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Hybrid Public Hearing for the 2023 Annual Action Plan/Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

6/27/2023 8:00 AM | *Hybrid Public Hearing/EDAC meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Males*

Chairman Males Request for Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from 05/31/23 were approved.

Remarks from EDAC Chairman Howard Males

- Chairman Males opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public made comments.

Hybrid Public Hearing for the 2023 Annual Action Plan

- **Sylvia Parham, Grant Coordinator, Cook County Department of Planning and Development discussed the 2023 Annual Action Plan.**

Sylvia discussed:

Funding amount for Capital Improvement projects
Funding Amount for Public Service projects
Funding Amount for ESG projects
Admin/Planning funding amounts for each funding category
Total # of proposed projects for infrastructure
Total # of proposed projects for public facility
Total # of proposed projects for public service
Total # of proposed projects for planning, and microenterprise
Total # of proposed projects for ESG

Susan Campbell, Director, Cook County Department of Planning and Development discussed the

2023 Annual Action Plan. Susan discussed:

Funding amount received from HUD for HOME Projects

Types of projects the HOME allocation will fund

Importance of DPD's External Funding Partners (such as IHDA)

Amount allocated for various funding categories within the HOME fund (CHDO, Affordable Housing Development, Admin Planning).

Public Comments/Questions were made by the following participants:

Manny Flores inquired about how grant recipients are selected for Microenterprise Grants. Sylvia Parham addressed his inquiry and the requirements needed for grantees to qualify for grants.

Emilia DiMenco inquired to know if there was a shift in the requirements for grantees to qualify for funding, since last cycle. Cheryl Cooke addressed her inquiry.

Xochitl Flores mentioned how the Bureau is attempting to align their funding with DPD's funding, and continue to pursue other competitive grants.

Proposal was approved. No one opposed. Bob Tucker, Kristi DeLaurentiis, and Daryl Newell abstained.

Bureau of Economic Development Updates

- **Elizabeth Schuh, Bureau of Economic Development provided an update on the Strategic Plan and the County Roadmap. Elizabeth discussed:**

Goals (update for the next 5 years)

Timeline for completion

Existing policy and strategic documents

Definition of the Policy Roadmap

Policy priorities and goals

Vital Communities objectives

The Equity Fund Task Force and Report

Equity Fund Priorities implemented by BED

BED's strategic plan pillars and strategies

Next steps for Policy Roadmap

Manny Flores asked how the Bureau is defining small business and what role can private sector play in

collaboration. He also asked is the equity fund being used for opportunities other than cannabis. Irene Sherr and Elizabeth Schuh answered Manny's inquiries.

Kristi DeLaurentiis inquired on the level of funding for the Equity Fund. Elizabeth Schuh mentioned she will look into it and provide her an answer.

Irene Sherr, Bureau of Economic Development, provided a Small Business Update.

(Note: Prior to Irene speaking, Manny Flores provided an update on the EDAC Small Business Subcommittee)

Irene mentioned:

The EDAC Small Business Subcommittee membership

Timeline for the 2023 Source Grant

Key updates from the redesign process

Plans to have the portal open 7/20/2023

Plans to notify grant awardees in November 2023

Program eligibility

Cook County Small Business Advising Partners

Impact Goals

Engagement and Outreach Plan

Informational Items:

*Graham Grady spoke about how to reduce the digital divide via utilization of the \$1 bn opportunity from the Federal Government (funds awarded to Illinois).

Adjournment

- Chairman Males called for a motion to adjourn the Hybrid Public Hearing/EDAC Meeting. The Hybrid Public Hearing/EDAC meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Attendance

- Howard Males (Chairman)
- Pam McDonough (Vice Chair)
- Andrew Geer (EDAC Member)
- Grady Graham (EDAC Member)
- Jennifer Killen (EDAC Member)
- Emilia DiMenco (EDAC Member)
- Daryl Newell (EDAC Member)
- Xochitl Flores
- Jessica Caffrey (EDAC Member)
- Erin Aleman (EDAC Member)
- Krista DeLaurentiis (EDAC Member)
- Manny Flores (EDAC Member)
- William Towns (EDAC Member)
- Robert Tucker(EDAC Member)
- Sylvia Parham
- Teresa Cordova (EDAC Member)
- Cheryl Cooke
- Noel Bowers
- Karl Bradley
- Anna Coleman
- Paul Elue
- Irene Sherr
- Sheryl Caldwell
- Patricia Ruffolo
- Susan Campbell
- Elizabeth Schuh
- David Washington