

Minutes

Human Services Committee

**March 17, 2021, 5:00 pm**

**Virtual via zoom and Streamlined on Facebook**

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Pavlock, Whitney, Lawton, Rankin, Whitford

Others: Tampio, Ames, Tarbrake, Boria, Chagnon, Erlandson, Schaffer, Abdella, S. Wells

Vice Chairwoman Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (2/17/21)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Whitney

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: Is there anyone here to speak to the privilege of the floor?

Clerk Tampio: We have not received any email communications for privilege of the floor.

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Proposed Resolution – Authorize Grant Application for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal – Septic and Wells Program

Mr. Boria: I'll just mention that this is a continuation of a very successful and popular program. We've been partnering with Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation Incorporated for several years and we're looking to continue that program.

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: So this is not new input, \$224,950? You said that was a continuation?

Mr. Boria: No, each year we have to apply for a new grant so this is a new grant application. Previous grant was from funding year 2019 and that was for \$204,500. It's just the way it's set up. The CDBG is – we have to apply for a new grant each time.

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: Bill, could you please just summarize for us what this money is for?

Mr. Boria: Sure, the money is used for helping low income homeowners who have failing septic systems or poor quality drinking water supplies to bring those up to State and County standards. We typically fund about 20 systems so that will be 20 septic and water systems. In 2019, I'll just give you a quick summary, we installed 19 systems. We installed 14 septic systems and then 5 drinking water wells and/or water treatment systems. That assisted 16 low income homeowners. So three of those actually received a new well and a new septic.

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: Bill, do the recipients have to apply or how is it decided who gets the funding?

Mr. Boria: They do have apply. They have to meet a certain criteria, financial criteria for one thing. Everyone we helped in 2019, they were below the 50% adjusted (*inaudible*) income which is very low income and 30% were actually below the extremely low income level. So it's a first come, first serve program so it gets announced and people call and get put on the list and then they fill out an application. If they meet the criteria they get funded for starting it, top of the list.

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: What happens to the people who don't make this round of funding, can they apply again or what happens?

Mr. Boria: Yes, absolutely. Anyone who wasn't selected last time can apply again and they will be notified that this is out.

Legislator Whitford: The ones that applied obviously you have more applications than you have funding for, correct?

Mr. Boria: Yes.

Legislator Whitford: The ones that are at the bottom of the list because it's first come, first serve, do they have to reapply to get on the top of the list again or are they held over and they could be at the top of the list for the next round of funding?

Mr. Boria: Well, when they get notified that there is another round of funding out and if they are not held over –

Legislator Whitford: As a priority because they were already on the list at one time.

Mr. Boria: In essence yes, but, like I said, they do get notified and if they have not corrected their septic system or drinking water well, they can apply and they generally get on top of the list for the next one.

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: Any other questions? O.k., Bill, are there any final thoughts that you have for us on this?

Mr. Boria: I will just mention that we are having two public hearings at next week's Legislature meeting. One is to answer any questions that the public may have on previous grant application of 2019 and the other one is to notify the public that the 2021 application is being submitted and those hearings are required by the CDBG as part of the grant contract.

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: O.k., any other questions or comments? All in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Vice Chairwoman Rankin: It's carried and I thank you very much Bill for your help and assistance.

Mr. Boria: You are welcome and thank you all.

Other

Discussion - Licensing Issues for Tobacco Sales – Board of Health (Erlandson, Tarbrake)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Lawton to adjourn.

*Unanimously Carried (5:49 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
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