

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

APRIL 8, 2019

7:00 PM

Aldermanic Chamber

PUBLIC HEARING

R-19-126

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) AND HOME INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

ROLL CALL

TESTIMONY

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Carrie Schena, UPD Manager
Re: R-19-126 (FY2020 HUD Annual Action Plan)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-19-118

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O’Brien, Sr.
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Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
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Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$218,486 FROM THE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO
TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY “FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (“FTA”) OPERATING GRANT”**

R-19-121

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
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Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman Jan Schmidt
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RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$43,113 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "2018 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL)"

R-19-126

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Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Jan Schmidt

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NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



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To: Human Affairs Committee
cc: Mayor Jim Donchess; Kim Kleiner, Chief of Staff
From: Carrie Schena, UPD Manager
Date: April 4, 2019
Re: R-19-126 (FY2020 HUD Annual Action Plan)

As you are aware, the City is in the midst of developing our FY2020 Annual Action Plan, that covers various HUD funding including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. The Action Plan is built on the foundation of needs and goals identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan, enhanced by annual public input.

The Draft Annual Action Plan was published on 3/19/2019 and is available for a 30-day comment period. The public is invited to submit comments in writing or during any public meeting. Attached to this communication are the written submissions I've received to date. The City will also hold a public hearing, through the Human Affairs Committee, on April 8th, 2019. Public testimony during the hearing may be offered for the HAC to consider in finalizing the proposed activities.

Lastly, we have not yet received our final allocation, as HUD has until April 15, 2019 to announce the awards. Therefore we are to continue working on the estimated amount stated in my prior communication dated 02/07/2019. However, I would like to call your attention to an error in the total funding available shown in that memo which was discussed at the last HAC meeting. The FY19 Contingency amount of \$47,409.00 was not reflected in the total available line. These funds are available to reprogram, as we are nearing the end of the fiscal year and have nearly completed all outstanding projects.

FY2020 CDBG Estimated Funding Available

| CDBG Fund Available | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Entitlement Award (estimated) | \$658,000 |
| Estimated program income | \$30,000.00 |
| Available for reprogramming: | |
| FY18 Salvation Army balance | 3,656.68 |
| FY18 Admin | 624.50 |
| FY18 Contingency | 118.62 |
| FY18 Project Delivery | 1,080.15 |
| FY19 Contingency | 47,409.00 |
| Total Available | 740,889.95 |

Schena, Carrie

From: Youth safe Haven <youthsafehaven@nashuapal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Schena, Carrie
Subject: PAL CDBG

Carrie,

I know the conversation around CDBG has the possibility of the PAL project going to the wayside.

PAL recently got involved with a group that is helping plan and implement a major renovation for the PAL Center in 2020. Not sure how to best get this message to the finance/ CDBG committee, but if I were prioritizing parts of the project, I would put the fire panel portion on the top. The doors/ fire cocking/ other items/ I can try work on a way to get that into the "plan" (this will be a year long planning process, and I don't have lots of details yet, but thinking it's possible at this point). The fire panel would be a bigger ask of them and it is a key component to any future renovations.

Hope that makes sense. Feel free to give me a shout for clarification.

Very Best To You,

Shaun Nelson
Nashua PAL
Executive Director

Diane Stoddard

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Nashua, NH 03063

3/18/2019

To: the Office of Urban Programs ,

My son, Nolan Schwar, started at Opportunity Networks on July 1, 2016. He was 23 years old at the time. In the last three years I have seen a huge change in him personality wise. While Nolan has always been an outgoing and laidback kind of guy he's blossomed in his time at O.N. Having made friends both with other clients and staff as well.

Not only are the other clients wonderful but staff as well. I don't think there is anyone who works there doesn't go above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to the clients. If I could give them all raises I would because it isn't the easiest job in the world by any means. In addition they should all be sainted.

I will give you some examples of Nolan with different staff members. On Monday Nolan goes to "family band" which Alex is in charge of. He plays guitar and the clients get instruments to play as well. Nolan really shines when he knows a song. Nolan sings along with Alex and some of the others. I think that is probably one of his favorite things to do at Opportunity Networks. And when I say staff goes above and beyond they really do. Alex actually gave Nolan an old guitar of his. I have a video on Instagram of Nolan playing it when he got home that day! He was insanely excited and I had to put the Goo Goo Dolls Live in Buffalo DVD in so he could play along and sing! How kind was that? He probably could have sold it but instead gave it to Nolan... I am forever grateful to Alex for that act of kindness.

Another favorite is cooking class with Denise! The running joke is that they are going to cook with beans... Which sometimes they do! Beans... gas... It is totally a Nolan thing! Staff just plays along with it! They really do make some tasty things (not that Nolan shares with me!) and Denise is wonderful with the clients. Somehow Nolan manages to bring home leftovers on Tuesdays if there are any. She is totally open to suggestions and I send in recipes I think they might like. More often than not they give the recipes a try!

One last example is Bob... I can safely say that Bob is Nolan's best friend. They play off each other well... Bob is not a big Adele fan but that doesn't stop Nolan from asking Bob if he likes Adele. The more dramatic you get about it the better Nolan likes it. "Not in my car!" Nolan chuckles like crazy. They also get me into it. I don't like Peeps. The kind you get at Easter time. They are just gross. Well Nolan likes to buy them when he's out with Bob shopping. So of course when he gets dropped off he has to show me what he got with Bob. I have to get dramatic and go on and on about how gross Peeps are... Again... above and beyond the call of duty. It might not seem like it but if you knew Nolan you'd know it really is.

Keri-Ann is another who goes above and beyond. If I have any kind of concerns she always emails me right back or if I call I get through right away. If not then she always calls me right back. Always open to ideas and suggestions.

I have nothing but good things to say about staff...

Nolan has also made friends with other clients at Opportunity Networks as well. When I stop in it is like he is holding court. Everyone is kind to each other. I volunteered there doing crafts for a while and got to know both staff and clients. It is one of my happy places to be and I know it is a very happy place for Nolan to be.

I'd love to see them get this accessibility grant. Nolan has cerebral palsy so he uses both a wheel chair and a walker. It would make it so much easier for him to get in and out of the building. Not only for him but for the others who are in chairs (there are several) and I know of one other woman who uses a walker. It would make getting in and out of the building faster and more safely. Which is always a good thing all the way around. If anyone deserves it, it is Opportunity Networks.

I am attaching some pictures of my son with staff. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

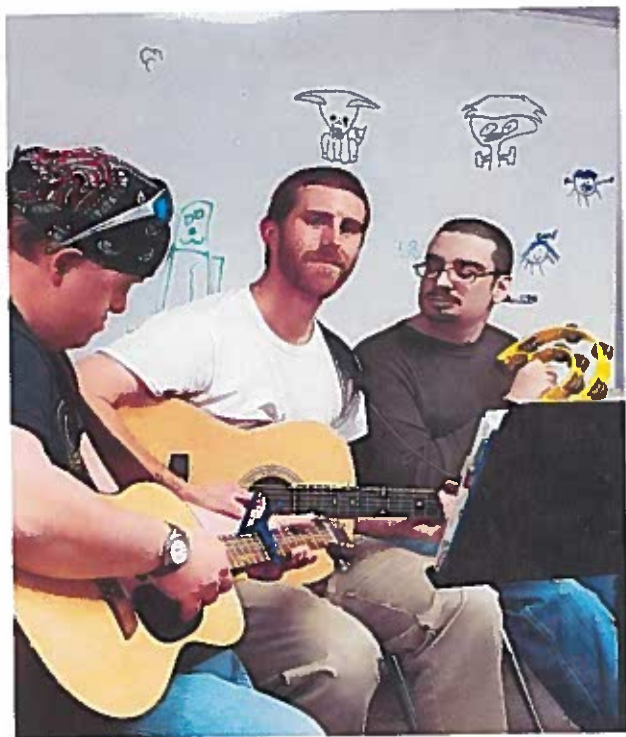
Diane Stoddard



Nolan is in the front sitting down.



Nolan (Not sure what they were doing here)



Nolan with Alex at Family Band



Nolan with Bob



Another at Family Band



Lastly Nolan with his buddy Josh at our place!