

## MEETING RECORD

### Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting March 5, 2015

**CAC in Attendance:** Lisa Cote, Peter Flanders, Kelli Aiken Flynn, Belinda Gerry, Rob Kilgore, Larry Pelletier, Tom Poulin, Doris Russell, Theresa Smith, Judy Webber and Rick Whiting  
**Staff:** Reine Mynahan and Lori Lewis

- I. Welcome
  
- II. Budget Presentation

Reine presented the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program budget recommendations to the committee. Auburn/Lewiston has received a lead grant of \$3 million. Lewiston will be the lead agency in the application. The funds proposed in the CDBG budget include the lead grant.

Program	PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET FY 2015	Citizen Advisory Group Comments
<b>PLANNING &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>		
General Administration	\$100,000	
Project Delivery Costs/Housing	\$80,000	
Goods & Services	\$28,200	
<b>SUPPORT FAIR HOUSING &amp; INCREASE HOUSING CHOICE</b>		
Fair Housing	\$2,000	
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Small Business/Commercial Loan Program	\$80,000	
<b>PREVENT DETERIORATION OF HOUSING STOCK</b>		
Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$247,666	This amount includes funds for health and safety, curb appeal, and repairs to buildings sited by code enforcement.
Lead Testing, Clearing & Training	\$5,000	Amount is to help pay for lead testing for projects that are not part of the Lead Grant Program.
Community Concepts Inc Weatherization	\$24,900	This is for 6 Units of Poverty level to Low/Mod income families
Code Enforcement	\$81,000	Covers 1 ½ salaries, so that they can get out and look at building not just because of complaint based inspections.

<b>IMPROVE PARKS &amp; ESTABLISH COMMUNITY GARDENS</b>		
New Auburn River Trail/Parking Lot	\$35,000	Final Installment toward creating a park and the City will be applying for a grant to help cover the cost of the building of the park.
Union Street Lighting/Play Structure	\$180,000	The break down is \$130,000 for lighting and \$50,000 for play area.
Community Garden	\$20,000	Working with St. Mary's Nutrition Center. They are looking at what areas are really committed to actually use and support a garden.
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SAFER &amp; MORE WALKABLE</b>		
Sidewalk Project	\$65,636	Project will start next year, possibly connecting the area parks.
<b>SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO TRANSITION OUT OF POVERTY</b>		
Androscoggin Head Start/Family Advocacy	\$8,500	Provide social services for families enrolled in head start at Webster School
Literacy Volunteers of Androscoggin County/Adult Literacy	\$8,635	Will provide tutoring to illiterate adults and families
Auburn Police Department/Work with ME	\$33,750	Will be working with local businesses to help provide soft skills and job specific skills to 105 at-risk and homeless youth between the ages of 15-19.
Community Concepts/Bridges out of Poverty	\$9,115	Pilot program to work with 5 Auburn households seeking General Assistance, instructing them in life and work skills to help them enter the job market.
<b>PREVENT HOMELESSNESS</b>		
Safe Voices/Social Services	\$11,00	Help support workers for families that have experienced domestic violence.
Tedford Housing/Support Services for Homelessness	\$7,000	Will be used to help support a case manager for housing project in Auburn.
<b>HOME BUDGET</b>		
<b>PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION</b>		
General Administration	\$26,000	
Project Delivery Costs	\$25,000	
Goods and Services	\$2,500	
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>		
Homebuyer Assistance	\$75,000	CD Office offers credit counseling and debt management to help people prepare for home ownership.
Acquisition/Rehab 132 Hampshire St	\$0	
Special Project/Homebuyer	\$132,881	Could be used for another acquisition and rehabilitation project, or any other homebuyer project that may arise
Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$80,000	Repairs to owner-occupied properties/generally tied in with homebuyer
Security Deposits	\$18,750	Helping people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to get into an apartment.

Rental Set-Aside	\$150,000	For any projects that are successful in obtaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits in the coming year.
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Other comments/questions:

There were four public service programs that applied but not selected to receive funds. They are good programs but did not meet the conditions identified in the anti-poverty and homeless strategies.

What can be done about the mold issues—can it be part of the home inspections? At this time there is not ordinance regarding mold. It is something that could be recommended to the City Council to change for code enforcement.

Can there be more police enforcement at the crosswalks on Main Street before more people get hurt? There will be two police officers dedicated to just these issues and they are to start soon.

The Committee will be getting a bound copy of the consolidated plan when adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Lewis

Community Development Assistant