

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee**

September 19, 2016

Members: Adam Miller, Chair
Vic Pallotta
Paul Colavecchio

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 8:37 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-75

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding, with Neighborhood Development Services for costs associated with the Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation Program, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Kelli Crawford-Smith, CDBG Entitlement Administrator, stated that this piece of legislation is to increase the funding for Neighborhood Development Services from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for the 2016 Comprehensive Home Rehabilitation Program. Neighborhood Development Services provides contractual services for the Comprehensive Home Rehabilitation Program under the Community Development Block Grant. To date, in 2016, they have completed nine rehabilitation projects, have two currently under construction and four in the administrative process. NDS has the capacity and resources to complete these rehabilitation projects by the end of the year, but, in order to do so, they will need to increase funding to cover the remaining contractual services. The funding provided will cover four additional rehabilitation jobs. Ms. Crawford-Smith stated that she also added funds to cover three potential emergency jobs given inclement winter weather. They are happy with the progress that has been made this year in that 11 families have been or are currently being served by the CDBG program. They are hoping to be able to serve additional residents prior to the end of the year. When she came to present the 2016 Action Plan, NDS and the services that they provide were discussed. John Capitoni from NDS was here. In addition, Mr. Iona spent time with the folks from NDS to learn about their services and then spoke to Council about his experience there. Mr. Dave Vaughan was present to answer additional questions about the services that NDS provides.

Mrs. Pyke stated that, in looking at the budget sheet, the total estimated cost was \$75,000. Last year, the cost was \$15,450. CDBG currently has \$50,000 and is asking to go to \$75,000. Ms. Crawford-Smith stated that was correct. That would cover four additional full jobs. She is also asking for additional dollars that would be for any emergencies that would happen once the winter weather hits; for instance, if somebody would happen to have their hot water tank go out. Mrs. Pyke asked Ms. Crawford-Smith if she could send her a breakdown of the total number of people who were assisted, the homes and how much they were, so she can compare the \$15,450 to the \$75,000 total.

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Ms. Crawford-Smith stated that she would get those numbers to Mrs. Pyke. She stated that they did spend some money from last year on some of the rehab for this year, because they were started last year.

Mr. Pallotta moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-63 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.