

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MARCH 11, 2019

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, March 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman June M. Caron, Vice Chair
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

Members of the Committee absent: Alderman Patricia Klee

Also in Attendance: Carrie Schena, UPD Manager
 Sarah Marchant, Director Community Development

Chairman Wilshire

Alderman Klee did let me know that she was unable to be with us this evening. Also in attendance this evening is Director Marchant and Urban Programs Manager Carrie Schena. So tonight's meeting, we have a couple of resolutions and then we are going to start putting together the funding plan for CDBG.

So the first thing I'll do is take public comment on items expected to be acted upon this evening. So if you'd like to come to the microphone and give your name and address for the record, feel free.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Teeboom Ok my name is Fred Teeboom, I reside at 24 Cheyenne Drive. I don't normally come before this Committee but I am here tonight because of what happened about a year ago. I won't go into too much detail but about a year ago I was contacted by Lynn Barrie who had contacted the City and wanted some help with a hot water pipe in a motor home that was leaking and she couldn't get hot water, she couldn't take a shower. She tried to get some funding elsewhere apparently. She contacted the City, the City put her in touch with the group in the City that administers the HUD program, CDBG Program. And that's why I am here because you are going to be discussing a funding plan.

It turns out that I got contacted by Lynn who said I ultimately got the repairs done to my pipe but they were not properly done, still leakage, installation was installed and I have an \$1,100.00 on my mortgage home. She put that to me in writing, I did not know Lynn Barrie but she remembers me from the days when I did constituent work. To make a long story short, I contacted HUD in Boston and talked to the management of HUD the Regional Boston Office. They gave me some information, in the end I filed a complaint on behalf of Lynn Barrie because I couldn't understand why there would be an \$1,100.00 mortgage on her home if we have CDBG money that can be used for rehabbing and helping people who have difficulty and low earning that can't pay for repairs even \$300.00 or \$400.00

The sum of all of that is that I ultimately met with Mayor Donchess, the meeting was attended by Carrie Schena who is the Manager of the HUD program, Ms. Marchant, who is the Director of Community Services. Mayor Donchess, I invited President of the Board Lori Wilshire who attended and we discussed why does this require a loan a mortgage, basically a lien but the lien in the form of a mortgage that has to be paid back when the person passes away and to discharge the property. We discussed this at some length and then it was decided that some of the money set aside for rehabbing property, repair property, CFR I can quote that

but I'm sure you know what CFR, Federal Title Law I am talking about. And an agreement was made, sort of an agreement was made pending of course, you discussing the funding plan, you writing a resolution or having a resolution drafted by legal, that resolution gets introduced to the Board of Aldermen, I believe it will be the end of this month, go back before this Committee and be able to adopt it, maybe make changes to it, amend it, back to the Board of the Aldermen and then it gets put into local law. And hopefully some of this money in the form of HIP, the HIP Program, Housing Improvement Program, I'm sure you all understand what that is will have some allowance for a grant for people who need some basic repairs done that are in need of repair that have no means to pay for this repair.

What is being proposed and was confirmed to me in a memorandum e-mail I received this morning, March 11, there are a lot of City e-mails, lots of e-mails between myself and various parties, and HUD and various parties here in the City. This morning Ms. Schena mentioned that what's being recommended in your plan is to make grants, not loans, available for those that need help, basic qualification that they need the help, based on verification of their income, if their repairs are in the range of \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. If it is under \$1,000.00 they are on their own; if it's above \$5,000.00 up to 80% of the median family income which is a fairly high amount is then covered through a loan program part of HIP, the Housing Improvement Program. So the grant covers an amount between \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00. Also to qualify you have to qualify you have to have an income that is considered extremely low income. Extremely low income as published by HUD in NH in various areas of NH and for Nashua extremely low income represents 30% of the average family income. An income therefore for 1 person is less than \$22,000.00.

So this proposal or this grant, not being a loan, a grant between \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00 and income below \$22,000.00 for a single person or \$25,000.00 for two persons; there is a range for extremely low income. I have a problem on two accounts. First of all I think \$1,000.00 is too high. If you go in with \$1,000.00 and anyone bids, because you go through this bid process is going to bid at least \$1,000.00. I think the range ought to be more like, you don't everybody to apply for minor things, but the lower level ought to be \$500.00. I don't have a problem with the upper range being \$5,000.00 and then you go into the loan part of the program the grant ought to cover the area between \$500.00 and \$5,000.00. The \$1,000.00 is totally arbitrarily selected. You can ask Carrie Schena what she found, we asked during this meeting in December we asked her to do a survey, I have not seen the results of any survey, my opinion is \$500.00 to \$5,000.00 to be an adequate range for the City providing a grant. In terms of qualification of income, extremely low income is too low. I think the number should be very low income, as represents 50%, not 30% of the average or median family income. 50% represents a single person, \$36,000.00.

So that's my recommendation that discussed later today and I decided to come here before these resolutions are based in favor before they come back to the Committee and it is more difficult to make changes, before they go back to the Board of Aldermen prepared to discuss, back to this Committee, back to Board of Aldermen, whatever this resolution has. So my final statement I recommend \$500.00 to \$5,000.00 for the loan for what they call a very low income. And I would like to say Ms. Barrie is here, I think she would like to address the Committee. I don't think she's going to tell you all about her history of problems. Just at least meet someone because part of the problem I have with this committee and I've had this for years and years, the institutionalized applicants, that would be the Soup Kitchen, The Senior Center, The Boys & Girls Club, Margaret's Place, these people get large chunks of money, they know how to make the application, they go through the process. Someone like Ms. Barrie, an individual doesn't know the process, doesn't know how to come before this Committee. And when she applies is faced with the question, yes we can help you, we will put a loan on your property. That is not right. So this change being proposed, I think Ms. Schena will address it, it's good. I'd like to see the changes made in addition that I just talked about. Thank you. And I think Lynn would probably like to talk to you. Do you want to? If you don't want to, you don't have to.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-19-108

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$15,573 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, EXOTIC SPECIES PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING FUNDS

Chairman Wilshire

Director Marchant would you care to join us.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Wilshire

Good evening. Thanks for being here.

Sarah Marchant, Director Community Development

Good evening, thank you for having me. Sarah Marchant Community Development Director. So this is an invasive species removal grant for aquatic invasive species in the Nashua River. It is a grant for the same area from the Hollis line to the Mine Falls Dam for treatment of the river. It has been very successful the last two years, we've seen a massive reduction in invasive species there which is also greatly attributed also to our volunteers who get out there in kayaks and pull the species that are not killed by the herbicide. So this is a piece of it, but I have to thank our volunteers too. So we are happy to have gotten grant funding yet again. This year we will be treating the Nashua River; we will also be treating Sandy Pond again, but it is such a small amount that they will not cover any grant fund for that, but we are still doing it this year.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok thank you, does the Committee have any questions?

Alderman Lopez

I'd like to comment I've been one of those volunteers in past years and by the way don't use an inflatable kayak because it's gross on the bottom. You wouldn't know it from being on the shore but there is a tremendous amount of community effort that goes into maintaining those waterways and all you have to do is drop your guard for one or two years and suddenly it's all back again. So it is constantly pushing the boulder back up hill and I'm glad we are still doing it.

Chairman Wilshire

I know that is has been an on-going process. Do you know how long we've been doing this?

Ms. Marchant

We started the treatment of the Nashua River for the first time three years ago. And it was, I know that Superintendent Caggiano has been treating the Mine Falls Canal area and the canal pond every other year for many years. But three years ago we just started finally treating the Nashua River.

MOTION CARRIED

R-19-111

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$138,937.92 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY "FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("FTA") OPERATING GRANT"

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Wilshire

The motion before us is to recommend final passage. We have Director Marchant with us still so if you wouldn't mind giving us an update on this.

Ms. Marchant

Yes thank you so much. So this is funding that makes it possible for us to do the reduced fair for honored citizens, seniors over 60 and military personnel so they get a half-price fair and this is the money that matches the other half-price.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FY20 HUD Action Plan with Carrie Schena, UPD Manager

Chairman Wilshire

Urban Programs Manager Carrie Schena would you please join us? Thank you for being here.

Carrie Schena, Manager Urban Programs Department

Carrie Schena Manager of the Urban Programs Department.

Chairman Wilshire

Thank you for being here. So tonight we want to at least get working on putting the Resolution together, the draft plan for CDBG. So I am going to open it up to the Committee.

Alderman Lopez

With reference to public comment what is the reasoning behind the \$500.00 versus the \$1,000.00.

Ms. Schena

So as Mr. Teeboom referenced, so let me just put a little context, the Housing Improvement Program, as it exists now, our policy states that our lower limit for projects is \$5,000.00 and then it caps out at \$35,000.00 for a single family and then \$5,000.00 for each additional and we do one to four families at this time, owner occupied. That funding is given out in the form of a 0% deferred loan and then the loan is due back if the property is sold or ownership is transferred in some other fashion.

So recently, or about a year ago, we had a case come before us that estimated would be under the \$5,000.00 and we made the exception to enroll it in our program because we felt it was a critical situation, as you mentioned the homeowner had no hot water and was an elderly person. So we did that project and there was some discussion following that regarding whether or not we should lower the \$5,000.00 to begin with. So we've had some conversations over the past year on that as mentioned there was a meeting in the Mayor's Office. President Wilshire attended it and several others and there was some discussion about lowering it from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and that would be in the form of a grant versus a loan.

The reason for the \$1,000.00 limit, it is somewhat arbitrary, the point is that \$1,000.00 when you start getting under \$1,000.00 you are sort of dipping into the realm of maintenance versus rehab. And although HUD does although, in the Regs they call it an accumulation of deferred maintenance, that is not to be misconstrued to mean, I haven't maintained this piece of my house, because the program is really not designed for that just because of all the strings that we know come with the federal money. It is pretty labor intensive to do these projects so we just had to pick a bottom limit. I did do some research, it wasn't like a formal report, but I looked around, I looked on-line, I sent e-mails out to you know an e-mail group for community development for other programs who are doing this to ask if they had lower limits and unfortunately what I found is everybody does it a little different. So there was really no standard to point to.

Some programs say they don't have a lower limit at all because generally when the rehab requests come in it has never really been an issue of it being such a low amount. As we know construction is expensive and even a minor thing is going to cost several hundred dollars to have a contractor come to your house. Other programs said they had a \$500.00 limit again noting anything less than that really would be maintenance. And then others had like a \$2,500.00, a \$5,000.00 – so it really ran the gamut. I would say that one of the things that's nice about CDBG is that HUD allows each community to design a program that works for our community. So I think when trying to decide what that lower limit should be, whether it be the \$500.00, the \$1,000.00 or no limit at all, it really is what are the needs of our residents. And to the second point about it being a grant, as we know when these loans get re-paid that money comes back to the program in the form of program income and then gets doled back out either through housing rehab or to other activities.

So the Housing Rehab Program really is the only program we have that generates any type of repayment that we can put back into the pool of money. I mean I personally don't think we want to get to a point where we are granting all the funds out and I understand that this is small amounts. Again, we don't get a lot of calls, there has not been a huge demand for these smaller projects, but there are occasionally some. Often it will be a broken boiler or something like that and it just under that \$5,000.00 mark to get it done. So the point of doing it as a grant to people earning 30% or less of area median income was that is the most critical population who really might need the assistance. And it is generally for that dollar value probably going to be an emergency rehab job. It's not something that could wait. So it was just targeting the grants to the lowest income, highest need population. 50% could be another mark that is selected, I would say once you get up around the 80% area median income which is the upper limit that HUD allows, I wouldn't recommend a grant to that population simply because there's probably the ability to repay that when the house is sold coming out of the equity.

And the other point and I've mentioned this before, I think last month when I was here, is that the loans are repaid when the property is sold but nobody would ever have to go into their pocket and dig out a personal check to repay the City. If there were not funds, if there wasn't enough equity, we would just write the loan off. And again, HUD lets us set that policy. So again the funds are there, they are intended to help the community and how we set that up is really us to us.

Alderman Lopez

Personally I can't agree with the logic of lowering the minimum payment while increasing the threshold of the minimum income so giving it to people who are making more money but allowing them to take out smaller amounts, I wasn't, that didn't make sense to me. But I wanted to know if there was a precedent, if there were purchases particularly that were common. I would think something like a boiler or a hot water heater or something like that, that's exactly what this would be for. We want to make sure that people in a low income situation who are homeowners can maintain their site in a reasonable way. And I agree we don't want to start using it or making it easy use for repairs or upkeep because that is something that comes with home ownership and it needs to be done as it goes. Is there still a mechanism for somebody who might have an unforeseen critical need lower than the threshold to apply for it and have that reviewed?

Ms. Schena

We could write that into our policy where we are talking about changing the existing guidelines anyway. We could certainly write in that some type of clause for review for exemption to the \$1,000.00 limit, that is what we have done in the past anyway with the \$5,000.00 limit because there have been projects that have come in that we have reviewed and made the exception to and enrolled in the program because they didn't have anywhere else to go and it was a critical need. It doesn't make sense for us to turn somebody away just because our internal policy says \$5,000.00. Changing it from a grant to a loan, I'm sorry the other way around, a loan to a grant, because that was written into the resolution in the action plan that requires a formal change before the Board and in to HUD but revising the guidelines to include a mechanism for review would be something we could do.

Alderman Lopez

Sorry I was thinking specifically of emergency circumstances or a need for an infrastructure or physical repair that otherwise could make the site unable to be occupied. Not just you know – I need assistance from fuel assistance or back rent or something like that. I'm not looking for an open, anybody can apply and then have their case reviewed if it is special, it would be more like you already have made the argument that this is emergency criteria.

Chairman Wilshire

What I'd like to do is get your input, I'd like to start talking about what we are going to fund here if anybody wants to start. We have \$802,673.84 but we've already allocated \$98,700.00 of that to public service so the rest of that is up for disbursement between the applicants. What is the pleasure of the committee?

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

So would you just give me and give us please the number that you have that we have available I just want to make sure I'm working off the right number.

Ms. Schena

I was just thinking maybe I should run back to my desk and grab it. I can make copies.

Chairman Wilshire

Would you – that way it will make it a little easier if we are on the same page. So what Manager Schena was talking about and I think we've already had this conversation, maybe not, that the HIP program, the Housing Rehab Program, we have been funding year over year since I've been on the Board, so every year we fund that. What Carrie is proposing is a rental rehab pilot program so people who rent or landlords who rent to low income people can get some help and that's what this rental rehab pilot program is about. That would be a grant I believe but I'd have to talk to her about it.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

And for that amount we have \$61,784.89 is that the number?

Chairman Wilshire

That's what the Department has asked for. We can fund it however we want. We don't have a lot this year it seems like, maybe \$300,000.00 to allocate so we have to make some tough choices.

Alderman Lopez

Two things, the first is I think the rental rehab grant is a good idea because some of the issues we have seen in the Substandard Living Conditions Committee is that landlords don't always have the resources to keep something viable. And it is tricky renting at a reasonable, cost effective rate, but at the same time having enough extra money to deal with emergency situations. The second thing is, is this the same pot of money that we already took money out for the economic development offices, like a loan for entrepreneurs, is that why it is low?

Chairman Wilshire

Is that why what's low?

Alderman Lopez

You said we don't have much this year.

Chairman Wilshire

No because we got level funded by HUD, we gave 15% to the public services, we have a lot of requests

that's why. So we have about \$30,000.00 in program income to allocate and maybe \$52,888.00 in reprogram funds. Ok here she is with the magic numbers I just need my numbers to keep myself straight.

Alderman Lopez

If I can just can comment while she's handing those out, this seems to be a little bit of a trend for HUD, I was at the Continuum of Care meeting as the Aldermanic Liaison and despite the fact that they scored very highly they didn't receive full funding again. This is the second time in like 6 years it has happened. So it is just how they are not just giving money away. I mean if the cause is just.

Ms. Schena

So I just wanted to note that what I handed out was the communication from the last Human Affairs Committee Meeting.

Chairman Wilshire

Right, so we've already accepted this at our last meeting. Thank you for that. We could line by line, how about we start there. We go line by line and then we can take it from there. So we have Boys & Girls Club Parking Lot Drainage for \$80,000.00 was their requests and we do have a lot of requests here this year. There are a lot of good projects here, there's just not enough money to fund them all.

Alderman Caron

So can you give us the exact amount that we can play with? I mean this is everything together. I think that's what Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja was looking for too because we don't have a \$1.5 million dollars.

Chairman Wilshire

No we have about \$330,000.00 or \$350,000.00.

Alderman Caron

To assign?

Chairman Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Caron

Oh ok she gave us a correct number, I'm sorry.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I guess we've had these discussions in the past. The Urban Planning Department Project Delivery and the Administration, those 2 numbers are pretty much set, we need that money to do the job. Ok so those are must-dos. And the \$98,700.00 for Public Service.

Chairman Wilshire

Right so for the three on that are already done.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

They are assigned.

Chairman Wilshire

So we have the Boys & Girls Club- \$80,000. E For All – is looking for \$40,000.00 this year. The Children's Home - \$45,600.00. PAL - \$30,050.00. The Soup Kitchen - \$330,550.00. Opportunity Networks - \$82,453.00. Well you can read these, we need to start somewhere, we need to get going.

Ms. Schena

So if you take the first three lines that were just discussed from the estimated amount available the number is \$342,179.95.

Alderman Caron

So I know all of these agencies are worthy and we certainly want to do what we can but when you look at an agency that wants \$250,000.00 or \$330,000.00 that is basically all the money we have. So I think we really have to look at some of these smaller agencies and maybe give them partial to some of the other ones. Now this new program for rehab and Ms. Schena talking about it isn't a lot of calls for help, maybe we could start that off a little bit slower, instead of the \$61,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

Are you making a recommendation?

Alderman Caron

Yes I will, that we allocate to that new reprogram \$30,000.00, ok?

Ms. Schena

So the Housing Rehab that we talked about including the grant funding, that would be under the line that has the request for \$75,000.00 – the owner occupied housing rehab program. And then the line under that, sorry these didn't print to separate so it's hard to read but the, which was a new one that I spoke about last time, the \$61,784.00, those are funds that we have remaining in older rehab pots that we talked about potentially initiated a rental rehab this year, doing it as a pilot. That would be for properties that are not owner occupied but are occupied by low income households. So one is for an owner occupied and the other is to reprogram old funds to a rental rehab just to be clear.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

So I just wanted to clarify then, the new program the rental rehab pilot, that is \$61,000.00 plus, it is money that we've already got. So funding that is not impacting the \$342,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

Yes it does, they put it there because it kind of fit but we can do what we want with that \$61,000.00, not that I don't think we should put some there obviously.

Ms. Schena

So the \$61,000.00 is available and you could add to that to the \$342,000.00 if you wanted. The way that it was presented in the Memo last month it was just like a net effect, because it was talking about to re-program older funds. That money is currently programmed for owner occupied housing rehab. It could continue to stay there, we could continue to spend it down until it is depleted, it could be reprogrammed as presented to rental rehab or it could be reprogrammed to something else.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

So that money then is represented in the \$342,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

No.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

That's what I thought I heard but I thought you said yes it is. It's not ok.

Alderman Caron

So basically we could leave that alone and not worry about the \$342,000.00. Right so we could work from the other columns up above to make the changes because that \$61,000.00 we already have it's just something you can add to.

Chairman Wilshire

No we can use that for anything they are just proposing that we use it for the rehab. So we could put part of it in the rental rehab, part of it in the homeowner rehab or we could part of it somewhere else.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

So we could say let's make that \$50,000.00 and put the other \$11,000.00 somewhere else.

Chairman Wilshire

We could do whatever you like.

Alderman Caron

My motion was okay it was just taking out and making it a \$30,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

So is that what you want to do, you want to make that \$30,000.00.

Alderman Caron

Yeah because then we could use it someplace else, that's what I was

Chairman Wilshire

So you want to make that in a form of a motion.

Chairman Caron

I'll make that a motion that the rental rehab pilot reprogram be reduced to \$30,000.00.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON THAT THE RENTAL REHAB REPROGRAM BE REDUCED TO \$30,000.00.

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Wilshire

What about the owner occupied rehab? They are both good programs.

Alderman Lopez

Use the same fund for both.

Chairman Wilshire

I don't know if we can. I think it's better keeping them separately. Cleaner.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I have a question. Carrie, what is the use of this funding do we always have a lot left over, is this adequate for both the, well what we think might happen with rental rehab but how about housing rehab since the rental is new? Or have we had a lot of requests for rental rehab and so we anticipate that we could average \$25,000.00 next year if we had this program in effect.

Ms. Schena

So yes that's a two part question. The owner occupied rehab I know when I started 10 years ago that was funded at about \$175,000.00 and you know it kind of came down. Part of the reason it didn't, I don't want to say it didn't, the need wasn't there, the need has always been there. When the housing market was booming and people were refinancing we were getting a lot of programming coming back because people were taking cash out or selling their property. That has really started to dry up so now we are started to rely a little bit more on that base amount of the \$75,000.00.

The \$61,000.00 is because we received a lot of program income in that particular year, it is two fiscal years ago. So we didn't end up, I mean we depleted as much of the initial as we could but again because so much program income came back, that's really hard to estimate, we are kind of, you know the market is kind of going up again. So we never know if we are going to get a big year with loans repaid or a year with no loans repaid. I will say this current fiscal year the amount of program income that we estimated was \$40,000.00 and we have about 4 months left in the fiscal year and we just hit that \$40,000.00 target. That money is already allocated to other activities. So now any loan that gets repaid between now and the end of the fiscal year would go back to the housing rehab program. So I feel like this is a year where it has been a little bit slower and we are not going to see as much of a boost.

I know I am not really giving you an answer because it's a roll of the dice on what we get back from the \$75,000.00 if we end up depleting the whole thing or not. Regarding the rental rehab, we do have a lot of

requests for that, we have property owners who often, we have a lead paint program that does enroll investment owners and a lot of those owners reach out to us about other needs that they have at the property wondering if we have a program that they can work on and I talked a bit about this last time where they are not charging high rents because they are renting to very low income people so they don't have as much cash flow or capital as some other properties do. I think \$30,000.00 as a pilot program we are not sure what the demand is going to be, I can say we have had a lot of interest, I feel like there will be a high demand on the rental rehab program and \$30,000.00 do 2 to 3 units or properties depending on what they need. I mean a roof could be \$25,000.00 or \$27,000.00 just itself. If we do that program, we are asking that the landlords match the cost of the funding to a degree so I think \$30,000.00 wouldn't give us a real sense to do a lot of work on that realm and then the other thing is that working with Code Enforcement who deals primarily with rental, they often are also looking to us to say – you know what do we have, what can we do to help these properties.

Chairman Wilshire

One of the things we had talked about was the application for the roof, the landlord that came in for an application for the roof would possibly come out of the rehab money and that \$27,000.00 just for the roof.

Alderman Caron

I would like to leave it at that at the moment. I mean I don't have any problems going back and revisiting that number as we move along, I think we need somewhere to start because if we don't we are going to be here debating. We haven't even got to the big pieces. So if you don't mind Madam Chair give me the option to change it back as we look where our numbers are? Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok.

Alderman Lopez

I'm not really enthusiastic about the roof or the Court Street Theatre. As much as I want to see that project succeed, I thought we had a presentation from the Mayor saying that he had an infrastructure fund that he was looking at using for that purpose. So I feel like given all the needs here, that's a pretty big ask for one project that would basically take from a bunch of other projects.

Chairman Wilshire

It is a big ask the Mayor did ask if we could do something towards that roof. I don't know if it is on capital improvements somewhere or if it will ever get funded there

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

It did go to capital improvements, I'm not sure if we are going to see it in the budget or not because there, as we all know are many things that come to capital improvements and have been there year after year.

Ms. Schena

Just a quick note on that because I checked in with the Economic Development Director earlier today knowing this was coming up and he that it is only about half the cost was put into Capital Improvements so they know they still have to find the other half somewhere even if that half is funded, so I was asked to convey that. The total cost of the roof is I believe is around \$500,000.00. I think there is a quote. There should be a quote attached in there.

Chairman Wilshire

Let's go through the rest of these and see what we want to do with them. The first three, the Public Services, the UPD and UPD Administration those are all kind of set. Ok so Boys & Girls Club Parking Lot drainage, they are requesting \$80,000.00. When the Director was here he said – I know there are a lot of other projects that need this money.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

He actually does that every year, last year he did the same thing.

Chairman Wilshire

He does ask every year, that's why. Do we not want to do anything with that, how about E for All Micro Enterprise? They were before us a few months ago and we are probably still quite familiar with what the ask was. They are here again tonight if anyone has any questions. I didn't want to put you on the spot but I might.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I don't remember, I remember we had the presentation and we voted on it but I don't remember the figures at that time?

Chairman Wilshire

\$70,000.00.

Alderman Lopez

That was from the prior CDBG left overs though and we kind of knew and discussed thoroughly this is in a contract, do you not want to water your own plants.

Chairman Wilshire

I mean I think it does good things, putting people to work and you know putting small businesses here in the community and getting things rolling and moving.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I think we all were in agreement as well with that. I'll make a motion that we E For All MicroEnterprise receive the \$40,000.00.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT FOR \$40,000.00 FOR E FOR ALL MICROENTERPRISE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Caron

I have to agree if this can get us young entrepreneurs to come out and work this just adds to the economy not that the rest are not important, but I think if we can start that up and we get two or three businesses going in the next year I think that's a boost for us as well as the people that would be starting that program. So I have no problem with that \$40,000.00.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Yes I have no problem with the \$40 I just want to clarify my understanding is that this is \$40 for this year and then there will be a request for \$40 for next year so this is a two-part, because in what was presented to us the total amount is \$80. Is that correct? I just wanted to make sure.

Ms. Schena

They initially were looking for \$150,000.00 over three years to really embed the program and launch it so the \$70,000.00 was done with reprogrammed funds and then the request they put in this year was for a total of \$80 but \$40 over two years.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Ok that's what I thought, thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

With the decrease in CDBG I don't, we haven't been doing the multi-year things but it is up to the Committee, I don't know how you feel about that.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I'm comfortable with it because it is not like we are looking at \$150,000.00 across two years. I'm comfortable with the \$40.

Chairman Wilshire

You are comfortable committing next year.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Next year's 40, yeah. I am comfortable with that.

Alderman Lopez

See I am comfortable committing this year's funds and the amount we already did, next year I am going to haggle like crazy but if they don't even get the first 2 years they are not going to start.

Chairman Wilshire

So the motion before us is to recommend \$40,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

Next we have Nashua Children's Home windows on Concord Street which I cannot discuss with you, it's up to you. Ok seeing nothing, we will go to PAL Fire Safety Related Improvements.

Alderman Lopez

Maybe Alderman Melizzi-Golja knows specifically what improvements you're looking at? Like is it, first of all is it the Chestnut Street, I mean is it the Ash Street PAL or is the one across the street here?

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I believe it all Ash Street. Yes Youth Save Haven. Yes it is all Ash Street. Fire doors, fire alarms and the updating of the sprinkler system, didn't we hear part of that last year.

Alderman Lopez

This seems very familiar.

Chairman Wilshire

Didn't he say it wasn't covered?

Ms. Schena

The scale was less a couple of years ago and on paper it appeared to be, again that maintenance category versus rehab when the director came in and spoke on it I believe we were actually mid-meeting and I felt based on that description it then kind of jumped into the rehab category. But they ended up finding somebody to do what was needed. These are the items that are remaining and from our project administrator, did go visit this site just to get a sense of that, to answer that question of whether this really is just maintaining the sprinkler system or if it is more than that. It is more than that, it's that they have to extend, there are areas that are not sprinklered, so they need to extend the system as a whole and then there are other upgrades required to meet code which that is broken down in the quote. But in addition as Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja said it is also fire doors and some other safety things, adding hand rails and things like that and fire egress. So it is a little bit of construction work as well as the fire suppression.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

And I'm looking, the one thing I forgot was updating their fire alarm panel, so their master panel is also included in this.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok do we want to move down the line one more? Soup Kitchen, Asbestos Abatement.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I just have a question and probably to Alderman Caron. Last year when I attended several of the meetings and you guys kind of went through looking at everything that was presented I thought at the end of all of that, you guys gave recommendations? Am I remembering correctly, no? You didn't give recommendations?

Alderman Caron

No because this doesn't have anything to do with the other project. You are talking about the CAC?

Chairman Wilshire

You are talking about community grants. That's not, this is not CAC.

Alderman Caron

Totally separate.

Chairman Wilshire

This is bricks and mortar. The Community grants are operations, so operating money. Program money.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Another question, oh ok, program money. So this would never appear, ok, thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Soup Kitchen Asbestos Abatement \$330,550.00.

Alderman Lopez

Is this for the building they are keeping, the building they are building or the building they are getting rid of?

Chairman Wilshire

It's for the new building. That's pretty much all the money we have to give out.

Alderman Lopez

I'm pretty reluctant. I just want to understand what we could do.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Yes I just want to make sure I'm looking at this correctly and Ms. Schena if you could just confirm for me, I am looking at their proposed budget and where funds are coming from. There is the \$330,550.00 they are requesting from us and there are no other funds that they are seeking to complete this project, is that correct?

Ms. Schena

That is my understanding is that they applied for CDBG to cover the asbestos, the entire abatement piece I mean there are obviously other costs associated with that building but for the asbestos portion.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Just to kind of give us something to play around with again, just put a placeholder in there, I am going to make a recommendation to fund that at \$100,000.00 and again just to put a placeholder in there and see where we fall and what we end up with.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO FUND \$100,000.00 TOWARDS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

I favor that too because I think this is a major project coming down the line, I don't know what all their funding sources are, but there are a lot of other agencies that work in partnership that would benefit from having a larger capacity for families that are homeless.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

And just to make another comment, if they are going out looking for other funds I think the fact that the City says we'll give you something at least sends a signal to other funding sources. But again in light of their request that they aren't looking for any other funding, and in looking at what we have or don't have, I'd like to right now put that in there and then we can adjust as need be.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok the motion before us is to allocate \$100,000 to the Soup Kitchen. Discussion on that?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I actually had put \$75,000.00 but I am willing for the \$100,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

Opportunity Networks.

Alderman Lopez

Well to clarify can Opportunity Networks benefit from partial funding?

Ms. Schena

Before the discussion got too deep I wanted to point out that their application total amount, the \$82,453.00 we needed to deduct out the cost of the flooring which I was just breaking their numbers apart, would bring their request, because the flooring was ineligible, so that would bring their request to \$52,295.00 and then that would address the bathroom ADA, the rehab for the bathroom and ADA doors.

Chairman Wilshire

So what was the amount not allowed on, how much was the flooring?

Ms. Schena

\$24,929.00 was the flooring cost based on their narrative.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

And that's not allowed? So the new amount you have is \$52,295.

Alderman Lopez

So I guess I am in favor of awarding the \$52,295.00 because that is the counterpoint to the entrepreneur initiative is making sure people can start their own small businesses but also making sure that people who are currently receiving disability and are not able to participate in competitive employment unassisted, this helps them do that, like having to go to a job center and work on their daily living skills, work on their interactions with others, it's a little difficult if they can't go to the bathroom.

Chairman Wilshire

I guess the question also was could they do partial?

Alderman Lopez

That was my question but then the flooring got taken out so it made it easier for me so apparently they can and have to.

Alderman Caron

Just a question maybe my brain is not working where is this located in Amherst? It gives an agency address of Coldwell Drive in Amherst.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

That's not where they are located.

Alderman Lopez

It's Perimeter Road if I remember right over by Daniel Webster.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Alright thank you.

Alderman Caron

I had the same question when I looked at it the first time.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I'd like to offer a different amount, maybe \$40,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok is that a motion?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Yes.

**MOTION TO FUND OPPORTUNITY NETWORK AT \$40,000.00
MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Wilshire

Plus Company HVAC Units, \$77,5.

Alderman Lopez

Is that for their main building or like apartments or something?

Chairman Wilshire

I believe it is their facility on 19 Chestnut? Is it Carrie? They own that building correct.

Ms. Schena

Yes I believe they do. It appears that it is 5 units.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

It's for 5 units.

Chairman Wilshire

Well that was the one they said once they get the ... they are not dead units but once they get crane out there it costs more to get the crane than it does.

Alderman Lopez

Oh yeah that's a really difficult building.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I'm comfortable holding this right now and just looking at what else we might do with other things and come back and that's my recommendation unless someone has a number in mind and I am more than willing to engage in that discussion.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok we will move on to the next line which is Dan Steven's roof. \$27,660.00. That was one of the things I was hoping that we could fund under the rental rehab pilot program, but that is the only thing we'd be able to fund from there.

Alderman Caron

Oh so you're thinking moving that from a position all its own but to come out of the \$61,000.00. I have no problem with putting that money back if that's what we would utilize it for and that would kind of give us the money the other way. Just keep the rehab program at \$30 and give Stevens the full amount.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I would just to keep it neat, so we are not looking at all these different little programs and I think also in terms of looking at this rental rehab and having a cleaner picture of what we are doing, I would say whatever

amount we think we would like to give Mr. Stevens for his roof, we make sure that the rental rehab is funded to cover that as well as have additional funds for other projects.

Alderman Caron

That's what I said.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

No I am agreeing with you but I think we should do it just to keep it clean rather than doing it the other way.

Chairman Wilshire

I agree with that.

Alderman Lopez

Can I ask Ms. Schena if that creates or removes any barriers in particular? Because I believe with the rehab program we still have to come up with like how to do it?

Chairman Wilshire

What do you mean how to do it?

Alderman Lopez

So right now he's applied directly to CDBG and we would approve it and say these are your restrictions go for it but this new program that we are proposing hasn't fully been developed yet, we are still talking about creating riders for income limits and is it going to happen. Like would doing it as a separate item, make any difference compared to putting it into a larger program.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

And I would add to that I think what you are also saying in terms of the timeliness of our ability to meet his needs. Like do we still have to develop criteria that would slow him down.

Alderman Lopez

I mean it is HUD. Is the house still going to be there.

Chairman Wilshire

But it is also March and we probably won't get these funds until August or September anyway.

Ms. Schena

So the rental rehab program that was proposed again that was using prior year funds so as soon as the Resolution were to be approved we actually already have that money so we could act rather quickly on that. So the timing piece of it is at least is not like the FY20 money.

Chairman Wilshire

What the issue is is that it would take that whole pot of money.

Ms. Schena

As it stands right now yes. And to answer Alderman Lopez's questions, there was an inclusion you know giving a basic description of what this program would look like, and again like anything, like the owner program it is up for discussion, what we proposed it would also be a 0% deferred payment loan for properties of one to eight units. We talked about not wanting to do large scale rental properties and still kind of keep it to the mom and pop owners. Properties do have to be occupied by eligible tenants which would be the same no matter which pot he was funded under. And then we were going to put in that owners would have to provide a 10% match to the total project cost. And we were capping, we suggested capping it at \$20,000.00 for one unit plus 5 for each additional. On the owner rehab program caps it at \$40,000.00 for one unit plus 5 additional so we just wanted to scale it back again just to be able to do a little more. So we did kind of already put some parameters to it. And then the structure as far as rolling it out would basically follow our existing rehab and let program as far as how we bid it out through that process.

Chairman Wilshire

The rules would be the same there are just a few things he'd have to tweak for that program itself.

Alderman Lopez

Well there's a 10% match that was just mentioned too so if we put \$27,660.00 – 10% into the program the benefit would be this item is met faster and it also costs us slightly less. So can I motion that we do that?

Chairman Wilshire

You're not on the Committee. Government doesn't always work that great.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Alderman Lopez what was your motion, make my motion for me Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

\$27,660.00 be re-added to the rental assistance program that is piloted minus 10%.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

\$27,660.00 minus 10% be re-added back to the \$30,000.00.

Ms. Schena

You know people have said never do math in public and every time I'm at this Committee....

Chairman Wilshire

We always ask you to do math.

Ms. Schena

\$24,894.00 which is basically 90% of the request.

Chairman Wilshire

So we would add that to the \$30,000.00 so \$54,894. On the rental rehab pilot program. Ok.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

That my motion.

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO ?
MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Wilshire

Ok we are going to go back up because we didn't do anything to Boys & Girls Club; Children's Home or PAL or Youth Council.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

Carrie I haven't been doing math over here, how do you have that we have left?

Ms. Schena

So noting that the rental rehab right now we were not including that in the bottom line number so with what has been discussed was \$162,179. And change.

Chairman Wilshire

That's what we have left to allocate?

Ms. Schena

I believe it was \$40,000.00 E for ALL; \$100,000.00 Soup Kitchen; \$40,000.00 for Opportunity Networks.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

And then we have like not quite \$5,000.00 from the rental rehab program we could maybe consider allocating.

Ms. Schena

\$6,890.00.

Chairman Wilshire

So we need to make some decisions. Ok the Public Service we have already done, \$98,700.00; Boys & Girls Club Parking Lot drainage. No? We'll put a 0 there now. So we have the Children's Home, we have PAL and the Youth Council and the Owner Occupied Rehab, we haven't made any motions on that. The request was 75.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

Yes I am going to recommend Boys & Girls Club for \$50,000.00. I know, but I'd rather we have stuff left that we want to disburse.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok the motion is to add \$50,000.00 to the Boys & Girls Club.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

Not add, to reduce it from \$80,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

That's what I meant.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO ALLOCATE \$50,000.00 TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Caron

So I don't mind giving them something but I think \$50,000.00 is way too much. I think they will come up with the funding to take care of that so you know.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

Would you like to amend my motion?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I would like to amend it to \$20,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

The motion before us is to recommend \$20,000.00.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO AMEND MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$20,000.00 FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PARKING LOT DRAINAGE ISSUE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

I just want to observe that with very limited funding and these particular issues being presented, it would be a good idea what we can do with the money we have that saves more money for the receiving agency so for example, if it is an energy efficiency thing or it is going to reduce operating costs for utilities, there's another impact versus I mean see a parking lot drainage as a pretty static issue.

Chairman Wilshire

I agree I mean we have heating, we have roofs, we have windows, we have fire safety and parking lot drainage. It seems like we have more basic things.

Alderman Lopez

Some of these things could have a pronounced impact on utility costs or they might enable an agency which is planning to do work to do more work.

Chairman Wilshire

Do we want to vote on the motion? The motion is for \$20,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

Okay Children's Home windows.

Alderman Caron

So I'll make a recommendation for \$25,000.00.00 for the Children's Home.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR \$25,000.00 FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Chairman Wilshire

I won't be voting, discussion on that motion?

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Caron

Just to get the ball rolling as Alderman Melizzi-Golja said we can see what is left over and we can certainly spread it out a little bit more I think what is really difficult is these \$100,000.00 requests when we don't have that kind of money it's not like we don't want to give them anything but that's \$70,000.00, \$80,000.00 – that's a lot of money when you look at the number of agencies that are looking for something so I'd rather give a little and maybe look at what we might have left over.

Alderman Lopez

Given the flexibility that is in place at the local level that Ms. Schena mentioned, would it be an idea for next year to put in a limit that you can't apply for a project that's more than \$75,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

What do you think Carrie? Certainly when we have \$340,000.00 to allocate and one request is \$330,000.00.

OVERLAPPING DISCUSSION

Chairman Wilshire

I get that they need it, it's just a lot of money when the HUD funds keep shrinking.

Ms. Schena

Again we do have the flexibility to add that restriction, I don't know that we would want to in the event that say something is \$100,000.00 and that little extra bit would get them over the edge to do the project. I'm just thinking a few years back we did the retaining wall at the adult learning center and that initially was a pretty large cost, but I think it was funded around \$90,000.00 which again was a significant chunk that year but you know the other piece of it, although it's only happened I think once in the 10 years I've been doing this, this year is we don't know what the requests will be from year to year. So we had a year once where we actually didn't have, we had more money to give out than we had requests. So I would just be afraid to restrict it and then be in that position again where we have to re do the requests for proposals or something like that. But I fully understand the intent.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok the motion is to recommend \$25,000.00 for windows at the Children's Home. Further discussion on that

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Schena

I'm sorry, I was doing different math what was the amount right now for the parking lot?

Chairman Wilshire

\$20,000.00. PAL Fire Safety Improvements.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I'll make a motion for \$15,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

The motion before us is to recommend \$15,000.00 for Fire Safety Improvements at PAL.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO ALLOCATE \$15,000.00 FOR FIRE IMPROVEMENTS AT PAL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

They can get doors.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

PLUS Company, HVAC units.

Alderman Lopez

It's kind of like hot or cold.

Alderman Caron

I'm going to skip here, but the Court Street roof I think should get \$0 at this point in time. I don't mean to be mean but you know as I've said before we don't always maintain our facilities after we get them and then we have issues down the road. So I'd rather see us hold that and if we have something put aside, but if this is a \$500,000.00 project, no matter what we give, isn't going to be enough to get this done. So and at least that moves it a little bit so we can concentrate on this.

Chairman Wilshire

So you are making a motion to fund Court Street Roof at \$0.

Alderman Caron

Right.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO FUND COURT STREET ROOF AT \$0.00
ON THE QUESTION**

Chairman Wilshire

Discussion on that motion?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Can I just say can we wait til we get there. We are going straight down right?

Chairman Wilshire

Well sometimes you have to jump around because that's where the money goes. Sorry. So the motion is 0 for Court Street roof, further discussion on that motion.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I'm comfortable with that right now. I mean I'm looking at the other things we have left.

Chairman Wilshire

We have not done anything with the owner occupied housing rehab. That request was \$75,000.00 and it is such a good program.

Alderman Caron

Isn't that separate though Carrie?

Chairman Wilshire

Yes it is separate from the rental, this is the owner occupied. We've been funding this every year for decades.

Alderman Caron

But it's not part of that \$300,000.00.

Ms. Schena

The \$75,000.00 would be part of, when we started with the \$342 – the \$75 would need to come out of that, that's this year's money.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

And I just want to verify right now I am looking at we have \$117,179.95?

Ms. Schena

And PAL was \$15,000.00.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Oh and minus \$15, right so it's \$102. Ok. We need to vote on Court Street, we were having that discussion?

Chairman Wilshire

Yes Court Street was recommended at \$0. Further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

City of Nashua Owner Occupied Housing Rehab, there is a request for \$75,000.00.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I just want to clarify the only things we have not made a motion on yet in terms of funding at whatever level is PLUS Company at \$77,5 and Youth Counsel at \$57,8, correct?

Chairman Wilshire

Housing Rehab.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Right I mean in addition to that the only two other things, ok and we are at \$102,179.95.

Alderman Caron

Ok I'm not making a motion I have a question to Ms. Schena. Last year we had this program, did we use the total funding that we had applied for that project?

Ms. Schena

For this current Fiscal Year?

Alderman Caron

Mm-hmm.

Ms. Schena

I don't know if I have that with me but I know that we've had a steady flow this year where the projects have been decent amounts so I feel like we are a good way into the \$75. We are kind of out of the heating season now but now it will be the roofs. Let me see if I have that, I have some year to dates with me but not all of them. So I do actually have that, right now we have a remaining amount of \$38,125.00. from the original \$75,000.00. So we are pretty much on target

Alderman Caron

Do you think we will utilize that \$38,000.00 give or take?

Ms. Schena

I do, yes I think between now and the end of July we could do that and a lot of times we are conservative during the winter because we want to make sure we have money if any heating and plumbing comes in and then once we get to this point where we are nearing springtime we might go back and re-visit some of the projects that we kind of said this isn't as critical but you know we will do those at that time.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok Youth Council Heating System and Court Street we already voted on. Owner Occupied Housing Rehab. Recommendations?

Ms. Schena

I just wanted to double check because I was noticing on the Memo where it says heat system carpet ineligible and I wanted to just double check that figure so looking at the narrative in their application the \$57,806.00 is the their total request. So we back out a carpeting out of that that brings it down to \$39,246.00.

Alderman Caron

And that's Youth Council.

Ms. Schena

Yes.

Chairman Wilshire

So that \$57,806.00 should be changed to \$39,246.00.

Ms. Schena

I'll do that different next year.

Chairman Wilshire

Did we already vote on Dan Stevens roof?

Alderman Lopez

Yes.

Chairman Wilshire

Because it is going into the other pot, ok, just want to make sure.

Chairman Caron

That was all in my motion...

Chairman Wilshire

Minus 10%. Ok we are getting there we just need a couple more.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Ms. Schena, I'm kind of like playing with the numbers here. If we kept let's see, if we kept the owner occupied rehab at \$75,000.00 that would give us like \$27, plus the \$4,000 whatever that we didn't allocate to the rental rehab program when we made that motion. So I'm looking at we have a little over \$31,000.00.

Ms. Schena

So I have the difference between the Rental Rehab being \$6,890.00 and change, we can just leave the change in the Rental Rehab Program if you want or put it in contingency at the end. So the initial request was \$61,784.00 and then it was voted to be funded at \$54,894.00.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Oh ok I thought it was funded at more, so it's \$6,000.00 we have left.

Ms. Schena

\$6,890.00.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Ok so we have like \$33,000.00, \$34,000.00 somewhere in that area.

Ms. Schena

\$34,069.00 if you, as you said, funded \$75,000.00 to owner rehab and then added the \$6,890.00 to the pot.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

So \$34,069.95.

Chairman Wilshire

You've lost me, I don't know where you are at.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

I was looking at the amount we had for the Rental Rehab that \$61, we put the roof for Mr. Stevens in and adjusted it by 10% and we took the amount for Mr. Steven's roof adjusted it by 10% and added it to the \$30,000.00 of Alderman Caron's motion. When you compare that amount with what was originally in here, the \$61,784.89 we have an additional \$6,890.00 left from that line that we could move around.

Ms. Schena

And .89 cents

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

And .89 cents, yes I'm sorry. So if we combine that with everything else that we have left we have \$34,069.95 with these two remaining projects.

Chairman Wilshire

What about the Housing Rehab?

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

I looked at that as being funded fully I mean in my mind I was looking at that listing too

Ms. Caron

So you are talking we have about \$35,000.00 for two projects.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

For two projects if we fund Housing.

Chairman Wilshire

If we decide to fund them both or we decide to bump one up, one down.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

Or move some other things around, I was just trying to see where we were coming in here if we wanted to fund the Owner Occupied Housing Rehab at the \$75,000.00 what that would give us to play with, because it sounds like we really do use that full amount.

Ms. Schena

In a typical year we do.

Chairman Wilshire

Is that your motion.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

Yes, I'll just move to fund owner occupied housing rehab at the full amount requested, the \$75,000.00.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO FUND OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB AT \$75,000.00
MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

So this is where you are saying that we have \$34,069.00 left.

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

And .95 cents I think, Carrie says.

Alderman Caron

Yes, \$34,059.95.

Ms. Schena

So if the balance of the prior year funds that was initially requested for Rental Rehab, that balance is \$6,890.89, if that gets added to the existing bottom line number that we are at right now, that's \$34,070.84. There was .95 cents in the initial pot that we kind of just ignored.

Alderman Lopez

My 10% is not responsible for this.

Chairman Wilshire

What is the Committee's pleasure here?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

We still haven't given anything to Youth Council and PLUS Company correct?

Alderman Lopez

Just to point out that given the nature of the repair at the PLUS Company it doesn't seem like they'd be able to do it with less than at least 2/3 funding which you don't have. So it looks to me like either you have a project you can do and one you can't or you have to start going back over the ones and mining them again.

Chairman Wilshire

So I guess what you're saying is like we give \$100,000.00 to the Soup Kitchen which won't get their job done but we can't give enough to the PLUS Company, yeah, I mean if we move that there, we could get a job done.

Alderman Lopez

You could reduce more from the Soup Kitchen, that's what I mean by mining. You can go back over this but you'd need a lot more.

Alderman Caron

Because basically you have enough, I mean you could just take some money away to give the Youth Council their what is it \$39,246.00 for their rehab. You could take some of the money from the Soup Kitchen's \$100,000.00. I agree with Alderman Lopez; PLUS Company you know they need to get that done as a whole, otherwise, it is going to cost them more to rent the equipment to move those units on the roof and we just don't have that funding, I don't know how we would do that without really

Chairman Wilshire

Is that your motion?

Alderman Caron

Well I've got to figure out where we would get the other, what is it, \$5,000.00 to fund the Youth Council fully.

Chairman Wilshire

Are you talking about Youth Council or PLUS Company.

Alderman Caron

Well the Youth Council is at ...

Chairman Wilshire

The Heating System.

Alderman Caron

... heat system is at \$39,246.00.

Alderman Lopez

Just to clarify, the difference between like \$4,000.00 to see a project through versus like \$50,000.00 is what I was pointing out, so even if you can't find every penny to match the Youth Council entirely, they could probably do the project; where the PLUS Company needs a lot more.

Alderman Caron

Yes they do.

Alderman Lopez

I mean you've got \$20,000.00 in a parking lot.

Alderman Caron

So I'll make a motion for the Youth Council to get \$30,000.00 for its project.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO ALLOCATE \$30,000.00 TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL FOR A HEATING SYSTEM

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I'm sorry, so \$30,000.00 to Youth Council and we are then basically saying we have \$4,000.00 left?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I'd like to recommend that we take \$25,000.00 from the Soup Kitchen and add that to the \$4,000 something that's left and give it to the PLUS Company. Right now we are funding the Soup Kitchen at \$100,000.00 I am recommending, \$75,000.00 and the \$25,000.00 that it goes to the PLUS Company with the \$4,000 that's left over, \$4,784.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

We already have Alderman Caron's motion on the floor so, no, no I like where you are going, I think we are trying to lay out a path here that we can make this puzzle work. So the motion that is on the floor is Youth Council for \$30,000.00. So I will support that.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wilshire

Ok and your motion is to deduct from the Soup Kitchen \$25,000.00 and for PLUS Company and add the \$4,000.00 and change?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Yes

Chairman Wilshire

So it would be \$29,0000 I don't know.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

29,070.84.

Chairman Wilshire

But there again that's \$29,000.00 is not going to get their HVAC, the crane to get those five units on the roof.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I agree I think that would help, I'm sure there is additional ways of funding.

Chairman Wilshire

Well we've got parking lot drainage. It wasn't really on the top of the our list.

Alderman Lopez

Do ¼ of the parking lot.

Chairman Wilshire

I mean they are not going to be able to do much with \$20,000.00 or \$75,000.00 for the Soup Kitchen asbestos. So ...

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I sort of look at it as this isn't the only means of them to get something done, but we are giving them something to help, you know, and maybe the next person or whoever else they are looking to get monies from that you know might be combination of three or four different groups or whatever, grants or whatever they are getting. I don't think we are just the sole funder for these things here.

Chairman Wilshire

So where are we at, are we spent?

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

We haven't voted on the motion to reduce the Soup Kitchen by \$25,000.00.

Chairman Wilshire

And then to add \$29,070.84 to the PLUS Company. Further discussion on that motion?

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO REDUCE ALLOCATION TO THE SOUP KITCHEN TO \$75,000.00 AND ADD \$29,070.84 TO THE PLUS COMPANY.
MOTION CARRIED**

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Ok I have another motion. I am going to move to reduce the Youth Council by \$5,000.00 and increase PLUS Company by \$5,000.00. So Youth Council would become \$25,000.00 and PLUS Company would become \$34,000 plus \$70.84. Can you live with that? No? I can withdraw my motion.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok so I put that in there, we were at \$30,000.00 for PLUS Company?

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

We were at \$29,070.84.

Chairman Wilshire

Where does that leave us?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

\$0.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I hope you have this all written down.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I circled it so I think I got it.

Chairman Wilshire

So that leaves us \$0 for contingency, I'm just saying.

Alderman Caron

That's not good.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Usually we have like \$10?

Chairman Wilshire

So somewhere between \$5 and \$10 is good.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I was going to say \$8.

Ms. Schena

I was thinking hopefully we will have final numbers, there's a possibility we will actually have our allocation numbers by the time the resolution comes back in April. When I was watching this go down with nothing going to contingency, that's what I was thinking is when it comes back and we actually have a real number to work on that might be a good time and we can still have it as a placeholder and the resolution by finalize it when it comes before the committee.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I'm going to write 8% in my notes so I don't forget.

Chairman Wilshire

Ok, well I think....

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

My motion wasn't voted on and Alderman Caron is going to ask me to withdraw it I think.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO MOVE YOUTH COUNCIL TO \$25,000.00 AND ADD \$5,000.00 TO PLUS COMPANY FOR \$34,070.84.

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Caron

So I have no problem with reducing the Youth Council to \$25,000.00 I just don't think adding that \$5,000.00 into the HVAC units is really going to help them. I would rather see us put it into PAL and make them \$20,000.00, my concern is fire issues, you know, to get that upgraded I think is important. So I don't have a problem with that

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

You would like me to amend my motion so it reads Youth Council \$25,000.00 and PAL \$20,000.00 and keep PLUS Company as it is, \$29,070.84.

Alderman Caron

Right.

Chairman Wilshire

That's your motion?

Alderman Melizzi-Golja

That's my amended motion, yes.

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$25,000.00 TO YOUTH COUNCIL; \$20,000.00 TO PAL; AND KEEP PLUS COMPANY'S ALLOCATION AT \$29,070.84.
MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Caron

So Carrie because we have not put the contingency in we really have to think about that for when you give us those numbers again in April so that we know where we might have to take some of this money, because you are right, we need to have at least \$5,000.00 as a placeholder. So I think we need to think about that as a whole, although I appreciate all these agencies, some of this money it makes it very difficult for this Committee to make some hard decisions for what is needed because everything is needed obviously.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

The Opportunity Networks that we gave \$40,000.00 I would be willing to make that \$35,000.00 and take \$5,000.00 and put it in contingency. Can I do that.

Chairman Wilshire

You can do that if you want. We just added money back there but you can do that.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I thought you said it is important that we have something there.

Chairman Wilshire

Well it is but what Carrie is saying that it may be between now and the time this resolution comes back to us, this isn't final, she may have some program income that we can plug in.

Chairman Caron

It's not a bad idea so I would keep that in the back of your mind for the next time

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Ok.

Chairman Wilshire

I mean we are going to be going over this a few more times anyway.

Ms. Schena

Madam Chair if I could just bring up also since the resolution will be crafted after this, the HOME funding, just to address that, it wasn't in the communication last month but even though nationally it looks like the HOME Program may take a reduction for planning purposes, we have already sorted budgeted at level funding from last year. So we were just projecting, rounding it off from what we received last year to be \$398,000.00 as a total grant. The line items that we typically fund under that is a 10% admin cap; there's a 15% requirement that goes to the CHODO organizations, Community, Housing Development Organizations and then generally the balance just goes to affordable housing development, which those applications are taken on a rolling basis. So just didn't want to adjourn tonight without remember our little HOME Program. Did you want to vote on that?

Chairman Wilshire

On the HOME funds, the \$398,000.00?

Ms. Schena

That breakdown so it can go into the resolution.

Chairman Wilshire

So the HOME Entitlement is the \$398,000.00 and you said something about 15% for CHODO?

Ms. Schena

That's mandatory and 10% for admin costs. And then the balance goes into affordable housing development as a lump sum.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO FUND THE HOME PROGRAM THROUGH THIS RESOLUTION
MOTION CARRIED**

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

So is a motion to table this in order? Because we are going to work on it some more?

Chairman Wilshire

We don't have a resolution.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Oh I thought we had a resolution, I was looking here and didn't see one but I thought maybe I was missing something. Thank you Carrie.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Committee Clerk