistance, Young Adults	\$10,050	\$10,050
Pisgah Legal: Rental Assistance	\$650,000	\$0
Habitat: Emer. Repair	\$306,455	\$228,449
Mountain Housing: Emer. Repair	\$300,000	\$300,000
Land Trust: Part-Time Position	\$25,000	\$0
CIMA: PODER Emma Emer. Repair	\$25,000	\$25,000
Eliada: Pre-Construction	\$25,000	\$25,000
On Track: Stability/Ownership	\$25,000	\$25,000
Pisgah Legal: Rental Assistance	\$25,000	\$0
BC: Human Resources Employee Assist.	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,215,817</b>	<b>\$1,293,811</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>-\$1,967,108</b>	<b>-\$1,967,108</b>
<b>Shortfall/Balance</b>	<b>-\$248,709</b>	<b>\$673,297</b>

- Commissioner Edwards requested clarification from staff on its recommendations regarding not providing funding support for Pisgah Legal Services' Tenant Based Rental Assistance and New Start Program Application.
- Mr. Cable explained that the County was actively seeking CDBG-CV funds, for which a second public hearing was scheduled later in the day, and there was some concern over duplication of effort.

- Commissioner Edwards requested clarification on why no funding was recommended for the Pisgah Legal Services TBRA Program where funding was recommended for programs operated by Eblen Charities and Eliada Homes. Mr. Cable explained that these programs supported targeted populations that are not provided with TBRA funding support through typical DHHS EA funding support where Pisgah Legal Services Program was not a targeted population differentiated from typical funding.
- Mr. Cable explained that staff identified the projects without recommended funding to be eligible to be funded and that staff's recommendation allowed for further consideration of these unfunded applications in the near future.
- Commissioner Newman recommended the Committee send forth an allocation recommendation as presented by staff and the full committee voted in favor.

#### **Public Comment**

- Public comment was submitted prior to the meeting by Anna Zuevskaya, Celeste Collins, and Jim Yamin, and read by Mr. Cable.
- Robin Merrell provided public comments during the process of the meeting which were read by Nathan Pennington.

#### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Newman adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.