

**November 12, 2024 Meeting of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh**

**A. Roll Call**

**Present:** Tanika Harris, Alan Sisco, Adrienne Walnoha, Elly Fisher, Jerome Jackson,

**Not Present:** Karen Garrett, Deidra Washington, Marcus Reed, Deborah Gross, James Reid, Lena Andrews

**URA Staff Present:** Eric Bernheimer, Orlando Akins, Natalie Lopez, Rae Ann Driscoll, Niklas Persson, Quianna Wasler, Ben Peyton, Melinda Ward, Matt Reitzel, Susheela Nemani Stanger, James Reid, Breanna Benjamin, Alicia Majors

**B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from October 15, 2024, Meeting**

Motion: Elly Fisher

Second Motion: Tanika Harris

**C. Public Comment** – Anyone from the public who desires to speak may address the Advisory Board for a maximum of three minutes. To provide public comment virtually, you must register prior to 4:00 PM on Monday, November 11, 2024, by e-mailing your phone number and email information to [hof@ura.org](mailto:hof@ura.org) or by calling 412.255.6694, ext. 6721.

Anonymous- The new allocation plan reduced the dollar amount of certain HOF programs. For the consideration of HOF we should discuss the totals of 2025 allocation plan to look similar to 2024 plan.

**D. 2025 Annual Allocation Plan Finalization**

• Public Comment Review

Anonymous- "Programs need to be open to people at 80-100% AMI, particularly down payment and closing cost assistance. I can't afford to move, nor can I afford to buy because I can't afford a security deposit/down payment."

Kaitlin Sweeney - "This is a solid plan. We need more housing in order to meet the demand. Period. We need this through more affordable housing and less red tape around building it!"

• Final Draft

Quianna Wasler-

The 2025 draft allocation shows that we are in favor of 1.3 million dollars going to LAP and 1.3 million dollars going to HSP. We have been working with the city of Pittsburgh for the LAP beyond HOF funds. Because the Legal Assistant is getting additional funds from other sources. We propose to move \$300,000.00 from LAP and move that to HSP to bring that programs total to 1.6 million dollars. In the hopes to support even more struggling with rent and keeping them in their homes.

Motion- Tanika Harris

Second Motion- Jerome Jackson

- Creating the first draft of the Annual Allocation Plan together

The new allocation after the motion would be as follows:

- \*Rental Gap- \$2,000,000.00
- \*Hsp- \$1,600,000.00
- \*Down Payment and Closing Cost- \$600,000.00
- \*Hap- \$2,850,000.00
- \*FSDP- \$650,000.00
- \*LAP- \$1,000,000.
- \*Small Landlord Fund- \$0.00
- \*Demonstration Dollars \$300,000.00

Motion- Elly Fisher

Second Motion- Alan Sisco

#### **E. URA Administrative Updates**

- 2021 Demonstration Dollars

We have unspent HAF and Demo dollars from the past years returning to us. We are now recommending that the \$45,480.99 we received back go to LAP program for the year 2024 to close out the year and those in the pipeline.

Motion- Jerome Jackson

Second Motion- Elly Fisher

#### **F. Demonstration Dollars**

- Process for applications

We would like to create a process for requests, questions, and concerns regarding the use of Demo Dollars.

- December rollout

#### **G. State of HOF/Programmatic Expenditures and Updates**

- Regular Update

#### **H. HOF AB Meeting Scheduling**

- AB Availability
- Timing

#### **I. Adjournment**

The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, December 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM, held at the URA Office (412 Boulevard of the Allies Pittsburgh PA 15222) in the Basement level conference room, virtually, and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel. This location may be subject to change due to availability, please stay alert for updates.

Motion 2:18 pm:

First-Tanika Harris

Second- Jerome Jackson