

CITY OF PORTAGE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Final A G E N D A

Thursday, March 7, 2013
(6:30pm)

Conference Room #1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- * February 7, 2013

OLD BUSINESS:

- * 1. FY 2013-2014 Human/Public Service Funding Board recommendation
 - March 6, 2013 Communication from Community Development Director Georgeau

NEW BUSINESS:

- * 1. Memo regarding Human/Public Service Application and Criteria.
- * 2. Public Meeting management, Robert's Rules of Order- Information Only
- 3. Metro Transit LAC Update- Maye

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MATERIALS TRANSMITTED

Star (*) indicates printed material within the agenda packet.

CITY OF PORTAGE

COMMUNICATION

TO: Human Services Board

DATE: March 6, 2013

FROM: Vicki Georgeau, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: FY 2013-14 Human/Public Service Funding Update

On March 4, 2013, the City of Portage received the attached communication from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) indicating that, at this time, the city should plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be reduced an additional 5 percent for FY 2013-14. Consequently, the new estimate for CDBG Human/Public Service funding for FY 2013-14 has been reduced to \$31,804 (\$1,650 less than the previous estimate of \$33,454). In addition, the combined CDBG Program and General Fund Human/Public Service funding for FY 2013-14 is estimated to total \$153,041 compared to the previously estimated amount of \$154,691.

The new total amount of funding is \$522 less than the \$153,563 amount awarded during the FY 2012-13 funding cycle. While this represents a less than 1% decrease in the total amount of funding available, recommended funding will have to be adjusted to accommodate the decrease. On February 7, 2013, the Board made a motion to fund the five highest ranked applicants at FY 2012-13 levels with the remaining balance to be divided amongst the applicants based on their ranking, with higher ranked applicants receiving a higher percentage increase. At the March 7, 2013 meeting, the Board will have to determine how to address the decrease in estimated funds available.

The table below provides the revised staff funding recommendation based on the methodology previously used, and provides funding near the FY 2012-13 levels with the highest ranked applicants receiving a lesser reduction in funding for FY 2013-14. As the Board voted on February 7th to utilize the same methodology to disperse funds (based on the Board rankings), staff has calculated funding levels consistent with this methodology, which are also provided in the table below for consideration by the Board.

APPLICANT	FY12-13 FUNDING	BOARD RANK	BOARD FY 13-14	% FUNDED	CITY RANK	CITY FY 13-14	% FUNDED
GENERAL FUND							
PCC*	\$80,513	1	\$84,476	99.8%	1	\$84,485	99.8%
HRI	\$17,400	2	\$17,295	99.4%	3	\$17,243	99.1%
YWCA	\$8,570	3	\$8,501	99.2%	2	\$8,535	99.6%
ARK	\$9,080	4	\$8,989	99.0%	3	\$8,998	99.1%
211	\$2,000	5	\$1,976	98.8%	5	\$1,976	98.8%
CDBG PROGRAM							
PCC*	\$36,000	1	\$31,804	99.8%	1	\$31,804	99.8%
TOTALS	\$153,563		\$153,041			\$153,041	

*PCC funding percentages are based on CDBG and General Fund monies combined. For FY 12-13, PCC received \$116,513.

Neighborhood Program Specialist Money will be available at the March 7, 2013 Board meeting to address any comments or questions the Board may have regarding this matter.

Attachment: Communication from HUD



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-0050

Dear Chief Elected Official:

As you are likely aware, due to the failure of Congress to reach a deal on balanced deficit reduction to avoid sequestration, the President was required by law to issue a sequestration order on March 1 canceling approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal Government for the remainder of the federal fiscal year (FY). As partners with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, you are entitled to timely and clear information about how these unfortunate budget cuts impact us, and, in turn, what it means for program beneficiaries.

At this time, HUD is taking every step possible to mitigate the effects of these cuts. However, based on our initial analysis, it is likely that your full-year FY 2013 formula program funding will be lower than it was in FY 2012 due to the sequester, which may affect your workforce and planning for this year, and possibly beyond. You can expect 5 percent reductions from the FY 2013 annualized Continuing Resolution levels for the formula programs you are eligible for, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grants for the homeless (ESG) programs.

In testimony to Congress in January, Secretary Donovan estimated some of the impacts sequestration would have on participants. For example, cuts to the HOPWA program would result in 7,300 fewer low-income households receiving permanent and short-term supportive housing assistance, including rent or utility assistance, while a sequester of HOME program funds will result in 2,100 fewer affordable housing units produced for low-income families. As you know, every dollar of HOME funding is leveraged with almost four dollars of other funds.

Once Congress has passed and the President has signed a full-year FY 2013 appropriation for HUD, the exact funding levels you will be receiving for these programs will be set, and, depending upon your program year start date, your individual FY 2013 program grant agreements will subsequently be sent to you.

Thank you for your continued partnership with HUD, and for your cooperation as we work together to manage through these unfortunate circumstances.

Sincerely,

Maurice A. Jones