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March 1, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Court Room 2

101 Linden Street, Second Floor

1) Opening **A) Roll Call**

Schlusler-Schmitt opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. At the taking of the roll, Anderson, Brisbo and Flores were absent.

Schlusler advised that the committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the East Lansing City Council, which makes the final funding recommendations. She said Council will hold their formal public hearing in April, and attendees may appear before City Council before then if they wish. She advised that the City is in a budget crunch and encouraged them to e-mail their Councilmembers about these recommendations.

2) Approval of Minutes **A) February 5, 2018**

McWherter moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018 as written; Quinn seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Public Hearing for FY 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant Application Funding Recommendations

Schlusler opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Nancy Bates, Community Development Director for EVE, Inc., speaking on behalf of Erin Roberts, said they really appreciate the committee's support over the years.

Erica Schmittiel, MSU Safe Place, thanked the committee for their funding recommendations for the domestic violence program on campus. She said it is essential that there be two domestic violence programs in the area. She encouraged City Council to fund them at their current level.

Mallory DePrekel, representing ITEC, said they have struggled to create an impact in East Lansing and want to bring math programming to youth in the area. She said they appreciate the City of East Lansing's support.

Sage Hales-Ho, Director of Homeownership, Capital Area Housing Partnership, thanked the committee for their funding recommendation. She said she appreciates the City's continued support to provide affordable housing. She noted that housing costs in East Lansing continue to rise, and down payment assistance allows people to purchase homes in East Lansing. She said their Rehab Program allows people to remain in their homes.

Schlusler said she received a letter from Legal Services of South Central Michigan thanking them for their funding recommendations.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Schlusler closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

4) Public Hearing for FY 2018-19 Human Service General Fund Grant Application Funding Recommendations

Kathy Kelly, Child & Family Charities, representing CAPS (Child Abuse Prevention Services), said the Family Growth Center appreciates the City's support.

Sophia Estrada-Ferreria, representing the Gateway Division of Child & Family Charities, thanked the committee for their support and said that their agency is the only one in the community that services homeless youth.

Aleida Martinez, representing HEP CAMP, thanked the committee for previous years' funding. She said they look for resources for students who are children of migrant workers. She shared that they offer optical and dental insurance, and sometimes it is the first time that one of these students has ever seen an eye doctor or a dentist.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Schlusler closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

5) Public Hearing for 2018-19 Mini Grant Application Funding Recommendations

Sarah Bohan, speaking on behalf of MSU Community Music School, said they do outreach for the MSU College of Music, and their mission is to provide music education and therapy services to individuals of all ages, abilities and financial background. She said through the City's funding they would cover financial assistance for scholarships for 10 to 15 students. She said they have made a great impact in their community and appreciate the continued funding recommendation.

Phyllis Thode, East Lansing Public Library, said One World, Many Stories partners with public schools and MSU. She said they bring together children and families for March is Reading Month and are holding a family dance party, and next year they hope to bring in a bilingual storyteller. She thanked the committee for their support and funding recommendation.

Julie Lehman, Greater Lansing Food Bank, thanked the committee for their support on behalf of the Garden Project. She indicated they have supported community gardens and gardening opportunities for low-income families for 30 years.

Di Clark, representing The Reading People, Capital Area Literacy Coalition, thanked the committee for their support and said they strengthen the community in a lot of ways; i.e. they teach children to

read in order to be successful at school, they train the tutors, which gives them a new skill-set, and they use a lot of MSU students as tutors.

Laura Spees, Listening Ear, said she volunteers at the Crisis Center, and thanked the committee for their support. She said they provide free crisis intervention 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She added that they have conducted a number of Suicide Prevention Workshops.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:51 p.m.

6) Approval of FY 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations (Vote)

McWherter moved to approve the FY 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant funding recommendations; Quinn seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Approval of FY 2018-19 Human Service General Fund Grant Funding Recommendations (Vote)

Barr moved to approve the FY 2018-19 Human Service General Fund Grant funding recommendations; Quinn seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Approval of FY 2018-19 Mini Grant Funding Recommendations (Vote)

Fassbender moved to approve the FY 2018-19 Mini Grant funding recommendations; Barr seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business, Fassbender moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.; Barr seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.