




CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

DATE: August 18, 2014
TO: The Honorable Mayor Bob McDavid 
 Members of the City Council
FROM: Lynn Barnett, Chair, Commission on Cultural Affairs
RE: Arts Contract Recommendations for FY2014

The City of Columbia's funding for arts agencies has helped develop and create a strong cultural environment in our city. It is a unique aspect of Columbia that we can all be proud of. The city's Annual Funding process started in the spring and the Commission on Cultural Affairs spent many hours completing a detailed review of the art agencies' applications. Reading through the applications makes one appreciate how much these organizations add to our community and economic development. This partnership between the city and the arts industry is an important investment in the culture of our community for both our residents and visitors.

As you may know there are many studies that prove that the arts are a sound investment. Art organizations contribute to the quality of life for our residents and increase tourism, enhance education, and support economic development. City arts funding helps satisfy several main goals of the Visioning effort – by partnering with local arts agencies the city is addressing the need for expansion of art program options available to the public. We estimate that more than 163,000 citizens and visitors will participate in city funded arts activities and events this year. City dollars also leverage other funding sources that bring additional dollars into the community.

There is no doubt that the arts programming being proposed is a vital part of why Columbia is a leader in the arts statewide and Missouri's first-ever designated "Creative Community." We are especially proud that local arts organizations continue to grow their programs and services and are serving more citizens and visitors, as well as providing cultural opportunities for underserved populations.

During the budget process, the Office of Cultural Affairs' (OCA) staff estimated funding from the city's general fund to be \$103,000. This budget scenario assumes \$100,000 for Annual Funding and \$3,000 to be set aside for our Small Request funding to support applications from arts and cultural organizations for smaller projects.

If funding is approved in the Office of Cultural Affairs' (OCA) budget, contracts will be authorized in October to support arts "presentation" and "education" projects. This year, the OCA received 21 applications with requests totaling \$176,402. Attached to this document are the notes on the funding recommendations and stipulations (attachment A).

The guidelines and evaluation criteria can be found at:

gocolumbiamo.com/Arts/Arts_Funding/index.php

A basic summation of the process is as follows:

- The arts funding application form is revised annually to guide planning, implementation and evaluation of programs.

- An announcement of the funding process was sent to all previous applicants. An announcement was made in the Arts News E-Newsletter distributed weekly and City Source newsletter publicized the opportunity. The OCA's web page listed a timeline of the process and included an interactive application form.
- There was an opportunity for agencies to turn in drafts to the OCA staff for feedback and/or meet with the OCA for assistance.
- Requests are capped at \$10,000, allowing the most equitable distribution of the limited funds.
- Agencies may submit only one application.

Applications are reviewed by Commissioners in a process patterned after the Missouri Arts Council's. It results in significantly more feedback to agencies in the form of written comments and a shorter and therefore less hurried meeting at which the applications are formally considered. In short, each Commissioner reads all applications on their own, makes at least one written comment in each of four criteria categories, and scores applications in advance of the June meeting. The written comments and scores are submitted to the OCA and a compilation is provided to all Commissioners prior to the June meeting. At the June meeting, preliminary scores are figured and finalized.

OCA staff employs a mathematical formula approved by the Commission to determine a preliminary funding level for each applicant. It directly relates the application scores and rankings, therefore rewarding proposals that most clearly and directly meet guidelines and address program criteria.

The Commission held a posted, public hearing at its July meeting to gather feedback from organizations and individuals wishing to comment on the funding process. Ultimately, the Commission approved the work done at its June work session, clearing the way for contracts to be authorized once the OCA's budget is in place.

Above all, please know that we deeply appreciate Council's recognition of the importance of actively supporting the arts locally. We hope that you share our enthusiasm for the range of cultural and arts-related opportunities the recommended projects will present to citizens and visitors.

Talking Horse Productions

Project Name: **2014-2015 Season**

Project Description: six main theatrical productions, plus two touring children's productions

Request: \$5,000

Recommendation: \$2,619

Conflict of Interest: None.

Stipulation: Provide number of schools participating in the project when known.

Ragtag Programming for Film & Media Arts

Project Name: **True/False Film Fest 2015**

Project Description: four-day festival celebrating new and nontraditional, nonfiction filmmaking; brings national and international filmmakers to Columbia, and offers a transformative weekend of films, director Q&As, installation art, music and events

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$7,166

Conflict of interest: Kieran McBride

Stipulation: Provide audit information.

Maplewood Barn Community Theatre

Project Name: **2015 Season**

Project Description: five live stage shows at Nifong Park, 32 original radio adaptations of classic literature, a Children's Theater Camp, and normal Outreach activities throughout the community.

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$4,357

Conflict of Interest: None.

Stipulation: City funds may not be used for Radio Theatre shows occurring prior to Oct. 1.

Columbia Art League

Project Name: **Art in the Park and Reaching Out, Reaching In: Building the Self through Art**

Project Description: fine arts & fine crafts festival and community outreach program in partnership with Rainbow House to provide art classes and art experiences, which focus on providing children & teens with opportunities to build self-esteem and develop healthy mechanisms for self-expression & coping through art

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$7,357

Conflict of Interest: Yolanda Ciolli

Missouri Contemporary Ballet

Project Name: **FY2015 Outreach, Education, and Performance Project**

Project Description: three interactive lecture demonstrations, two live dance concerts, and two choreographic installations; second presentation of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$5,959

Conflict of Interest: None.

Columbia Civic Orchestra, Inc.

Project Name: **2014-2015 Columbia Civic Orchestra Concert Series**

Project Description: series of five concerts

Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$4,434
Conflict of Interest: None.

University Concert Series/MU

Project Name: **FY15 OCA Quality Arts and Education Series**

Project Description: series of eight quality live performances for the general public and an additional four arts education outreach projects

Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$6,903
Conflict of Interest: None.

Stipulation: Provide number of schools participating in the project when known.

Theater Reaching Young People and Schools (TRYPS)

Project Name: **2015 Season, Education and Outreach**

Project Description: productions, classes, theater day camps, workshops, inclusive classes for children on the Autism spectrum, after-school enrichment, and free outreach programs (fire safety tour, monthly library workshops, internships, and Take Part in the Art)

Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$7,279
Conflict of Interest: None.

Stipulation: Provide number of schools participating in the project when known.

The Missouri Review

Project Name: **The Missouri Review: Access to the Literary Arts**

Project Description: four free public literature events in the Columbia community

Request: \$8,000
Recommendation: \$3,133
Conflict of Interest: None.

Columbia Entertainment Company Theatre

Project Name: **2014-2015 (36th Season)**

Project Description: five live theatrical productions featuring cast and crew members

Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$4,950
Conflict of Interest: None

Mid-Missouri Woodcarvers, Inc.

Project Name: **Technique Sharing Woodcarving Series**

Project Description: two weekend-long, hands-on seminars taught by nationally recognized artists to enable interested citizens, young and old, to experience one-on-one instruction

Request: \$1,772
Recommendation: \$1,000
Conflict of Interest: None.

Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers

Project Name: **Spring Breakdown Dance Weekend/ Family Dance Series 2014**

Project Description: weekend festival of traditional dancing to live music by nationally known musicians and caller; workshop for callers, musicians and dancers; a series of nine English Country Dances, a series of children's dances at various Adventure Club after-school care sites during the school year

Request: \$4,880
Recommendation: \$2,416
Conflict of Interest: None.

Columbia Handbell Ensemble, Inc.

Project Name: **Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert Season**
Project Description: will promote musical artistry and excellence through handbells, while providing unique and educational hands-on opportunities for the Columbia community
Request: \$1,750
Recommendation: \$1,000
Conflict of Interest: None.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series, Inc.

Project Name: **Odyssey Chamber Music Series 2014-15: Season 11**
Project Description: chamber music series and outreach
Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$5,669
Conflict of Interest: None

Missouri Symphony Society

Project Name: **Hot Summer Nights 2015 and 2014-2015 Missouri Symphony Society Music Conservatory**
Project Description: year-long music conservatory for students grades 3-12 and a summer music festival, Hot Summer Nights (over 20 concerts in six weeks). Hot Summer Nights is the largest classical and pops summer music festival in the heartland of America.
Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$6,261
Conflict of Interest: Nick Kenny

Columbia Community Band

Project Name: **Performance Series 2015**
Project Description: present at least six free symphonic band concerts for the Columbia Missouri community. Open to the public and accessible to those with disabilities. The music will be chosen to appeal to differing ages, ethnicities and musical tastes
Request: \$5,000
Recommendation: \$2,504
Conflict of Interest: None.

Columbia Chorale, Inc.

Project Name: **Choral Performances by Columbia Chorale and Columbia Youth Choirs**
Project Description: seven choral performances
Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$4,783
Conflict of Interest: None.

School of Service

Project Name: **2015 Combined Projects**
Project Description: community outreach events, Special Needs art classes, Second Sunday Visiting Artist Series, Artist-in-Residence Program
Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$7,089

Conflict of Interest: None.

Performing Arts in Children's Education (PACE)

Project Name: **PACE Eleventh Season: Presentation, Education and Outreach**

Project Description: four main stage presentations; classes in dance, theater and technical theater; directing internships; and free-to-the-public and in-school outreach programs

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$5,701

Conflict of Interest: None

Boone County Historical Society

Project Name: **History, Art, Education Exhibits: Oct 2014-Sept 2015**

Project Description: the research, construction, and display of a season of programming for the Boone Museum and the Montminy Art Gallery

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$3,260

Conflict of Interest: None.

Stipulation: City funds may not be used for concert on June 12, 2014.

"We Always Swing," Jazz Series

Project Name: **"We Always Swing" Jazz Series: 2014/2015 Season: A 20th Anniversary Celebration & Retrospective**

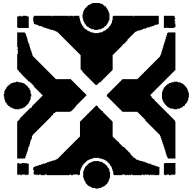
Project Description: season of performances, community forums, master classes and artist residencies for student musicians, a children's concert, "Jazz in the Schools" and special events

Request: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$6,160

Conflict of interest: Nick Kenny

Stipulation: Provide number of schools participating in the project when known.



City of Columbia

Community Development Department

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July 24, 2014

Columbia City Council

Dear City Council:

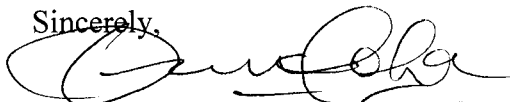
On behalf of the City of Columbia Community Development Commission (CDC), I request your support of the CDC's FY2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funding recommendations. FY2015 CDBG and HOME Funding recommendations were approved by the CDC on June 18, 2014, and meeting minutes are attached for your review.

FY 2015 is the first year of the next five year Consolidated Plan. The CDC began the process of determining FY2015 CDBG and HOME funding priorities in January of 2014 through the City's Consolidated Plan community forums. The CDC received feedback from eight community forums, five public hearings and a citizen survey. The CDC utilized input received to develop draft goals for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. These goals will guide CDBG and HOME funding for 2015-2019, and will be a part of the draft 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan going before Council this fall.

FY 2015 CDC funding recommendations are based upon a rating of each individual application, review of survey data and public input, as well as a review of community needs identified in the City's draft 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan goals. The CDC public hearings involved thorough discussion between Commissioners, the public and agencies requesting funds. This year's process was particularly competitive due to additional marketing of CDBG and HOME funding.

Please consider supporting the CDC's FY2015 CDBG and HOME funding recommendations as submitted. I will be attending the City Council budget hearing to present funding recommendations and answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,


O.U. Ukoha
 Community Development Commission, Chairperson

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MINUTES
COLUMBIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 18, 2014

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mr. O.U. Ukoha
Ms. Pamela Forbes
Mr. Terrence Crouch
Mr. Michael Fletcher
Mr. James Schepers
Mr. Jeffrey Radmer
Mr. Mitchell Ritter

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Ms. Lynnanne Baumgardner
Mr. Maurice Harris

CITY STAFF

Mr. Tim Teddy
Mr. Randy Cole
Mr. Eric Hempel

I) INTRODUCTIONS

MR. UKOHA: Good evening, everybody. I call the meeting for Community Development Commission meeting to order. It is 7:00 p.m., June 18, 2014. We'll start with introductions starting from you.

MR. FLETCHER: I'm Mike Fletcher. I'm with the -- a representative of the Human Services Commission.

MR. SCHEPERS: I'm Jim Schepers. I'm a Commissioner-At-Large.

MR. CROUCH: Terry Crouch, Ward 6.

MS. FORBES: Pam Forbes, Ward 1.

MR. COLE: Randy Cole, City Staff.

MR. UKOHA: O.U. Ukoha, Ward 3.

MR. HEMPEL: Eric Hempel, City Staff.

MR. RADMER: Jeff Radmer, Ward 4.

MR. RITTER: Mitch Ritter, Ward 2.

II.) REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

MR. UKOHA: All right. We will review and approve the agenda. We have the City Manager here. I move that we change his position from V. to IV. Yeah. To the fourth position before the Staff Report.

MS. FORBES: Say that again.

MR. COLE: You don't necessarily have to do it. I mean, you can if you want.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. They said they wanted to change it.

MR. COLE: All right.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. We'll transpose the City Manager's presentation from fifth to fourth.

MS. FORBES: Oh.

MR. FLETCHER: So in front of the Staff Report?

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Before the Staff Report.

MR. SCHEPERS: Make a motion to accept.

MR. RADMER: Second.

MR. UKOHA: All in favor?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: Did anyone second it?

MR. RITTER: Jeff did.

MR. RADMER: I seconded it.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. It's approved.

MS. FORBES: You seconded it?

MR. RADMER: Yes.

MR. UKOHA: Any other changes as far as the agenda goes? Does anyone see anything that needs to be changed or do we leave it as it is? Okay. I need a motion to approve the agenda.

MR. CROUCH: So moved.

MR. UKOHA: Any second?

MR. RITTER: Second.

MR. UKOHA: All in favor?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

III.) APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2014 MEETING

MR. UKOHA: Does anyone see anything that needs to be changed or added to that agenda -- to the minutes? All right. I need a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting.

MR. RADMER: I move.

MR. UKOHA: Second?

MR. SCHEPERS: Second.

MR. UKOHA: All right. All in favor?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: Okay. So we -- now I call on the City Manager to -- Mr. Matthes.

IV.) CITY MANAGER FUNDING PRIORITIES, MIKE MATTHES

MR. MATTHES: Well, thank you for having me. You all seem like old friends at this point. I remember the first time I came; I don't think I knew anyone. Right? So time passes. So the City Manager Funding Priorities is, you know, a concept, but for me, really, I'm focused on the process. And, quite honestly, you all make it look pretty easy. You've got a well-established process. I couldn't agree more with the priorities you have already established. I think the staff does a great job running through the leg work to get you this information. There hasn't been one decision in the last three years that I've even, you know, questioned, let alone disagreed with. I have total confidence in the process, and this group and staff. So my funding priorities are very easy. I love what you're doing, so I certainly don't disagree with your focus or where you are heading. I couldn't -- I just

couldn't be any more encouraging then to say that I have just been very impressed. You look across the 60-some-odd boards and commissions that we have, you're just operating at such a high level, you know, with where you start, what your deliberations are about, what your decisions end up being. I -- you just have my full endorsement and respect for the work that you do. So that's my -- that's my speech.

MR. UKOHA: All right. Thank you. So you can hang around for just a little while? Right?

MR. MATTHES: I will a little while.

MR. CROUCH: Do we get a pay raise?

MR. MATTHES: I'm working on that.

MR. RITTER: What's 10 percent of zero?

MR. UKOHA: I just have a little comment to make before we go to the staff presentation. We are working a particular schedule and also a particular format. This is mainly to the members of the public. When the Commissioners are debating, we cannot entertain anybody other than the Commissioners to add their views. If a particular agency is called upon with a question, then that person is free to make any comments. I think when we are operating that way, we know exactly what is going on and everything will go smoothly. All right. That being said, Staff?

V.) STAFF REPORTS

- **2015-2019 Draft Consolidated Plan Goals and Strategies**
- **FY2015 Commissioner Ratings**
- **FY2015 Funding Recommendation Starting Point**

MR. COLE: All right. So before we talk about the funding recommendations for the 2015 funds, which is the main focus of why we are here tonight, the 2015 funds is the first year of our new Consolidated Plan that hasn't been approved yet that we've been working on over the last six to twelve months. So we need to go over some draft goals that Staff has come up with. You all need to review them and ask questions and make any comments or any suggested changes and approve them before -- I think it is important to approve our goals and what we want to be doing over the next five years before you approve the funding, just so we are following what our goals are.

MR. FLETCHER: Now, these get approved by us and then they are submitted to the Commission for adoption; is that correct? The full --

MR. COLE: What -- these will be CDC recommended goals that will go into the Consolidated Plan that will then go before Council.

MR. FLETCHER: The whole plan. Okay.

MR. COLE: So there will be additional public hearings, as well as there could be more public comments, and then you need Council's -- Council approval. So this is what you all would be blessing that the staff will submit for that part of the process. But I think it is important to talk about it now since also as, a part of that process, you're going to be recommending what we fund for the first year of that plan. So that's where we are at. So we took a smaller staff technical team from the

larger group that we had working on getting the public input. These are the folks that were on it up on the board. There were people from our CD department -- our Community Development department, REDI, the Housing Authority was involved, and Steve Hollis over at the Health Department. So we sifted through all the public input and developed goals and strategies and then production goals or deliverables that all tie back to the needs identified through the various public input processes. So to just get a recap of what we did to get the public input, here's a little summary of the outreach and marketing we did up on the board. You know, we had over 1,000 television ads, 45 radio ads, and so on and so forth. We had a lot of different approaches to getting public interest in our forums and surveys, and I think it paid off. We had 189 focus group attendees, 182 survey responses, which is up from each of the previous years. So just a picture of one of the nights. This was our Neighborhood Congress night. As you can see, the room was pretty full. Both sides have five tables lined up in two rows, so -- there was also people standing up against the back wall. So we had a real good turnout. So I think that brings some validity to our -- our process for getting our goals. So the staff technical team took this approach in coming up with the needs, goals and strategies. So we took the prior needs that were verbatim directly provided by the public at the forums, and then developed goals from those priority needs. So basically, what we are going to do is to address the needs identified by the public. And then we have developed strategies to accomplish those goals, as well as production and deliverables within each of those strategies. Something important to note, each of our production goals is also tied to an estimated per unit cost, so that way we make sure our goals are within the realm of reason for the amount of resources that we have available to commit to different projects. So basically, we have a large spreadsheet that we just kept changing the goals and trying to fit them also within the funding percentage categories that you all approved -- the larger categories a couple of meetings ago. So something also important to consider, we have less goals proposed for this plan versus the last plan. We had more money in the last plan. As you can see, the last plan, 2010 to 2014, we were getting annually about \$1.5 million a year, and now we are estimating that we will get about \$1.2 million. So it's a pretty significant reduction, particularly in the HOME funds also. So that's going to impact some of our affordable housing goals. So this is just a recap of the percentages that you all approved at the last meeting -- or the meeting before last. This is also on the spreadsheet, so you will see these numbers again as we -- as we move through everything. The biggest change up there would be the larger percentage in economic development. I think that came out of our -- our public input process, and everybody is onboard with that. So the most significant recommended changes in the draft goals would be greater funding for Economic Development activities. Another one was bus shelters. That came out in our Neighborhood Congress, as well as the focus groups and in our surveys. So we added that in as a goal of doing five bus shelters over the next five years. And I think there is a really unique opportunity right now, if you saw in the lobby, the City's sustainability manager, Barb Buffaloe, Transit, and then MU Architectural Studies is partnering to develop designs for bus shelters around town with sustainable

materials. So this could be an opportunity to fund some of those bus shelters in the CDBG eligible area that serves the populations we want to serve -- or that we are required to serve. With that, it could also be an opportunity to advertise some of the services we provide, so it could be a really cool project. Another significant change -- this is probably the biggest one -- would be in Affordable Housing would not be funding -- not having a Tenant Based Rental Assistance goals. This wasn't identified as a priority need in any of the public input we had. It was identified in our Homelessness Focus Group; however, it didn't receive a higher funding as other strategies. As far as Affordable Housing goes, the biggest things the people described that they want to see or that we need is increased homeownership and preservation of existing housing.

MR. FLETCHER: Is there any concern that it wasn't a need because we are filling the need? In other words, so then if we pull back funding, suddenly it creates a vacuum and, you know -- do you understand what I'm saying?

MR. COLE: I would say we --

MR. FLETCHER: We were fulfilling the need right now with the funding, and if we drop it, then suddenly we are going to create a need that --

MR. COLE: I would say we have seen a large increase -- or a significant increase of rental vouchers in our community, like the VASH vouchers through CHA's project they just applied for. And it sounds like they are going to be approved for it, as well as Phoenix programs. I had the City Manager sign off on a continuum of care that is funded through HUD of Tenant Based Rental Assistance for \$92,000. I think there is a lot -- lot more emergency assistance and rental assistance funds in town versus funds to develop affordable housing units, which is the primary goal of HOME. So this is an eligible activity for HOME, and it is a good one that we have done in the past. And, you know, CHA has done an awesome job of running a really good program and it is a very safe bet to go with it. I personally -- I don't think it would match with the priorities that were identified by the public, and I don't think it is a strategic investment of our HOME dollars.

MR. UKOHA: But did you think --

MR. FLETCHER: I mean, it sounds --

MR. UKOHA: Go ahead.

MR. FLETCHER: -- like a good argument to me then.

MR. UKOHA: Do you think that that section of the group affected were not represented during the presentation? Is that why it was not determined to be a particular goal?

MR. COLE: Maybe in our -- our Neighborhood Congress. I did see it come up in our Homelessness Focus Group as a strategy, but it wasn't identified at the top. The continual theme I saw was increased home ownership and preservation of neighborhoods and existing housing. I don't think anyone had anything bad to say about Tenant Based Rental Assistance, and I don't think it would be a waste of money. But I do think there is a lot of other resources in town that fulfill that need, and we get a better return on our investment through other activities.

MR. HEMPEL: Kind of to your question, if I may. There was a fairly good representation of landlords at the Affordable Housing Focus Group, so -- and then we did have the rental side of the equation present.

MR. UKOHA: All right.

MR. SCHEPERS: Eric, just to make sure I heard you correctly, would you -- would that be then that they were represented, but they didn't have a lot of input -- the landlords?

MR. HEMPEL: No. They were fully engaged in the process.

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay.

MR. HEMPEL: Yeah.

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay.

MR. HEMPEL: Yeah. Absolutely.

MR. UKOHA: Well, I mean, I wouldn't worry much about the landlord; I would worry more about the tenants.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah.

MR. HEMPEL: Sure.

MR. UKOHA: Because the tenants are the ones that, you know, will benefit from it, not the landlords. I mean, they will get their money either way.

MR. COLE: We did do a lot of outreach to -- we put in 700 flyers to some of the people that the Housing Authority serves. And that would be public housing though, so that wouldn't necessarily be rent voucher, but a similar activity. I feel like we did a lot of reach out -- outreach to the people that it would benefit the most.

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: So this is the format of the sheet. Everybody should have a packet. On the front is a spreadsheet -- front and back. So all of our goals, I tried to fit on one page. It's at least front and back. So this is the format, and the top -- we'll take the first one. Economic Development, the top left box are the needs identified by the public. So that is verbatim what was on those sheets with all the sticky dots attached to all the different lines. So those are the ones that came to the top with the most votes. Over to the right are the goals that we developed from those needs. And then down below, you have the two different strategies -- or say, for instance, for Economic Development, we are going to do vocational training and microlending. And then we have specific production goals tied to a cost estimate for how much we can do there. So 70 participants -- so that would be somewhere like the Job Point Training Programs we've done. Microloans, that came out of a discussion with REDI. We talked at length about some challenges we had had about not moving forward in microloans in the past, and they thought that they could address those challenges. And they were really excited about the prospect of being able to do that. The microloans came out specifically in our Economic Development Focus Group. So I can run through all these, if you would like. It is up to you all. Or if you have had a chance to look at them before the meeting --

MR. RADMER: This is over -- through 2015?

MR. COLE: Yes. This is the 2015 through 2019. So I think the -- the most challenging section for Staff, we had an extra meeting because it was so challenging, and a lot of deliberation and a lot of input from Phil was the Affordable Housing one because there just simply isn't enough money to do everything we want to do. So we had to cut things that didn't come to the top as the priority need, and TBRA was one of them. So if we funded that, that meant we would have to take away from all of these other activities that were identified as a higher priority need. And each of them, we're reducing the amount of goals that we had from the previous plan. So it was challenging, but this was what we came up with and I feel like it really relates back directly to the public input. So we didn't really come up with any goals that we just thought were a good idea. They all tied back to those community forums and the surveys.

MR. FLETCHER: How do we -- how do we bucket these into CDBG or HOME funds? Is there -- is there a direct way to --

MR. COLE: I have it in a different spreadsheet, so I tracked the funding sources -- so, like, Comprehensive Rehab -- the first one there, that can go to CDBG or HOME.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah.

MR. COLE: It primarily goes to HOME. Number 2 is all CDBG. Number 3 is all CDBG. Number 4 is mostly HOME, some CDBG, so we fund the -- or, actually, that is all HOME, but we could do CDBG, but we have it as all HOME. Number 5, the New Housing Construction, that is all HOME. Rental production, that is all HOME. And number 7 is all CDBG.

MR. CROUCH: And you will -- you'll jump forward, but your recommendation on expenditure is based on that format?

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. CROUCH: All right.

MR. COLE: So, yeah, this was definitely -- it definitely is -- this is probably the toughest one. Neighborhood Needs is pretty straightforward. Sidewalks came up again through our meetings as something people supported. And then we added in the bus shelters, and then also kept in the demolition program since we thought that matched up well with the preservation of housing -- or neighborhoods. It's a really good tool for us to have for preserving neighborhoods, and it came up directly as a need identified in our Neighborhood Congress Forum. So the bus shelters would be something pretty new that I don't -- I haven't seen that we've done in the past -- at least not recent past I've been able to find and document. Fair Housing, this is pretty in line with what we have been doing funding -- Adam Kruse's position in the legal department. We're getting a lot of good work out of him. He is doing a lot of outreach and doing a lot of really good things. So this would be just continuing his efforts. And it was seen as pretty important through most of our meetings. Community Facilities just have them doing one a year over the next five years funding-wise. And these are the different types of facilities that rose to the top as the most important: Mental health, training centers

for youth, facilities for ex-offenders, and homeless or near homeless. So basically, we just identified those as the types of facilities we want to emphasize or ones that we would fund.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. Can you go into the next one, Commissioner's Rating?

MR. COLE: Sure.

MR. UKOHA: I mean, unless somebody has a question.

MR. COLE: I would like to get the Commission's approval.

MR. UKOHA: Oh, okay.

MR. COLE: If you are comfortable doing that.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. COLE: If people have processed it and all.

MR. UKOHA: Does anyone have any particular opinion as to what was prioritized by the staff?

MR. CROUCH: I think that the recommendation is certainly from the public forums I attended and reflect very much what the public felt were priorities. And I think that that's incumbent on us to support those recommendations as it -- from the forums that I attended, the recommendations follow what the public felt was most needed in the city.

MR. UKOHA: Any other opinion? All right. I need a motion to recommend the staff recommendation. Anybody to make a motion?

MR. RADMER: I move that we recommend this draft to be our proposal and just support it.

MR. UKOHA: Any second?

MR. CROUCH: Second.

MR. UKOHA: All in favor?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: Any opposition? Okay. The recommendation of the staff is accepted by the CDC.

MR. COLE: I will say we also have more time going forward -- if you want to revisit it, going forward before the fall, so --

MR. UKOHA: When are you supposed to submit it?

MR. COLE: We need it approved by Council in November.

MR. FLETCHER: And there is still a -- you said there is a public comment period.

MR. COLE: Yes, there is.

MR. FLETCHER: Right.

MR. COLE: There will still be two public hearings.

MR. FLETCHER: So there is still an opportunity if for some reason we are misguided, there is time for course correction by the public as well.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: Do you want me to move forward?

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Move forward.

MR. COLE: All right. So this is the list of requests. We had almost double the amount of CDBG funds request -- than funds available.

MR. UKOHA: I think you need to do Commissioner Ratings before the Funding Recommendation.

MR. COLE: Yeah. I'm just summarizing the requests before I got to the ratings.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. COLE: Yeah. I think you've all seen that anyway, so I can move on now. So the ratings, the top was Welcome Home. Ratings are also included in the pack of information I handed out. It's the third to the last page. So the slide that is up there is right in front of you. So I included the rating on our spreadsheet also, but these ratings are the average Commissioner rating per project all combined. So pretty much everything above a 38, it looks like it has the potential to get funded, except for -- and the recommendations I sent out for redevelopment, I had zero, just because that was within HOME and HOME is much -- there's much, much less funding in HOME.

MR. CROUCH: One comment I would have on that, Randy, is that, you know, Public Works and the sidewalks got in the bottom of that recommendation. Yet, from the personal point of view, I think that was influenced by the presentation that we were given. I don't think it was well prepared. I think it is a project that needs support, but I think it needs to be more focused on the way it was presented.

MR. SCHEPERS: I would just echo those -- I do think that probably -- personally, I rated these projects lower based on the presenter and probably not on the -- what the actual presentation was. And I'm sorry to say that, but --

MR. COLE: And that's a good thought going forward. Maybe next year we can talk about the format of our presentation. I know it was -- the Human Service Commission, you don't do the presentation, you just do questions.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah.

MR. COLE: So that way you kind of --

MR. FLETCHER: Because, I mean, one of the things we talked about -- and we had a discussion about that last night in our Commission meeting was, you know, you can kind of get caught up in the quality of the presentation, and it can kind of influence you. I mean, our highest rated proposal here, you know, they went last and had a lot of folks stand up and talk. And it was heartfelt, but at the end of the day, you know, do -- you know, that could tend to influence when someone else had a very solid proposal that was, you know, very little risk to fund. And, you know, so that's why we limit it more to just a straight question and answer session.

MR. COLE: Maybe that is something we can discuss in our meeting in the fall before we start next year's process.

MR. CROUCH: I guess -- I think, you know -- I didn't think it was as much the presenter that was difficult, it was the content. I just didn't think it hit the right button.

MR. COLE: Well, to that, Eric and I went out today and walked all of the sidewalk projects to just take note of what was going on out there and see if we could answer any more questions that you may have had. And we can talk about that when we get to it.

MR. CROUCH: Okay.

VI.) CDC DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING CDBG PROJECTS AND HOME PROJECTS

MR. COLE: So funding recommendations -- the ones that I mailed out that are the last and second to the last sheets. I wanted to kind of summarize how I came up with those. Those aren't my personal recommendations. I guess if I was recommending from my own point of view, I would probably have a lot of similarities. But what I did was I took your-all's ratings, and then put everything in rank order according to those ratings and also according to our 2015 to 2019 draft goals, as well as the available resources and looking at how much can an individual agency take a cut to effectively implement the funding provided. So it felt a little bit like you had to take kind of a hatchet approach on the HOME funds and some on CDBG. So I can move it to the spreadsheet. I'll just get it up and talk through the columns just to make sure everybody understands what they all mean. So the first column over here on the left is all the different agencies that applied -- the name of them. The second column is the name of the project. Also, each category is broken up. You see we've got Housing, Neighborhood Needs, Economic Development, Community Facilities. It's got the percentage that we want to stay within to match our goals and our Council Policy Resolution. And then down here at the bottom where we have the Public Services CAP by HUD that we can't go over 15 percent. And there are three different projects that are classified as Public Services -- that is by HUD, not us. That is how they are classified. So Job Point, Fair Housing and Home Buyer Classes, those are all kind of working against each other within a smaller funding category even. But this doesn't work into the totals, this is just to check the 15 percent. This column is what everybody applied for -- so the amount they applied for. This column is Commissioner Ratings. So I rated them highest to lowest within each category, so that way, you are ranked within your -- the funding percentages. So this is the funding recommendation out here. This is purely just something to get up on the board to start the discussion. You know, I would definitely think you guys would make some changes and move things around to fit your needs or your impressions of the projects and how well they tie to our goals. Two pieces of information that I think is really important for the Commission to know: The first one, Rainbow House, down here, they applied for \$210,000. They were a pretty highly rated project. They pulled out of their project. They are backing away and going back to the drawing board. The property they had identified wasn't going to work out for their project. They ran into some snags with some of the neighborhood on their support for their project or lack thereof. So it was really disappointing for them. I don't think that that should reflect on them as an organization.

They have a lot of -- it was a tough situation for them. So they are going to go back to the drawing board and try to find a different property and come back to us next year.

MR. CROUCH: What then happens to the funds that we approved for that project last August.

MR. COLE: So I've got them right out here in this column out here. And I just threw this up there because I spoke with Jan Stock today at noon, so this is just an option that I threw out there. Again, I fully expect you could change it or leave it the same. It's however you want to divvy these out. I do think since it was a Public Facilities funding, that we should make an effort to keep it within that category just to remain consistent with our goals. And it is 2014 funding, so the more we can look at what projects are ready to go right now, the better for making sure we hit our expenditure deadlines as we've got one coming up in November. We can't have more than 1.5 times our current allocation on hand. \$170,000 makes up close to 20 percent of our budget.

MR. FLETCHER: So do we have to go back -- we don't have to go back out for requests for a proposal for that?

MR. COLE: We could if we wanted to, but we've already got a lot of proposals right here right now, so I would recommend going with our current -- current situation we have right now. And funding one of these --

MR. FLETCHER: As long as it is legal.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: I mean, we're not violating anything by --

MR. COLE: Oh, yeah.

MR. RITTER: Well, we have more --

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: -- requests than we do funding, so actually it adds to the pot now.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. But it's for --

MR. RITTER: You said to make sure the \$170,000 is sort of a shovel-ready, as we talk about, because that is funding that needs to be used pretty quick.

MR. COLE: Yeah. So I threw it up here to go with the Welcome Home. It rated so high. That's the other piece of information. I talked with Phil today, and he spoke with MHDC. Welcome Home did get a MHDC funding recommendation. I don't think it is final yet. That project did -- you might want to ask Phil. I just talked to him before the meeting. But they also got funding for Paquin -- Stuart Parker and Paquin.

MR. UKOHA: We'll get to that point.

MR. COLE: So that was from our phone conversation. So it sounds like they did get some MHDC funds for that project. So that would be for the VASH voucher project -- portion of that project.

MR. RADMER: Right.

MR. COLE: So, yeah, not Welcome Home; it's for the Housing Authority. But it is really a partnership, so it all goes into the same project.

MR. RADMER: Right.

MR. COLE: So also that would affect the Welcome Home project. I initially had this being contingent upon MHDC funding, and, you know, something that I thought would be challenging as we don't know if they are going to get it, but it sounds like this project they did get tax credit financing also. So that's really pretty big.

MR. FLETCHER: They got it or they may get it?

MR. COLE: They got recommended. I don't think it is official yet, but I think it is a pretty good sign if you get recommended.

MR. CROUCH: Going back to the previous slide on Phoenix programs, there was an issue of whether they met HUD guidelines. Have you checked on that?

MR. COLE: I think the issue was that they didn't track the full household data for the year leading up to it, but they do track data on individuals. It would be a pretty easy fit for them to fit into the --

MR. CROUCH: Okay.

MR. COLE: -- so I feel fully comfortable with it. I think the wording in their proposal didn't give them enough credit.

MR. CROUCH: Right. Okay. Okay.

MR. UKOHA: What I think would be the best -- we need to start from the top and keep going down item by item. That way if anybody has any opposition on each of the -- on the recommendation by the staff, then we can make changes or if there is any --

MR. COLE: Yeah. So this column is your 2015; this is your 2014.

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: And here is your percentages. So if you move stuff, you can see how that affects the percent, so --

MR. UKOHA: So we have the Home Buyer's Classes at \$12,000 and NRT Code Enforcement \$30,000. Right?

MR. COLE: Uh-huh.

MR. UKOHA: Then the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation \$101,700. And then the Minor Home Repair. And you've taken off the Emergency Rent Assistance.

MR. COLE: Uh-huh.

MR. UKOHA: Does anyone see any changes or do we leave it the way it is right there right now on the Housing? Okay. Let's move on. If there are any changes as we go on, then somebody can make a recommendation. And you have the Public Works for Neighborhood Needs. The staff recommended \$170,000.

MR. CROUCH: Do you have -- I mean, given the previous comments, what of that \$170,000 of the projects, which ones will get funded with that?

MR. COLE: The --

MR. CROUCH: I know we've got time to go into that, but --

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. CROUCH: -- I would expect priorities in the --

MR. COLE: I would imagine Worley sidewalks to be a priority because we already have a lot of other connections to that project with Phase I and Phase II.

MR. FLETCHER: But that one wasn't on the -- I forget -- the sidewalk team's list of priorities. Right?

MR. COLE: What do you mean?

MR. FLETCHER: We have this -- we have a sidewalk committee. Right? What was discussed? What is that called, Eric?

MR. COLE: The Master Plan?

MR. FLETCHER: No. There is a --

MR. UKOHA: I think that rating was 35 percent on the sidewalks --

MR. COLE: Oh, yeah.

MR. UKOHA: -- which is the lowest rating.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. Yeah. But --

MR. UKOHA: Is that what you are saying?

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. But you have a -- my other point though was when that presentation was given, there -- we have a Sidewalk Commission or something here in town that looks at priority needs for where they want sidewalks, and none of the projects were on that list.

MR. COLE: I think two of them actually were.

MR. FLETCHER: Well -- okay. So was the Worley Street one on there?

MR. COLE: Yeah. That one was. The ones that weren't Tim may be able to correct me on this.

MR. UKOHA: The one that was not -- the Sylvan. You had one in downtown.

MR. RITTER: Sylvan.

MR. COLE: Yeah. It was Elleta Boulevard, Locust was the one downtown, and I think since it was more of a repair, it wasn't a new sidewalk. I don't think it was on the Master Plan.

MR. RITTER: And then the whole Clinkscapes and Worley intersection. Right?

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: It was part of that proposal.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. COLE: That's an intersection that we went out and walked, and there was some areas where there was no ramp, no signaling where there wasn't like a walk or don't walk. It was a little

challenging, especially if you thought of yourself in a wheelchair or not being able to see or having limited motor skills. It did seem like a good project for the neighborhood for people who live there.

MS. FORBES: My --

MR. UKOHA: Go ahead.

MS. FORBES: My issue with Worley and Clinkscales is the lighting of the intersection at night. The southeast corner, there's big trees there and there is no overhead light. And it is hard to see pedestrians right there.

MR. UKOHA: Is that because of the trees?

MS. FORBES: The other side of the -- the kitty corner, [sic] there is a light, and everything is okay over there. But if you go to the southeast corner, it's dangerous. That was my observation, and it wasn't really addressed in anything they said.

MR. SCHEPERS: My question is, is that -- are we able to set priorities on this \$170,000?

MR. COLE: Not really. They've already set -- they've already set priorities through several different commissions on which ones they do first.

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay.

MR. COLE: A lot of these -- all of these projects got ran through the volunteer commissions that work with them, so --

MR. SCHEPERS: So, honestly, it doesn't matter whether or not we feel that that Worley Street needs to be the number one priority. It is going to come down to --

MR. COLE: Which one -- given -- how much money you give them, how much, you know, will it fund their project.

MR. SCHEPERS: They will set their own priorities.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay.

MR. COLE: But I would imagine it would be probably Worley or Garth -- Worley, Garth and Locust. Elleta sounded like it was the last on their priority because it served less people.

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay. Unfortunately, Elleta looked to me like one of the worst.

MR. RITTER: The worst.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: I think -- in my observation, I think that, you know, I'm looking at three areas that we can remove funding from and add to one. I'm thinking that we need to fund the Welcome Home to the amount being asked for to \$260,000.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: We can take the money out from --

MR. COLE: I did have that additional 2014 funding --

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: -- out here. So that would make it \$260,000.

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: But if you wanted to adjust how the 2014 funding is, then you might want to do something like that -- what you were suggesting.

MR. UKOHA: Well, I was thinking about taking the money from somewhere, but if you have enough money after that, that is okay. I was going to recommend that we need to give Job Point \$57,000, and use the \$40,000 and add it to that. And then --

MR. RITTER: Is the Welcome Home project at 20-- I mean, is that a 2014 to 2015 project or is it a '15 to '16 project?

MR. COLE: Probably more '15 to '16.

MR. RITTER: Exactly. So we're using the bulk of the '14 money to fulfill the full request for that for '15 when there is probably projects that have less than the request that are ready to use the money now, you know, like the Reality House or Phoenix Program. I mean, they have -- those were renovation improvement-type projects that they could use the money, you know, theoretically now. So that would be a way back to O.U.'s point of shifting the '14 funding -- you know, increasing the '14 funding on some of the other shovel-ready-type deals. And then raising the 2015 funding on the Welcome Home project. And also, Job Point could probably do fine setting them at the 10 percent level for Economic Development, which would put it at, you know, 80 -- 85 percent range -- \$85,000 range instead of \$97,000. That would free up money for the SIL and BCCA project up above as well.

MR. COLE: So do you have a specific way you want me to shift --

MR. RITTER: Well, it is just open for discussion now, and then at the end, we will have --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. I'm opening it up for discussion --

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: -- because I was thinking that Job Point, you know, they have other sources for funding, and every time, they are coming up with new projects, which I think -- I mean, they can handle all of that, but I think it is overkill. So I always believe that, you know, you do a few, and make sure you do it right, not open up a program every year for different things and, you know -- but if somebody has an idea of to how much, I thought we would take off \$40,000 out of it. But if you think it would be \$80,000, that is fine.

MR. COLE: I would say I recommended Job Point higher than normal because it is that priority that came out of our Consolidated Plan.

MR. SCHEPERS: I agree.

MR. RITTER: If you go below 10 -- I mean, the band is at 10 minimum.

MR. COLE: They are the second highest scoring --

MR. RITTER: So if you go below the band minimum, then it draws attention to the priority that has been set through the plan. So that's why -- when you said to go down and take 40- out, that would put it down, like, 6 or 7 percent on Economic Development. It makes it tough when it is the only project in that category.

MR. SCHEPERS: Right.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah.

MR. RADMER: I agree.

MR. RITTER: I don't think -- I think you have to keep it at 10 just to not --

MR. SCHEPERS: At a minimum because that is our recommendation.

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. SCHEPERS: And it is a number one priority from the citizens.

MR. RITTER: Exactly. In that area, so --

MR. SCHEPERS: What are we charged to do here?

MR. CROUCH: You know, I'd certainly support keeping it at least where it is. I think vocational training, certainly in the discussions that we had at the public forums, was consistently raised. Economic Development has been named as the number one project that we need to bring here. And as there is only one project -- and I acknowledge that, yes, they are doing several different projects. But the projects that they have done, they've come through with. And I think it is a viable project, and I -- I see no reason to cut it.

MR. UKOHA: Any other opinion? And so if everybody is of the opinion to leave it the way it is, I'll put it to --

MR. FLETCHER: Well, it was rated the second highest of all the Commissioner ratings, so that -- that should kind of speak for itself. And it is a high priority in the community, so --

MR. CROUCH: And I think it was a '14 program.

MR. RITTER: The training?

MR. CROUCH: Part of it, is it not a '14 to '15 program?

MR. RITTER: Well, we already gave them --

MR. SCHEPERS: Yeah. We gave them money last year.

MR. UKOHA: All this is for 2015.

MR. SCHEPERS: Yeah.

MS. FORBES: Right.

MR. UKOHA: This is for 2015.

MR. RITTER: It is just they're trying to --

MR. UKOHA: So do you want it to be -- is that the opinion that we want to leave it at \$97,000?

MR. RITTER: It's not my opinion, but -- it is some other people's opinion. I was thinking at setting it at, you know, 10 percent.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. The majority opinion carries -- you know, carries the weight. So if everybody wants to leave it at that, that is fine with me.

MR. RADMER: This \$170,000 that is there, how soon does that have to be spent?

MR. RITTER: Which one are you talking about? The sidewalks?

MR. RADMER: This \$170,000 from the 2014 --

MR. RITTER: Oh, the '14.

MR. COLE: You know --

MR. RADMER: I mean, do we have a time limit that we've got to get that --

MR. COLE: Well, you can't have more than 1.5 times our current allocation on hand. We were in pretty good shape. I mean, it wouldn't be -- it wouldn't be devastating if we didn't spend it until spring. It would be helpful if we spent it beforehand, but I think we are in a pretty good position where it is not an emergency. It is just -- if you could find, you know, things to give at least part of it to that are ready to go right now, that would be really helpful also.

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. RADMER: So of those, as you have kind of drawn them up there, Reality House, they could take that check tomorrow and start work? Is that what you are saying?

MR. COLE: Actually, yeah. Yeah. They've been pretty good at spending the money.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. The other thing I worry about, Realty House is -- you know, when it is all said and done, we give this money for renovation. I know that renovation is important, but when the property is appraised, it is probably not going to -- you know, the appraisal will not come up to the amount that is being spent on it. So that leaves a question, do we throw money to something that we know at the end, even though it is beneficial, but at the same time, you know, we cannot spend more money than the property is worth. They give us another appraisal -- I thought the appraisal they had was a little bit too late -- too old. It's not current. So if we have to give them additional money to do additional renovation, would that property appraise to the amount they spent on it? That is the only question I have on that. And that is a big concern for me.

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, I think that has always been your concern because you have asked that for the last two years -- I might be mistaken, but I think that has always --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. SCHEPERS: -- been your main concern.

MR. RADMER: But I guess that really only comes into play if they are looking two years from now to sell the property and are not going to get the return on the money. If, however, 10 years from now they are still there --

MR. RITTER: Exactly.

MR. RADMER: -- then --

MR. FLETCHER: Don't we -- don't we have a lien on the property?

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. So we get our money back.

MR. COLE: I think what O.U. is concerned about is making sure the value of that property could repay our --

MR. RADMER: Yeah. We don't want to get too upside down in the value of it.

MR. RITTER: Yeah. I don't think -- I don't think any of us particularly wouldn't support it at 46, but I think somewhere in the neighborhood of half of that -- you know, 40 to 50 percent of that to get them -- because I think -- you know, looking through the estimate, some of the estimates look pretty high. I mean, \$5.00 a square a foot to paint? I don't think any -- if I can get \$5.00 a square foot to paint, I'm going to change careers.

MR. FLETCHER: Are we talking about 2014 dollars or 2015 dollars?

MR. RITTER: 2014 dollars.

MR. COLE: You know --

MS. FORBES: I want to say something.

MR. RITTER: Because they had estimates. They knew what they wanted to do. They could put it to action now.

MS. FORBES: I want to say something --

MR. UKOHA: Go ahead.

MS. FORBES: -- about Welcome Home. I don't know if they are ready to spend that money now, but, boy, if they can do it, I think we ought to give it to them because for once I saw this process work like it is really supposed to work, where people came out. The public came out. And if you look at that facility, they are going to benefit -- they're going to have 28 beds over there. And if we can get 28 beds in the community for homeless veterans in a timely manner with that money, well, I think --

MR. FLETCHER: Well, that brought up --

MS. FORBES: -- we should do that.

MR. FLETCHER: -- an interesting point for me because the project that rated the lowest, In2Action, had probably what I felt like was the best proposal in terms of the quality of the proposal. They already have a lease on the property to buy. It is shovel-ready; it is a sure thing. There is no risk, and --

MS. FORBES: With a maximum capacity of eight.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. But it increases capacity, and that's an extremely difficult population to work with. And that is on the priority needs. And it got rated low just because they didn't have five people here to stand up and --

MR. UKOHA: No.

MR. FLETCHER: -- talk about it maybe. And so --

MR. UKOHA: I didn't think it was --

MS. FORBES: There's a reason.

MR. UKOHA: I don't think it is about the number of people that were there making the presentation.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah?

MR. UKOHA: You know, our veterans, that is so important. I can understand, yeah, we want to be able to take care of people coming out from jail and all that, but our veterans should be more of

a priority than anything else. And the way he made his presentation, he was bragging and telling us that, you know, he has raised so much money -- like \$3 million over the years and all that. Well, if you are able to raise that kind of money, you can go somewhere else and raise that money. Okay? I -- you know, I don't think it is -- I don't think we can bail anybody out who goes there and signs a contract to purchase a property and basically think, you know, he can come to the Commission and get that money to pay for that, you know, contract.

MR. FLETCHER: Well, it's really interesting because that's kind of -- it's just -- that's kind of what we expect. Right?

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: Instead of somebody bringing us a hope that they will get some alternate funding that doesn't come through and then we are sitting here --

MR. RITTER: Yeah. It's kind of a Catch-22.

MR. FLETCHER: -- talking about rechanneling dollars. So that doesn't make sense.

MR. COLE: I will say I put a lot of staff time in with that individual specifically --

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah.

MR. COLE: -- and he did all of the leg work that I suggested he do in order to be in the best position for the proposal. So his contract also says that if he doesn't get funded, he can get out of it. So it's not like we would be bailing him out.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. Right.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. COLE: I think he did everything appropriate for the process.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Unfortunately, we don't have enough money that goes around for everybody. I mean, I would be inclined to, you know, recommend that next time around. Yeah. We'll do something for that --

MR. FLETCHER: Well, those other -- the other projects don't really build capacity in Columbia. That's one of the projects that was put before us that builds capacity. Welcome Home does that, but so does that project. And I know it rated very low, but I just wanted to make that point is it for the reason we didn't grasp upon it as somehow important. But, you know, recidivism for guys coming out of prison, it is really hard for them. They don't have any support. And that is a solid program, and it increases the capacity for them and gives them a long-term facility.

MR. UKOHA: Isn't Reality House the same facility that helps --

MR. FLETCHER: Similar.

MR. UKOHA: -- a half-way home --

MR. FLETCHER: I think -- I believe that is correct.

MR. UKOHA: -- and then the one that we are trying to renovate right there that we've talked about. That also helps people that get out of prison. So their program is not -- it is not special. We

have other programs that are already doing that. But when it comes to Welcome Home, I know where they are at. But now for the first time, you know, maybe Columbia can set up an example that says, yeah, we will help our veterans because the current location is too small. And I don't think that they are even taking care of any women there.

MS. FORBES: That's right.

MR. UKOHA: And women are also becoming homeless as veterans. So, you know --

MS. FORBES: It is a very important thing.-

MR. UKOHA: This is just my opinion.

MR. FLETCHER: Right. Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: I mean, anybody else --

MR. FLETCHER: I would just like to see the 2014 funding go someplace else because if -- I mean we are giving them a very large percentage -- or recommending that right now at least for 2015. And their project will stretch out and they can come back next year for more funding as well.

MR. UKOHA: Well, hopefully, they don't. This -- the one we are looking at now is the 2015. This is 2015 funding. But there is a residual from 2014. Right?

MR. COLE: Uh-huh. Yeah. It's from Rainbow House.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. So this is your time to, you know, say anything you -- you know, anybody feels like -- like I said, I thought it would be a good idea to fund that veterans emergency housing [sic] to the \$260,000.

MR. CROUCH: I mean, I could ask the question, and, you know, there are people in the room that perhaps could answer it. But if that money was made available now, could it be spent this year? For the 2014 funding, the \$92,000, could it be spent this year and expedite that project?

MR. UKOHA: Well, I don't think -- I mean, anybody that represents --

MR. SCHEPERS: She is right here.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. That is a question that you might want to answer for us.

MS. BRAUN: I endorse what she says. I'm on the board.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Identify yourself, please.

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: The question is can we spend this money. You give it to us and we are going to build the building. I believe that my colleague, Mr. Steinhaus, can get a shovel in the ground on his project starting in February with his HUD funding. I would also like to get a shovel in the ground to get an emergency shelter started. Even -- we already have half the property. Even if we can go in there and renovate the current structure and at least get it livable, I can alleviate and get at least 10 homeless veterans off the street as soon as you guys approve it. It's just --

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. But that wasn't --

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: -- a simple matter of doing it.

MR. FLETCHER: -- the proposal to go in and do that, was it? Was that part of the proposal?

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: No. It's not part of the proposal, but what I'm saying is, is we are waiting on funding. And if you guys give it to us, we can do something immediately with that.

MR. FLETCHER: It doesn't work that way.

MR. UKOHA: What they are saying is, you know, you have a proposal that says that you are going to do a complete renovation or build something that you call the campus. So if we give you money and you go there to renovate it, you are going to, you know, tear the place up again. And that, I mean --

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: Now -- I mean, I would like to be able to tell you that I've got some great news, but I can't share that. What I can tell you is that if you give us the money, that we are going to move forward at blazing speed on this project. We feel that we've got the support. What we need is an endorsement from the City and get you guys behind us.

MR. FLETCHER: Well, it would seem like \$100-and --

MR. SCHEPERS: \$168,000.

MR. FLETCHER: -- \$168,000 is a pretty good endorsement.

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: It is a good endorsement.

MR. FLETCHER: So, I mean, that's --

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: But --

MR. FLETCHER: -- kind of where I'm personally coming from. There is a lot of people sitting at the table, and we all vote.

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: You know, we will be honored with whatever you guys come up with. And I know that you've got some heartbreaking decisions, but I would love to be able to walk out of here and say that we've got our full funding request and that we can move forward and end homelessness today.

MR. FLETCHER: Thank you.

MR. UKOHA: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Anybody has anything else, you know, they want to add to -- any final before we make -- before somebody has to make a -- my question is do we go along with the staff recommendation the way it is written or do we need to make some changes? I can understand about the \$92,000 that is sitting on the side. We still have plenty of time from now until November to decide on what to spend that money on. Right?

MR. COLE: I'd like to figure that out tonight.

MR. SCHEPERS: Yeah.

MR. COLE: I think this would be a great opportunity because you guys don't meet again until October.

MR. FLETCHER: So the -- the home dilapidated house removal falls under HOME? It's not --

MR. COLE: It's under CDBG.

MR. FLETCHER: -- under --

MR. COLE: We didn't apply this year because we had some carryover funds from the year before --

MR. FLETCHER: Okay.

MR. COLE: -- and we didn't think we needed to come ask for more until those are spent.

MR. FLETCHER: Well, yeah, the other hard spot is, you know, the Commission rated the sidewalks the lowest and we're funding it for the highest amount. And that just doesn't feel right.

MR. RITTER: But it's the minimum of that category.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: I mean, I go back to the range we set as a Commission, and the City Council approves our recommendation on if we think 20 to 50 percent of the funding should go to Neighborhood Needs, and that's the only project in that level, it sends -- I mean, I'm okay with it. We've done it in other years. You know, sending the statement that we are only going to put them at 15 percent, I'm just -- just be prepared for Council or --

MR. FLETCHER: Well, and the answer is --

MR. RITTER: -- the City Manager to --

MR. FLETCHER: -- we only had one project, and it rated very low. That's an easy answer, it would seem.

MR. CROUCH: But I still think that that rating was driven by the quality of the presentation.

MR. FLETCHER: Right.

MR. CROUCH: Not necessarily by the --

MR. SCHEPERS: I would tend to agree with that. I mean, sidewalks are a big -- are a big deal. I mean --

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. CROUCH: I think so.

MR. SCHEPERS: -- with moving from nonmotorized transportation, you need more sidewalks in place. And, like, you all walked these.

MR. COLE: Right.

MR. SCHEPERS: I've walked those too. They are good projects, you know. So that money will be spent well, regardless of how much we rated it, you know. And I took some of that blame because of what we had talked about previously. So, you know, my ratings probably could have raised that up several points. Sidewalks are a big deal, so I don't -- and I think we ought -- I agree, we ought to have -- minimum we ought to have 20 percent there. So I don't see any problem from -- with the Housing, the Neighborhood Needs, or the Economic Development recommendations. I think what we are getting down to -- what we really -- our hard decision for me is the Community Facilities category and what to do with the 2014 funding.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. So from the staff recommendation, they are recommending that we add \$92,000 to Welcome Home. Then they have \$60,000, they are recommending that we give to Phoenix Program. Then \$18,000 to Reality House. That's the proposal. Right?

MR. COLE: Yeah. And --

MR. UKOHA: Or recommendation?

MR. COLE: It's not my proposal. It's a proposal based on your recommendations.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. Yeah. I tend to see, just from a staffer's prospective, some good comfort with going with an application like In2Action because we know it will spend real quick. But, really Reality House and Phoenix Programs, they have bids in place also. And I think they have pretty good capacity to move forward. So I felt like I had to follow the ratings of the Commission to develop my recommendations.

MR. SCHEPERS: This doesn't help us much, but on that \$18,000 for the 2014 funding for Reality House, we have already funded them some money already for that -- for that funding criteria of 2014. This would just be an additional \$18,000 to that, and they were only planning to do the second-story renovation on the 2014 funding. So I know that \$18,000 doesn't give us much to move around elsewhere, but I'm -- I can -- personally, I can move off the 18 grand for the Reality House because they've already got some funding for 2014.

MR. UKOHA: Where do you think we'll put that \$18,000 to?

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, you know, I -- it has to be shovel-ready for me, and you've got several projects up there that are shovel-ready. My main concern with Veterans Emergency Housing for that \$92,000, I guess, you know, are we going to have to be re-appropriating that come next spring when we could do it right now?

MR. FLETCHER: It will -- it will be, essentially, too late then.

MR. SCHEPERS: Could be.

MR. COLE: Potentially, it does put us --

MR. SCHEPERS: And that is my burning concern there.

MR. COLE: That's -- it's a risk with all of our projects.

MR. RITTER: Because that -- I mean, that part of the project that that \$92,000 would be used for is not the Housing Authority's side of the project.

MR. COLE: Right.

MR. SCHEPERS: I know. It's going to be the veteran's side.

MR. RITTER: And that would violate the funding to use that money for their side of the project. I mean, they've got their funding for their side.

MR. COLE: Right. Right. We need to follow the proposal.

MR. UKOHA: Well, somebody has to, you know -- any other ideas where we can spend that \$92,000 --

MR. FLETCHER: Well --

MR. UKOHA: -- if we don't think that --

MR. FLETCHER: -- like I said, In2Action, they already have a contract on their property.

MR. RADMER: I -- you know, one of the points that we talked about with the presentation, if you stop and think about it, not to take anything away from the veterans or what they need and what they've done because where would we be without them? But to think that In2Action is going to have an assemblage, you know, of people come to speak their minds, really probably wouldn't be very reasonable because how many inmates or ex-inmates do you think are going to come and, you know, give their story because they've kind of got a little bit of a shame thing going anyway probably from it. So, you know, I -- and, you know, there is a deep passion that he has for his project and what he is doing, just the same as, you know, Phil has for the stuff he does and what the veterans do for what they do too. And, you know, I just -- I guess I agree. I think it would be a good idea if we could put that into that now because that would put them in a position where that it is theirs and they can do the things they need to do without any question.

MR. FLETCHER: I just like the idea of building capacity. You know, we have an opportunity to increase capacity in that area this year with this one-time funding opportunity. And now we actually even have some funds to do that.

MR. UKOHA: Has anyone on the staff been able to visit that property to see whether it is --

MR. COLE: Yeah. We drove by it the other day. It is in really good shape. We looked at the distance from the highway to make sure it wouldn't violate any environmental review regulations. We talked with Dan about a few other items involving the environmental review. It looked like a solid property -- eligible property.

MR. UKOHA: I didn't --

MR. COLE: So I wouldn't have any discomfort with the property itself.

MR. UKOHA: I didn't understand you. Did you say you drove by or you have been inside it?

MR. COLE: We drove by it. I didn't go inside it.

MR. UKOHA: You haven't gone inside of it?

MR. COLE: No.

MS. FORBES: I want to ask you about their last application. Did they have a successful process the last application they did?

MR. COLE: In this process, no.

MS. FORBES: And why?

MR. COLE: Because they applied more for, like, Social Services type funding. It was for their life-skills-type training for their employment programs. It was more of an application that should have been over at the Social Services -- Human Services.

MS. FORBES: Did they submit an audit?

MR. COLE: Yes. They did this year, so --

MS. FORBES: Did they do it then?

MR. COLE: No. They didn't have an audit yet last year because they were a brand-new organization. Yeah. They did submit one with this year's application. It was included in the packet.

MS. FORBES: All right.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. I would have been, you know, more comfortable, you know, recommending the money be given to them, but, you know, when you drove by the property, it doesn't tell you much.

MS. FORBES: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: And a lot of houses can look very nice on the outside, but when you go inside, it is a different story altogether.

MR. FLETCHER: Well, how many people have driven by Phoenix Programs?

MR. UKOHA: I've been in there. I know where it is at.

MS. FORBES: I've been in there too.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. It's right there on Vandiver. Yeah.

MR. RADMER: But that's a fairly new building as well.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. It's a --

MR. RITTER: I was kind of surprised to see a project come from them, really, for renovation. I mean, that building is not that old. I think it is a lot of enhancements --

MR. RADMER: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: -- and a lot of --

MR. RADMER: Well, they are trying to finish off an area that they have not finished.

MR. RITTER: That wasn't finished.

MR. SCHEPERS: And there was some privacy issues involved.

MR. RITTER: It doesn't create new --

MR. SCHEPERS: Right. Capacity.

MR. RITTER: It doesn't create a new capacity or a new program.

MR. SCHEPERS: All right. I don't know if this requires a motion or how we want to do this or not, but I would like to see us fully fund In2Action for the total purchase price for the 2014 funding that is left then. And then we deal with the remainder of that. That is just my idea.

MR. COLE: Do you want me to just --

MR. RITTER: Was that one that --

MR. COLE: -- up here?

MR. SCHEPERS: Yeah. I don't know what the process is that we're going to have go through to split this money --

MR. RITTER: Was that an all or nothing?

MR. SCHEPERS: -- up, but I want to start somewhere.

MR. RADMER: I don't think it was all or nothing.

MR. RITTER: Were they all or nothing?

MR. SCHEPERS: Well --

MR. RITTER: See, I don't think he said they had to have --

MR. SCHEPERS: We've got to have enough to cover the property.

MS. FORBES: No. He said he would take whatever it was and then would wait and they would rent.

MR. RADMER: Yeah.

MS. FORBES: They would rent it until --

MR. RADMER: Yeah. It just would accelerate his plan to purchase it.

MR. FLETCHER: Well, the reason they were -- the reason they were going to rent is because it is 2015 --

MR. COLE: Just a point of order for this. Did he make a motion?

MR. RADMER: He did make a motion.

MR. COLE: Was there a second? No one seconded?

MR. RITTER: No. He didn't make a motion.

MR. COLE: Okay. All right.

MR. FLETCHER: I'll second it.

MR. RITTER: I think he was --

MS. FORBES: Hang on.

MR. RITTER: -- just saying put the numbers up on the spreadsheet --

MR. SCHEPERS: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: So we could see what the numbers look like.

MS. FORBES: All right. Do we have a motion --

MR. RITTER: We can play with the numbers --

MS. FORBES: -- on the table?

MR. RITTER: No. No. No.

MR. COLE: So this isn't final. But we can see what it does to the numbers.

MS. FORBES: Okay.

MR. SCHEPERS: Yeah. I just wanted to get us off of -- off the --

MR. RITTER: I'm like trying to pencil everything in on my sheet here and he can just change it up there.

MR. RADMER: Right.

MR. COLE: Okay. So --

MR. RITTER: Zero out all -- the three of those -- all three -- the 92.

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, that gives -- you still have -- yeah, we will still have 63,100 to allocate over on that side because we have \$170,000 of funding.

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. COLE: We would have to move this down to 63-.

MR. FLETCHER: Have we -- do we know that if we give that funding to either of the other two organizations that -- that they can go ahead and execute their construction contracts that quickly?

MR. COLE: You know, it is a risk with every application, but they -- they both have bids.

MR. FLETCHER: Okay.

MR. COLE: So I think that is something -- that's a good sign.

MR. FLETCHER: Okay. That's good. All right.

MR. CROUCH: Could I -- you mentioned earlier, Randy, that the 63,100 that is now for the Veteran's Emergency Housing, does that -- is there any conflict with funding that to this proposal? Somebody said there would need to be another proposal?

MR. COLE: Not that I'm aware of.

MR. CROUCH: So that's -- it would be appropriate to fund that if we decided to?

MR. COLE: Yes.

MR. RITTER: The risk -- I mean, it's appropriate, but I think the risk is you are letting that -- you are letting that 2014 money sit until 2015.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: I don't know. I mean, maybe not.

MS. FORBES: Which is --

MR. RITTER: Maybe we need another clarifying question in order to --

MR. UKOHA: I understand what --

MR. RITTER: It's up to you, O.U.

MR. UKOHA: I'm still -- I'm still worried about giving In2Action the full funding without the staff really looking into that property to see what it looks like because I would hate for us to purchase a property sight unseen. I mean sight seen, but nobody knows exactly what it is.

MR. FLETCHER: Do you --

MR. UKOHA: Then maybe next year they are going to come back and request another \$100,000 to fix it up.

MR. FLETCHER: Do you look at any other property any more than you have that one?

MR. UKOHA: I don't know if anybody else is as worried as I am.

MR. COLE: I've been in Phoenix Programs, but those are easier. I have access to them.

MR. FLETCHER: But, I mean, typically --

MR. COLE: I think --

MR. FLETCHER: -- on a structure like that, do you --

MR. COLE: Not -- I haven't looked at projects like that. I mean, at least do a drive-by and see what it looks like. And typically, they will have pictures of the inside. I don't remember if this presentation had pictures in it.

MR. RITTER: Yeah. His application had pictures in it.

MR. UKOHA: So, you know, I'm still not up to giving them that full amount. I have not seen the property --

MR. COLE: So, yeah --

MR. UKOHA: -- and I've not been inside it.

MR. CROUCH: Coming back to Mitch's comment. Was it a -- it was not an all or nothing project -- the In2Action project?

MR. COLE: My understanding was that he didn't -- he -- if -- when you asked him the question of could you still do the project if you got less, he said yes.

MR. CROUCH: That's what I thought.

MR. COLE: That was my --

MR. CROUCH: I don't think it would prohibit it going ahead if they didn't get full funding.

MR. RITTER: I didn't get that impression either --

MR. CROUCH: Right.

MR. RITTER: -- that any percentage of funding wouldn't --

MR. FLETCHER: I have a note, partial okay, and they are adding \$10,000 --

MS. FORBES: There it is.

MR. FLETCHER: -- to the project.

MR. UKOHA: When did you say we would have to spend this money again, Randy?

MR. COLE: Again, there's no specific time period on it. It's just we've got to watch how much in the projects we're carrying forward. We are in pretty good shape. Last year, we got all the way down to -- it was 1.13 on our threshold -- no, it was 1.36 on our threshold. So we were significantly under the 1.5. So we're going -- we're in pretty good shape, you know, but every project that we carry over to the next year because it's going to take more time to implement. That does put some pressure on that issue. But I know there is a lot of money going to get spent this next month on some sidewalk projects, Park Avenue, Head Start -- that's like \$84,000; downtown sidewalks is like \$90,000. Worley Street, Phase II is another 200-. So we'll probably see \$400,000 worth of bills in two months here, so we should be in pretty good shape.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. In my opinion, I think -- I know you guys have done so much as far as the staff, so -- and everything else that you've been doing for this Commission. I think it would be a good idea to have a concrete knowledge about this property. If we can get an appraisal or the City Staff can take a look at it to make sure the structure is intact before we just buy something. That's -- you know, so that we can leave that money on the side until we can get an idea what it is --

MR. RITTER: I don't think we can do that.

MR. UKOHA: -- before we can spend that money. That's my opinion.

MR. COLE: I don't -- it is probably --

MR. SCHEPERS: Just out of curiosity, do you see any amount for them over there with -- based on your opinion? I mean, does --

MR. UKOHA: I mean, I'm for giving them the money, but at the same time, I feel like it is buying something unseen.

MR. SCHEPERS: All right.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. And even if they had said they have gone inside it and looked at the structure -- I mean, they have drove by it. Driving by a project is not the same thing as looking at the project. They do a lot of demolition. They have the capability of knowing what a structure is. If somebody has gone inside it -- I mean, a picture can tell you a lot -- I mean, I'm a real estate broker. When I go into a house, I can take a picture based on the side I want people to see.

MR. SCHEPERS: Using your expertise then as a real estate broker, knowing where this particular place is in town --

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. SCHEPERS: -- what would -- what would be a number that you feel -- would feel comfortable at with the lot and the structure on there now that would be worth ballpark? I mean, you do comparative analysis --

MR. UKOHA: Well, yes, I do.

MR. SCHEPERS: -- all the time.

MR. UKOHA: But it is something I have to see.

MR. SCHEPERS: Well --

MR. UKOHA: It is something that I will have to go inside. I haven't gone inside of it, so I can't give an opinion on something that I --

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. SCHEPERS: So you have no opinion on any dollar amount?

MR. UKOHA: None.

MR. SCHEPERS: Okay. All right.

MR. CROUCH: Randy, on --

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, I do.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. I understand. Yeah.

MR. RITTER: Is it more or less than --

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, yes, it is more. It's down to \$80,000, so --

MR. UKOHA: My problem -- my problem is not the price of the property that is being purchased, it is about looking at a structure. Somebody from the staff being able to say, yeah, this is a good --

MR. FLETCHER: Well, just make the funding contingent on that.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. Yeah. I can go for that if it is contingent upon that.

MR. FLETCHER: I mean, we can fully --

MR. COLE: On --

MR. FLETCHER: -- fund it contingent on --

MR. COLE: Do you guys want to specify --

MR. FLETCHER: -- I don't know. Come up with --

MR. COLE: -- what you want us to verify?

MR. FLETCHER: Whatever the -- yeah.

MR. COLE: If it appraises?

MR. FLETCHER: I don't know if ---

MR. COLE: If the foundation looks good? If -- maybe --

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. A home inspection or an appraisal or whatever the right thing would be.

MR. RITTER: Is there not an appraisal in the application? I thought --

MR. RADMER: I'm not seeing one.

MR. FLETCHER: O.U. going by and looking at it. I don't know.

MR. COLE: I think an appraisal would be probably the best thing to go on.

MR. RITTER: Why would he put a contract on something without an appraisal?

MR. RADMER: Well, because an appraisal comes after you put the contract on it.

MR. COLE: It's under a lease purchase right now, so --

MR. FLETCHER: Is there an appraisal in here?

MR. COLE: No.

MR. SCHEPERS: No. That's what they said, there wasn't.

MR. FLETCHER: Oh, you looked. Okay.

MR. UKOHA: I think what -- we need to be very careful on this.

MR. RITTER: I just don't understand how we ended up at the lowest rated project in the category.

MR. RADMER: Yeah. I don't why --

MR. RITTER: That's what I'm trying to figure out. I mean, we should be going --

MS. FORBES: We need information.

MR. RITTER: -- theoretically be going down the list, not starting at the bottom and working our way up. I mean, if it's -- if it is a partially fundable project, and a commitment from the City at any level is not going to derail those plans to do their project, then I don't think we just dump the whole amount in there and then you put whatever partial amount that is there to -- contingent upon --

MR. SCHEPER: Yes, sir.

MR. RITTER: -- inspection or -- I don't know what. I mean, that is up to you all. I don't know much --

MR. RADMER: Could we -- could we -- I mean, we're needing to probably approve that 835- -- say that that part is okay. Is that what your --

MR. COLE: Yeah. I would --

MR. RITTER: Not really because the --

MR. COLE: -- recommend approving it all together --

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. COLE: -- because it is all going to --

MR. RADMER: -- affect how the other numbers go.

MR. COLE: -- could affect other numbers.

MR. RADMER: I guess --

MR. RITTER: Because you can move some of this over here, and then vice versa.

MR. SCHEPERS: Right.

MR. RADMER: The thing that I look at is we had talked about adding money to funds that weren't really getting much in the way of funding other than for Welcome Home. And so if -- if we do the 63- right now and kind of set the 106,9- in a flux, if you will, and that property doesn't work out, then those monies could then be divided between Phoenix Programs and Reality House later. It's kind of what I'm -- because if you are wanting to commit those funds now, we're not going to commit those funds now because we've decided we don't want to do that until we know more about the property. So -- that's what I'm hearing.

MR. CROUCH: Mr. Chairman, could I go back one more time to the -- to the veteran's issue and the -- if whatever funds that we give, if we decide to give any to the veterans for the 2014 funds, can they be expended in 2014 with the supporting paperwork that they've submitted?

MR. UKOHA: I think based on their information, they have already closed on the property. They bought the property already.

MR. CROUCH: So they can spend the money --

MS. BRAUN: On July 20th.

MR. CROUCH: -- within the project.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. July.

MS. BRAUN: July.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Next month, they will close on that property. So the only question I had for them was if they are going to do renovation, would this renovation be part of the overall development or is it going to be something that is, well, yeah, we're done with renovation, we're just going to tear it down and build the new structure. So that's the other confusion I had. But apparently, they thought the renovation would be part of the overall project.

MR. CROUCH: So those funds would be allocated for the project that could be started in 2014?

MR. COLE: I would think that, realistically, they would most likely get started in the early 2015 calendar year, from my understanding of how the project is --

MR. RADMER: The starting point as far as shoveling.

MR. COLE: As far as shoveling --

MR. RADMER: They are actually doing the work.

MR. COLE: -- and sending me invoices. It does put a little pressure on us. I think we could manage it if it is the wishes of the Commission. So, frankly, I think you all just have a really tough decision to make.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. COLE: And most of the projects up there are solid agencies.

MR. CROUCH: And I'll go back to Mitch's comment that, you know, we're looking at fully funding a project that was rated the lowest, and that project that can still go ahead and it isn't fully funded, I just find it -- the way I understand the, yes, let's fully fund it, but there are other projects here that could equally spend the money today that don't need to have full funding.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. Commissioners, yeah, we need to decide on this. If I'm going to vote, I'm going to vote against the funding on In2Action. I mean, that is just my opinion, but again, the other way that was already recommended, I think if we go back to that formula, I think -- if I may ask you, Mr. Randall, how did you come up with the original -- you know, the \$92,000 for --

MR. COLE: For Welcome Home?

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. COLE: It was because that would bring it to full funding, and I thought since they had the highest --

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: -- rating, that you all might want to fully fund it --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. COLE: -- knowing that you also may want to move those funds around.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. COLE: It was just as a starting point.

MR. UKOHA: And that goes back into when we do rating, we do rating for a reason. We rated Welcome Home the highest in that category, then the second one was Phoenix, and the third one was Reality House. I mean, if we're not going to be doing any rating, then we can just put -- figure it anyway, but if we have a rating and we stick with the rating, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't go with the recommendation that we had before. Because In2Action has the lowest rating in that category.

MR. CROUCH: Can I make a proposal -- not a motion -- that we fund -- if you could stick these figures on the side there, Randy, for the time being.

MR. COLE: Okay. I can come up with some options.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah. \$60,000 for Veterans Emergency, \$40,000 for Phoenix, which is half -- basically half. \$40,000, not \$44,000.

MR. COLE: Not \$44,000.

MR. SCHEPERS: \$60,000 for the first one too.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah. \$60,000 on the first one, \$40,000 --

MR. FLETCHER: If we just partially fund somebody --

MR. CROUCH: \$20,000 for --

MR. RITTER: I'm sure they would love that, Randy. Where did that money come from?

MR. CROUCH: Are you trying to tell us something?

MR. COLE: I wouldn't -- I don't operate like that.

MR. CROUCH: And \$20,000 for Reality House. \$20,000.

MR. COLE: \$20,000? Okay.

MR. RITTER: He likes the fours --

MS. FORBES: Look at all the fours in there.

MR. CROUCH: And \$50,000 for In2Action.

MR. COLE: \$50,000.

MR. CROUCH: And there is your \$170,000.

MR. RITTER: Okay. But what are the percentages of the original funding?

MR. UKOHA: The \$50,000 is not going to help them. They wanted the full amount.

MR. CROUCH: No, sir. They did not.

MR. RADMER: That was -- that was not what he was saying.

MR. CROUCH: No.

MR. RADMER: He was saying he would proceed with --

MR. CROUCH: They would proceed without --

MR. RADMER: -- less funding.

MR. CROUCH: -- full funding.

MR. RADMER: They could.

MR. CROUCH: And I would make that contingent upon your suggestion that we get -- that we get an assessment on the value of that property.

MR. COLE: I was just coming up with all the options that we had -- 92, 60, and 18. Option 1, 2, and 3.

MR. UKOHA: There are three choices. Right?

MR. RITTER: And on a pro rata basis, the In2Action under Terry's scenario still gets the highest percentage out of their request.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah. You're right. You're right.

MR. RITTER: Even though it's still the lowest rated.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: But, I mean, you could adjust those to where it follows our rating guideline to where, like, if you want to keep, you know, Phoenix at 40, and then you would drop -- like, if you did 40, 20, but then the last one would have to be like 40 to follow the rating, you know, percentage of request.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: And then there would be an additional 10- at the top --

MR. COLE: And the ratings are meant to be a tool also.

MR. RADMER: Sure.

MR. COLE: They don't have to be the end-all, be-all.

MR. RADMER: Sure.

MR. RITTER: Yeah. Because my opinion is different than Jeff's opinion.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: I mean, it's -- it is all subjective. It's just that's --

MR. COLE: It is helpful in getting the discussion started.

MR. UKOHA: All right. Commissioners, we have three choices, so which one are we --

MR. COLE: We can do an informal feel of who likes which options -- one, two or three.

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, I'm more palatable with Column H.

MR. RADMER: I am too.

MR. COLE: We will call it like this.

MR. UKOHA: Anybody else -- anybody else in favor of that? How many -- let's just do this by raise of hand. Those who are in favor of Column H, show by raise of hand. Anyone in Column I?

MS. FORBES: Me.

MR. UKOHA: Okay. What about G? We'll go with Column H.

MR. COLE: Four to one to one?

MR. UKOHA: All right. So, all in all, we're going to need a --

MR. COLE: Yeah. You need a motion.

MR. UKOHA: We're going to need a motion --

MR. COLE: So you could do -- you could do a motion for Column H and then everything else also.

MR. UKOHA: Well, I mean, you can just move Column H into --

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: And then you can erase the rest of them

MR. COLE: Okay.

MR. RADMER: Contingent? It is contingent on --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. The 50,000 -- whoever makes a motion will be the 50,000 for In2Action to be contingent upon appraisal and inspection.

MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. CROUCH: Yes.

MR. COLE: All right. We'll provide a report back to -- at our meeting afterwards.

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. COLE: I'm not sure I want to delete these just in case.

MS. FORBES: Now, who made the motion?

MR. UKOHA: Nobody has.

MS. FORBES: Okay.

MR. RADMER: I make a motion that we accept the proposal as outlined from Column G to the left.

MR. COLE: So, here, I'll just make it easier. Is that the one you are wanting?

MR. RADMER: Getting rid of H and I and you're going to hide those?

MR. COLE: Is that the one you want?

MS. FORBES: What?

MR. RADMER: Yes. As presented there, I make a motion to support it.

MR. CROUCH: Second.

MS. FORBES: Now, wait a minute. So we're doing --

MR. UKOHA: No.

MS. FORBES: Which -- what am I motioning here?

MR. UKOHA: No. We don't need a motion.

MR. RITTER: No. We've got to wait until you get the whole thing because everybody --

MR. UKOHA: No. We don't need any motion right now.

MR. RADMER: Okay.

MR. UKOHA: We already -- I think the motion will be to -- as presented if we are in favor of --

MR. SCHEPERS: The final product.

MR. RADMER: For the whole CDBG and HOME.

MR. SCHEPERS: Yes. The whole thing. Yeah. The whole product.

MR. RADMER: Okay. So this is -- now we are ready to go to HOME.

MR. UKOHA: Does anyone see anything -- any changes as far as the overall project is concerned?

MR. COLE: That's a good pointer. Yeah.

MR. RADMER: If we just specifically outline what the Commission needs in order to evaluate the value, that's just going to be an appraisal for -- do we want an appraisal and structural or not an appraisal? Let's get that specific --

MR. UKOHA: I'm not worried about the appraisal because the appraisal can be made to be anything.

MR. RADMER: It really needs to be an inspection.

MR. COLE: Well, Eric does all of our inspections for the rehab program --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. RADMER: I think that would be good.

MR. COLE: -- so why don't we let Eric's eyes go through and look at it.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. RADMER: All right.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Eric will inspect the property. An appraisal can be made to be anything.

MR. COLE: An appraisal will just be another \$300 that we can throw out a window.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. We don't need that. Just contingent on --

MR. COLE: On Eric --

MR. UKOHA: -- Eric's inspection.

MR. FLETCHER: Well, I think we have some reasonable assurance that the property is okay because they -- they're going to be moving into it and using it as their facility already.

MR. RITTER: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: They're going to be renting it no matter what.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. So it can't be a dump or they wouldn't be --

MR. RADMER: Moving in.

MR. FLETCHER: -- moving into it.

MR. RADMER: It's already currently a rental, if that helps.

MR. FLETCHER: So there's -- yeah. There is assurance that it is not about to fall down.

MR. RADMER: One more point. If the contingency doesn't meet what we need, do we want to go ahead and identify --

MR. UKOHA: We take the money.

MR. COLE: Yeah. That's a good point. We could say if it doesn't get funded -- I think that's a really good point. Where do you want to dump it into? Because we're not meeting again until October.

MR. RITTER: What do you want to say? If there are more than five deficient areas or -- I mean, how do you judge?

MR. COLE: You know, it's going to be --

MR. RITTER: Where do you draw the line?

MR. COLE: -- are there water leaks? Is there roof leaks? Does the foundation look like it's falling in? Is there electrical hazards? Those major things. That is what we're probably --

MR. RITTER: So if any one of those events are --

MR. FLETCHER: Well, just let it be based on --

MS. FORBES: Does it raise to the selling price?

MR. FLETCHER: -- his inspection. If it's --

MR. COLE: Yeah. We'll make a report.

MR. FLETCHER: Whatever your recommendation is.

MR. CROUCH: Yeah. I think that that's -- we would then need to get a recommendation from the City that it is a viable project.

MR COLE: Yeah. Frankly on this one, I don't think it would be bad for the Commission just to put their faith in Eric to make sure it's a good property.

MR. CROUCH: Fine.

MR. RADMER: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. He just needs to do the inspection.

MR. CROUCH: That's a City recommendation, so --

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. RADMER: You want us to suggest something to do with the money if we -- if you decided that the property is not a good property.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. And so the contingency would just be to split it between Phoenix and Reality House.

MR. COLE: Okay. 50-50.

MR. CROUCH: What if it -- I mean, if it's -- if that 50,000 contingent to be worth spending on that project, why would you just want to allocate to Reality and Phoenix and not to --

MR. RITTER: I would say spread it all the way to the top.

MR. CROUCH: -- spread it all the way across.

MR. COLE: Across the three --

MR. CROUCH: Spread it across the three.

MR. SCHEPERS: But what about reappropriating it at the October meeting?

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. Let's do --

MR. CROUCH: Can we do that?

MR. UKOHA: -- the re-appropriation --

MR. RITTER: That's after the City Council signs off on it. The budget -- the budget meeting is --

MR. SCHEPERS: Well, I'm just saying --

MR. RITTER: -- in September.

MR. SCHEPERS: I'm just saying if it doesn't get spent.

MR. RITTER: Oh, just reallocating --

MR. SCHEPERS: We will reallocate it for --

MR. CROUCH: I think that's a good idea.

MR. SCHEPERS: -- before the meeting because you said that was when --

MR. COLE: We could. So --

MR. RITTER: So if it is a bad inspection, reallocate at --

MR. COLE: If Eric looks at it and it looks like a disaster, we will revisit at the October meeting of which of those ones you want it to go to and how much.

MR. CROUCH: Right.

MR. COLE: Okay. That sounds good. All right. So I think they might have a motion. I'm not sure.

MR. FLETCHER: Not bad. It takes an hour and a half to get through 2014, which wasn't even on the agenda.

MR. SCHEPERS: That was the hard part.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. It really was.

MR. RADMER: So do we need to make a motion on this -- just this part, not HOME?

MR. UKOHA: No. No. No. No. We want to approve the entire thing.

MR. RADMER: So you want to take it -- you want to wait until we look at the HOME section as well?

MR. RITTER: No. We do all of CDBG at once.

MR. RADMER: Okay. I make a motion that we approve this for the expenditure of CDBG funds.

MR. RITTER: What is this?

MR. RADMER: This spreadsheet.

MS. FORBES: What is up there.

MR. UKOHA: The CDBG funding. Who will second it?

MS. FORBES: I'll second it.

MR. UKOHA: All in favor. Any opposition?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: All right. The money is carried.

MR. RITTER: Saved at 8:30 by Randal Cole.

MR. UKOHA: Let's look at the HOME funding.

MR. COLE: Oh, yeah. I do need to hit save. All right. So HOME, this one is tougher because we have -- we're projecting so much less in funds than the previous years, you know, and when we started our Consolidated Plan Process in 2010, we were going off of \$621,000 a year, and right now we are at \$409,000. So it really limits the amount that you can -- projects you can do. So our approach was we hit the highest rating projects. But as you can see, all of them that are getting funded are getting funded at a significantly reduced level from the application. We also recommended not funding the City's redevelopment proposal. That was based on the ratings as well as Voluntary Action Center, TBRA, and Housing Authority TBRA -- the TBRA due to it not being in our new goals. The CHDO funds at the bottom, we can't do anything about decreasing them. We can't decrease them. We could increase them if you wanted. I would recommend leaving them at 61,350. That is our mandatory 15 percent set aside that HUD mandates we set aside for community housing development organizations. Then we've got our Admin down there for \$40,000. So really if the Admin and CHDO money take up close to \$100,000, so really you only have \$300,000 to work with within that. So that's -- this --

MR. CROUCH: Just one -- one question, Randy. One the \$50,000 for CD -- which was based on the 802 Hirth Avenue project.

MR. COLE: Yeah.

MR. CROUCH: Did the City have a sales contract on that property?

MR. COLE: We bought it.

MR. CROUCH: So what does it do, sit there now?

MR. COLE: No. We're going to use the proceeds of the sale from our 208 Ridgeway project as our Plan B since we understand we're not getting funding here. We think we will get enough proceeds out of that sale --

MR. CROUCH: So you will fund that project?

MR. COLE: I think we'll still move forward with that.

MR. CROUCH: Okay.

MR. COLE: And I think when we come back, we will be able to really demonstrate to the Commission that that should be rated even higher when we have a successful project. You know, as first year, we don't have an example. I think next year will be a better year to bring back another application.

MR. CROUCH: Okay.

MR. UKOHA: All right. Does anyone see any changes or do we go with the staff recommendation?

MR. RADMER: I would move that we go with the staff recommendation on HOME fund expenditures.

MR. UKOHA: Any second?

MR. CROUCH: Second.

MR. UKOHA: All in favor? Any opposition?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: Okay. The motion is carried. The HOME fund is -- will follow the staff recommendation. Thank you.

VII.) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MR. UKOHA: And now comment from anybody?

MR. STEINHAUS: Hi. Good evening. I'm Phil Steinhaus, CEO of the Columbia Housing Authority with offices at 201 Switzler Street. I want to thank you for your hard work. I know this is a -- I've observed the work of the Commission over many years, and this is the most robust process. I think you have great community meetings and gatherings with great information, and this is the best I've ever seen -- the planning process. I did want to report that we have a recommendation from the Missouri Housing Development Commission for \$1.7 million for our Stuart Parker/Paquin that will be adopted on Friday, but I don't see -- usually they take the staff recommendation, so we're pretty optimistic that will be funded. We also received funding for our veteran's campus proposal, so we will

be moving forward with both of those. I do want to share some of my concerns about the discussion here, and I think -- I understand that you can't have people lobbying and advocating or whatever during the middle of the process, but I know that we are also not over with the process. So you have ratings for a reason; so you follow the ratings. So you funded the thing that you rated the lowest. So I'm going to bring that up to Council -- I just want to let you know. No hard feelings there, but I'm going to go forward and say, hey, Welcome Home ranked out the highest; they should get the money. You shouldn't give it to these guys who rated the lowest. We have a shovel-ready project. For \$500,000, they can -- we can -- we're going to close on that property, and we could have the first part of the Welcome Shelter done sometime by the end of September. So we applied for -- Welcome Home applied for part of these funds. We figured out as much as we could apply for. So -- we've got it broken out into several projects. So Welcome Home, their first phase, would be \$500,000; the second phase is \$1.5 million. But, as I understand it, this 2014 money doesn't have to be spent until September anyway, so we're going to get all of that spent by September if you allocate all of the 2014 money to Welcome Home. And I will point out, that's a very real possibility. You could take all of that 2014 and give it to Welcome Home because they need all of it. We only applied -- they only applied for as much as was going to be available with all the other limitations. So we've got --

MR. FLETCHER: Hey, Phil, though, I --

MR. STEINHAUS: My chance.

MR. FLETCHER: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. STEINHAUS: Okay. We've got a shovel-ready project. Then we talked about agency capacity. We've got great agency capacity. We're over 50 years old. Welcome Home has been around for over 20 years. The VA has got great capacity. We have the operational funding in place, once this project is built, to run this place. As far as I know, In2Action doesn't have any operational funding. They are getting a facility, and then they are going to try out people to staff that facility. We have a proven track record, and it's a great track record. We spend our money when you give it to us; we sign all the -- dot all the I's and cross all the T's. We're able to leverage significant outside funding into our community to help veterans with this project. And I'm not seeing where In2Action has leveraged any external funding to help with the -- I'm not saying that it isn't a need, but we know that the need for homeless veterans is a crisis in our community, and we also know that that need is continuing to increase as more and more vets come home. It's a great partnership we've put together. Three agencies -- three super strong agencies here put something together. This guy is going out on his own. I understand he's got -- sees a need, but Reality House has been doing that for a long time too, and, you know, if I were sitting in your shoes, I would have looked at how do you build and expand the capacity of Reality House rather than create a duplicative program with somebody who has good intentions. And so I have not studied his proposal, but I -- and I don't know it, but I do know this proposal, and I do know what Welcome Home can do for veterans. And so you've got 20 percent in that category now. You can go up to 30 percent. You can also hold another

meeting. You don't have to say, well, we don't meet until October. You can say, well, we're going to schedule another meeting here because we want to work through this. You could even look together and say, we're going to -- we're going to put out a new RFP for the 2014 funds if you want. So what I am saying is that myself and the folks from Welcome Home -- and I know the veterans that are supporting this will show up at City Council and request all these funds. And it will be up to the Council to decide how that goes, but we can -- we can spend those funds and get work going on that project, if you give those funds to Welcome Home. So do you have a question there?

MR. FLETCHER: Well, I mean, part of the Welcome Home process -- is this supposed to be seed money? I mean, Bill, you're getting a lot of outside funding as well as it is a really emotional -- it's kind of the project de jour right now. So you are going to be able to go to the community and get a lot of additional funding. So you're -- right?

MR. STEINHAUS: So you're saying --

MR. FLETCHER: I mean, that's -- that's kind of the base of that.

MR. STEINHAUS: -- that because there is a high need and strong community support, we should receive -- they should receive support?

MR. FLETCHER: No. But I think we --

MR. STEINHAUS: They ranked number one.

MR. FLETCHER: -- met the need of doing that.

MR. STEINHAUS: No, you didn't. It didn't -- not even near the need. They need every penny that you can give them, so --

MR. FLETCHER: So, I mean -- so we're --

MR. STEINHAUS: And I don't mean to be argumentative, but --

MR. FLETCHER: No. But about \$50,000, I mean, that's what we are talking about.

MR. STEINHAUS: And I can't speak for Welcome Home, but I know that we are doing a combined capital campaign, and we are looking at everything from fund raising letters to approaching corporations, to chili suppers and car washes, so --

MR. FLETCHER: That other proposal --

MR. UKOHA: Phil, we understand that, you know -- you made a strong argument, but \$228,000 out of \$260,000 is not a bad amount.

MR. STEINHAUS: Oh, no. I'm not saying that.

MR. COLES: That's --

MR. RITTER: That's the largest -- largest single funded project --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah.

MR. RITTER: -- other than streets and sidewalks the City has ever invested in.

MR. FLETCHER: Yeah. I mean, it's really -- yeah.

MR. UKOHA: So --

MR. STEINHAUS: That would be -- I don't --

MR. RITTER: I mean, I don't know how you can walk away feeling --

MR. COLE: It would be over 30 percent of our annual budget.

MR. STEINHAUS: What's that?

MR. COLE: That would be over 30 percent of our annual budget.

MR. FLETCHER: I mean, really --

MR. UKOHA: And that's a lot of money.

MR. STEINHAUS: Well, you've got it from two different years --

MR. RITTER: I mean, I think the commitment is there.

MR. STEINHAUS: -- and it is set aside for community facilities though. Right?

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. So the amount we have -- you know, that's plenty there. We're not even --

MR. STEINHAUS: You could have at least funded the whole request at 92- and brought it up.

MR. UKOHA: We could have, but right now, you know, the whole idea of this Commission is to -- I can understand the argument. That one rated very low, but the whole idea is to make sure that everybody gets a little. There are some agencies there that we didn't even give a penny, but \$50,000 is contingent upon him inspecting the property to make sure that there isn't something --

MR. STEINHAUS: Sure.

MR. UKOHA: But \$260,000, you -- they requested \$260,000; we are giving them \$228,000. That's not a bad deal at all.

MR. STEINHAUS: No. No. I understand. I'm just passionate about it. And I don't mean to be argumentative --

MR. UKOHA: Yeah.

MR. STEINHAUS: -- or create -- it's not my place to do that. But I did want to share that it was your number one highest ranked project.

MR. UKOHA: Thank you.

MR. FLETCHER: And --

MR. CROUCH: I would like to comment that I think this whole Commission has shown how much it feels that this project is a very viable project. It is a very well supported project -- and as evidenced by the amount of money that we have allocated to that project. I don't think it is appropriate to start knocking another applicant because you didn't get 100 percent. I think the Commission has shown its support, wants it to succeed, and we certainly hope it does. '

MR. STEINHAUS: Well, I apologize. I didn't mean it to come across as trying to knock another applicant. What I was meaning to do was compare the criteria that the Commission uses to evaluate the capacity of proposals to do what they said they were going to do.

MR. CROUCH: Well, I think that we -- when we had 50 percent of the funds that we would have liked to have expended and we spend most of it on the biggest project that we have ever funded, I think -- from my perspective; I think the Commission did an excellent job.

MR. STEINHAUS: Thank you.

MR. UKOHA: Any other opinion from the public? Identify yourself, please.

MS. BRAUN: I am Penny Braun. It's B-r-a-u-n. And I'm on the board -- a new member of the board for Welcome Home Inc. And I can't tell you how grateful we are for the help that you are giving us. We can spend it; we will spend it, happily. And we will be very grateful to all of you. And I do know it is hard. I sat there and listened to all of the discussions. It's too bad there is not an unlimited pot, but since there isn't, we are delighted with what we have. Thank you.

MR. UKOHA: Any other?

MS. SHERRILL-MATTOX: My name is Aneisa Sherrill-Mattox with Welcome Home, and I'm the executive director. And I want to say I would not want to be in your position because I know that you have all had to make some very difficult choices. And all of these projects are worthy. And I'm sure that if you could fund all of them at 100 percent, that you would do that. So I want to thank you for your time. And no matter what happens at the City Council, we will still be at Welcome Home, and we will still be serving and doing what we have always done for 20 years. I do want to say that I do kind of support some of the programs that are up there, but also have to believe that my impassioned colleague over here, Mr. Steinhaus, brings up a very valid point that if we have a pointing system and we're going to ignore that pointing system, then why have one in place. I would like to also share with you that our program does serve veterans that are also coming out of the Department of Corrections. We have a very strong alliance with the Veterans Justice Service Outreach Program and Probation and Parole often calls me whenever they've got a veteran who is eligible for re-entry services. I appreciate your time, your commitment and your service to our country. Thank you very much.

MR. UKOHA: Anyone else?

VIII.) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

MS. FORBES: I just to want to say again that they would offer 28 beds as opposed to In2Action for whatever -- I broke it down into dollars, and 28 -- 28 beds breaks down to \$9,300. And if you look at In2Action, theirs breaks down to \$13,000 a piece per bed because they only get 8. So I -- that was the point I was trying to make before is that this is more -- this is more bang for our buck, and you are dealing with tried and true entities that we have dealt with before.

MR. UKOHA: Commissioner, I wish you would have made that point before --

MS. FORBES: Well --

MR. UKOHA: -- we voted.

MS. FORBES: I didn't want --

MR. UKOHA: A motion has been made and the motion is carried out.

MS. FORBES: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: We're not going to go back to argue about the merit of what we have done. The \$50,000 is contingent upon inspection by the specialist. It is not committed already.

MS. FORBES: Yeah.

MR. UKOHA: Once we get his opinion as to the value of the property, then we can decide, yes, it is a good way of spending the money. Like I said, you know, yeah, my initial opinion was for us to fund that program completely, but everybody has opinions as to what we need to do. And we each debated the merit and decided and the recommendation was carried out.

MS. FORBES: And I made the motion.

MR. UKOHA: Yeah. And you did make the motion, but as I --

MS. FORBES: And I made the motion because I wanted it to stop.

MR. UKOHA: No. I mean --

MS. FORBES: I was afraid it was going.

MR. UKOHA: -- we are here to give your opinion. If you feel very strong about your opinion, if I were you, I would have said no, then maybe we don't do anything on that. That being said, the motion has been carried out. \$228,000 out of \$260,000 is not a bad deal. Okay. We shall -- you know, we don't have enough money to give to everybody. I have been in this Commission for the last seven years. This is the first time Welcome Home has applied for funding, and normally we don't give anybody, you know, something when they apply first, but we are passionate about their program and that is not a bad deal at all. Okay?

MS. FORBES: Yes.

MR. UKOHA: Any other opinion from any Commissioners or comment?

MR. SCHEPERS: I want to make one comment.

MR. UKOHA: Okay.

MR. SCHEPERS: I want to thank the public for their comment today. Sometimes when we are sitting here doing this, it is easy to get caught up in the emotion of that. And I guess -- I hope this was better than watching sausage being made. So -- but other than that, I do appreciate your all's attendance because without the transparency and without the public input, you know -- we need that also. We need that a lot more than probably -- the Commissioners around this table. So thank you all for your comments tonight.

MR. UKOHA: Any other Commissioner's comments? One last comment. You know, I'm very proud of these guys, you know, from planning. They put a lot of effort making all of this visible for us to be able to look at what to do and what not to do. And they are doing a great deal. I mean, I don't know if there was any other staff that support the Commission the way they have supported us. So I'm very grateful for you guys. You know, it's not a bad deal --

MR. FLETCHER: Yes. The enhancements in the process --

MR. UKOHA: You guys do a good job.

MR. FLETCHER: -- and the programs and the information we get has been remarkable the last couple of years.

MR. CROUCH: Absolutely.

MR. UKOHA: So I am very proud of you guys and thank you for supporting this Commission and I would like to thank everybody for coming. I need a motion to adjourn.

IX.) ADJOURN

MR. SCHEPERS: So moved.

MR. RADMER: Second.

MR. UKOHA: All in favor?

(Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

MR. UKOHA: Thanks.

(The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.)

(Off the record)



City of Columbia, Missouri
Convention and Visitors Bureau

August 5, 2014

Mayor Bob McDavid and Columbia City Council
710 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65201

REF: Annual Tourism Development Program Update

Dear Mayor & Council,

Good evening. On behalf of the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, this letter serves as the annual update on the CVB's Tourism Development Program.

A portion of the Columbia Lodging Tax is set aside for tourism development. Applications can be made by not-for-profit and for-profit organizations for assistance with funds to develop new, or expand existing festivals and events, that generate overnight visitation in Columbia hotels and have potential for future growth.

The Tourism Development Program currently has five different application processes: Festivals & Events, Sports Events, Signature Series, Attraction Development and Community Sponsorships.

In fiscal year 2014, there was \$425,576 set aside in the CVB's budget for the Tourism Development Program. The Board received 26 applications and to date, a total of \$164,250 has been awarded.

Of that, \$85,000 was awarded to our ten "Signature Series" events. These events are Columbia's largest and oldest festivals that have been funded through the tourism development fund for at least 5 years, many for over 10 years. These events are considered "iconic" to Columbia and add to our overall tourism product. Several of the events generate significant press coverage on a national level.

The board developed a scoring system to be able to assess each Signature Series application and recommend funding in a more fair and equitable way. Scoring was based on a 100 point system, with 100% being a maximum funding amount of \$10,000. Each application was scored based on the following criteria: overnight stays, marketing plan, sponsorship plan, event timing and cultural image. The board also awarded each applicant \$2,000 specifically for advertising their event outside the Boone County market.

During the FY2015 Signature Series funding cycle, the board will score each application on the same criteria, but funding will be made on a three-tiered scoring system as follows: Gold tier - \$12,500; Silver tier - \$10,000 and Bronze tier - \$7,500.

Also in FY2014, we received two Festival & Events application. A total of \$10,000 was awarded to *Hot Summer Nights* to market that event outside Columbia and increase awareness of Columbia's arts tourism product. The *Epic Mud Run* was awarded \$9,500 for marketing & promotions outside the area.

There was \$29,750 awarded to three Sports Development applications; including a swim meet which brings in over 700 swimmers from across the region, the *Go Girl Run*, and the *Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games* which had over 2,500 athletes.

Community Sponsorships became part of Tourism Development in 2013. These are events or promotions targeted at residents and/or the community that don't generate a great deal of room nights, if any, but do provide a means to increase awareness of the city of Columbia as a tourism destination. Applicants are eligible for this type of sponsorship if they do not meet the guidelines of the Festivals & Events application process. There was \$30,000 paid out in FY2014 for ten different events; including Fire in the Sky, Family Fun Fest, Artrageous Fridays, We Always Swing Jazz and the Susan G. Komen Mid-MO Race for the Cure.

The CVB has also contracted with the University of Missouri Office of Research for \$23,429 to conduct professional Visitor Profile Study surveys of four festivals during 2014-2015. The surveys help determine the % of first time visitors, % from Missouri/outside Missouri, % that stayed overnight in hotels and various food & beverage expenditures. The surveys have been conducted for ten years and benchmarks have been established allowing the Board to use results as a tool to assess and evaluate festivals and events every 2-3 years. Results are also helpful to event organizers to assist with marketing & future event planning.

One major change that took place in FY2014 was tourism development application review dates. The CVB Board now reviews applications quarterly or during their November, January, April and June meetings instead of every month. This allows the Board more time to review and discuss issues related to tourism and the Convention & Visitors Bureau's programs & priorities.

In closing, a total of \$437,576 has been requested to be appropriated in the CVB's 2015 budget for tourism development. We anticipate at least 30 applications will be presented to the Board throughout the year for the use of the funds.

On behalf of the CVB Advisory Board, thank you for your time and thank you for your service & commitment to the city of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Kelly", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Kelly

Chair, CVB Advisory Board

General Manager, Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center

cc: CVB Advisory Board Members
Amy Schneider, CVB Director
Mike Matthes, City Manager
Sheela Amin, City Clerk



Human Services Commission & Division of Human Services

City of Columbia Budget Summary: FY2015 Social Services Funding

QUICK FACTS

Poverty: Unfortunately, the rate of poverty in our community has increased significantly in the last decade. Nearly 25,000 Columbia residents (23.6%) now live in poverty. Over 3,500 children (17.7%) in our community are living below the poverty level as compared to 12% in 2000. More than half (55%) of Columbia households with a female only householder and children under age 5 live below the poverty level. Among public schools students in our community, 38.2% qualified for free and reduced lunch in 2012 as compared to 31.5% in 2008. Currently 32% of children receive (SNAP) food stamps.

Disparities: Social, economic, health, and educational disparities among races continue to be a significant issue in our community. African-Americans in Columbia experience disproportionately high rates of poverty, unemployment, morbidity, and mortality and disproportionately low rates of home ownership and educational attainment.

Prevention: Providing funding for social services, especially prevention-oriented services, is cost effective and can reduce the cost to local government in other areas such as public safety. For example, the cost to mentor a young person for one year is \$644 as opposed to the conservative estimate of \$19,000 a year to incarcerate that same youth.

Return on Investment: For every \$1 the City of Columbia invests in local social services, our contracted providers generate \$58 additional dollars... a \$58/\$1 return on investment. In addition, a significant portion of these revenues is obtained from sources outside our community. Our relatively small investment makes Columbia very competitive in obtaining shrinking resources from external funders which are increasingly requiring local matching funds.

Funding Levels: City of Columbia social services funding was reduced from \$903,743 in FY2009 to \$893,556 in FY2010 (a reduction of 1.1% or \$10,187) and has been held flat since that time.

BACKGROUND

For nearly 50 years the City of Columbia has recognized that in addition to physical infrastructure and public safety, it must also make an investment in our community's social infrastructure. To this end, the City has provided funding for social services to insure that adequate levels of social services are made available to residents of the City, particularly those most vulnerable. This longstanding commitment has been affirmed by the City's Vision Plan which calls for high quality social services with the goals of:

- Supporting quality points of entry to access information for high quality and affordable social services to support children, youth, adults, seniors, persons with disabilities, and people with cultural barriers.
- All social services will be sufficiently funded to work toward the elimination of poverty.

Social services funding is utilized to purchase services which address some of our community's most challenging social issues such as:

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| • homelessness | • mental illness |
| • unemployment and economic insecurity | • disabilities |
| • food insecurity | • an aging population |
| • at-risk children & youth and their families | • domestic violence |

In order to address issues such as these, the City enters into annual purchase of service agreements with local organizations which can deliver and underwrite the cost of these services. While the funding provided by the City is not adequate to fully address any one of these difficult social issues, the funding allows organizations to leverage additional, external resources thereby increasing the providers' capacity to deliver services.

Examples of organizations with which the City currently contracts include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boone County Council on Aging
- The Food Bank
- Job Point
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- Phoenix Programs
- Rainbow House
- Salvation Army Harbor House
- True North
- Voluntary Action Center

SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING ALLOCATION PROCESS

The Human Services Commission (HSC) and the Division of Human Services are charged by the Columbia City Council to make contract recommendations for the purchase of social services each fiscal year using City of Columbia general revenue funding. This task has become increasingly challenging due to the growing need for social services and diminishing resources to meet and address these needs. In order to better target limited resources, social services funding is allocated to address five issue areas reflecting the funding priorities identified by the HSC and approved by the City Council. "Requests for Proposals" (RFPs) and the resulting purchase of service contracts are issued by these issue areas in a staggered, three year cycle.

Issue Area	Target Funding Parameter	% Allocated in FY2014	Funding Cycle Year
Basic Needs and Emergency Services	15-35%	28%	1
Children, Youth and Families	15-35%	30%	2
Economic Opportunity	15-35%	15%	3
Independent Living	5-25%	13%	3
Mental Health	0-20%	14%	3

These targeted RFPs and contract recommendations are informed by both an independent analysis of the priority issues as well as an independent evaluation of the capacity of applicant organizations. This information is then used to develop progressively more informed and targeted RFPs and contract recommendations in order to strategically apply City resources and to evaluate progress and impact.

Proposals are submitted via a web-based grants management system which allows for the automation of data collection, reporting, and analysis, resulting in easily accessible, real-time information utilized throughout the strategic funding framework. Proposals are due at the end of July and reviewed by the HSC and staff in August and September. During this period, the HSC also conducts site visits of all applicant organizations in order to observe the proposed programming in the environment in which it is delivered. The HSC then holds a work session in late September in order to review proposals prior to the applicant organization hearings which are held in October and followed by a second commission work session. Public input is encouraged throughout the process which culminates in a public hearing in November regarding the HSC's annual funding recommendations to the City Council. Final funding recommendations are then made to the City Council in December.

For detailed information regarding the City social services funding, please visit our web site:

http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Health/HumanServices/Programs/Social_Service/bccsacfundinfo.php

CURRENT RFP

For the FY2015-2017 social services funding cycle, a RFP was issued seeking proposals to contract with the City of Columbia to address issues related to Children Youth, and Families. Nine (9) organizations have submitted responsive proposals to provide sixteen (16) program services. As outlined above, the commission and staff will review the proposals and develop a set of contract recommendations for the City Council. In part, these allocations will be based on the *Analysis of Children, Youth and Families*, which can be accessed on the City's social issues analysis web page:

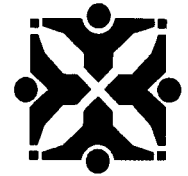
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CONCLUSION

The members of the HSC and staff would like to thank the City Council for its longstanding support of social services in our community. The HSC looks forward to the opportunity to present its FY2015 social services funding recommendations to the City Council in December.

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 233-14

Department Source: Finance

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 4, 2014

Re: Annual Budget FY 2015

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: FY 2015 Annual Budget

Executive Summary

A resolution setting the public hearings on the budget and the introduction of the budget adoption ordinance.

Discussion

The FY2015 annual budget being proposed by the City Manager has been submitted to the City Council as required by City Charter. Staff has prepared a resolution setting public hearings and an ordinance adopting the FY2015 annual budget. Public hearings will be held on August 18, September 2, and September 15, with the passage of the ordinance at the September 15 Council meeting. This procedure will allow several opportunities for public input on the many items covered by the budget process.

In addition to the public hearings, the City Council will be holding a budget work session to further discuss, in greater detail, departmental revenues and expenses proposed for the coming fiscal year. The proposed Council budget work session is Saturday, August 23.

Following the work session and the public hearings, any final adjustments will be made by Council prior to passage of the budget on September 15. An amendment sheet will be introduced at the September 2 Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Approval of the budget provides the authorization of the FY2015 expenditures for the City of Columbia.

Long-Term Impact: none

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Governance and Decision Making

Strategic Plan Impact: Customer Focused Government, Economic Development, Financial Health, Growth Management, Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Infrastructure, Workforce

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Comprehensive Plan Impact: N/A

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the resolution setting the public hearings and the introduction of the ordinance on August 4. The ordinance adopting the the final budget should be held over for additional public comment until final passage on September 15.

Legislative History

Annually, the City Manager presents to the City Council the proposed budget sixty (60) days prior to the start of the fiscal year. Council, by passage of the resolution, sets the public hearings for the budget, allowing for public comment. Council, by adoption of the ordinance, approves the proposed budget as amended fulfilling the requirements set forth in Sections 35, 37, and 38 of the City Charter.


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 233-14

AN ORDINANCE

adopting a budget for the City of Columbia, Missouri for the fiscal year October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015 (FY 2015); and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Columbia, Missouri has submitted a budget for FY 2015; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on the budget as required by the Home Rule Charter for the City of Columbia, Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The budget for FY 2015 for the City of Columbia, Missouri, as set forth in the document attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A," and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby directed to cause the proper accounting entries to be made in the books and records of the City to reflect the appropriations set forth in the budget.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, upon the recommendation of the department or agency head, may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one classification of expenditure to another within an office, department or agency, and such transfers shall be reported to the City Council at the next meeting of the Council following such transfer.

SECTION 4. At the request of the City Manager, the City Council may, by resolution, transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one office, department or agency to another. No transfer shall be made of specified fixed appropriations.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after September 30, 2014.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

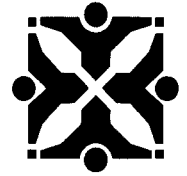
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FY2015 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia, Missouri at the following website:

http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Finance/Services/Financial_Reports/documents/FY2015CityManagerBudgetDocument-reducedsize.pdf