



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, March 12, 2018, 4:00 P.M.
COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS**

Chairman Mike Seufert called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and noted a quorum was present. Board members present Sister Paula Rose Jauernig, Bobbie Snyder, Stephen Kempf, Charles Davis and Margaret McKane. Kathryn Schiller was absent. Staff members present were Community Development Coordinator Mary Dwyer and Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary.

Chairman Seufert called for the first item on the agenda; approval of the minutes from September 18, 2017. Mr. Kempf moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Sr. Paula Rose and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Seufert called for the next item on the agenda: to hold Public Hearing #1 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Chairman Seufert opened the public hearing and called for any questions, comments, or concerns about unmet public need. With no one wishing to speak, Mr. Seufert called for questions or comments about public service agency funding.

Ms. Dwyer requested each agency come forward to answer questions from the board.

Each public service agency present was provided the opportunity to speak about their agency.

First Judicial District CASA Association

Represented by Alyssa Blyden & Vicky Kaaz. CASA's programs provide professional advocacy services to children involved in court proceedings, safe visitation and exchange services to children and their families involved in domestic court proceedings and forensic interviews and ongoing advocacy and support for children who have experienced and/or witnessed crime. 2017-18 fund amount \$9,152; 2018-19 fund request \$15,500; CDBG request as percent of budget 4.00%.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

Represented by Jackie Masoner. The program helps individuals and families with low incomes meet basic needs in times of financial crisis, provides financial assistance for rent and utilities, and has a food pantry. The site also provides VITA services for free income tax assistance, financial literacy classes, the Kansas Loan Pool payday loan program, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas adoption program, and school supplies for back to school. 2017-18 fund amount \$4,911; 2018-19 fund request \$5,000; CDBG request as percent of budget 0.06%.

The Guidance Center

Represented by Keith Rickard, Rachel Sweet and Jerry McDonald. Provides mental health services including outpatient therapy, emergency services, medication management, psychosocial groups, case management, supported employment, attendant care, and respite care to members of the community regardless of their ability to pay. Mr. Rickard addressed the issue that The Guidance Center applied for debt reduction funds but would be willing to accept utility assistance in keeping with the CDBG guidelines. 2018-19 fund request \$5,100; CDBG request as percent of budget 0.06%.

St. Vincent Clinic

Represented by Bess Bonewits. St. Vincent Clinic directly meets the urgent need of health care for low-to-moderate income persons by providing care for acute and chronic conditions, assisting with medications, and diabetic counseling. 2017-18 fund amount \$6,981; 2018-19 fund request \$9,000; CDBG request as percent of budget 2%.

Women's Community Y of Leavenworth

Represented by Lisa Schmidt. Provides high quality early learning programs and childcare for children 2½ to 11 years from all income demographics in the Leavenworth community. The program charges reduced rates for families in low or moderate incomes. 2018-19 fund request \$2,000; CDBG request as percent of budget 0.01%.

The Leavenworth Mission

Represented by Iris Arnold. The Leavenworth Mission is a food pantry providing food including meat for clients on a monthly basis. Arnold noted that their pantry is buying more food to distribute since there are more food pantries in the City, spreading available resources more thin. 2017-18 fund amount \$5,120; 2018-19 fund request \$6,000; CDBG request as percent of budget 9%.

Faith Christian Center International

Represented by Sharon Simmons. Provides food for after school program, bags of food to the community daily, hot meals every Sunday, and food daily to Welcome Central. 2018-19 fund request \$28,500; CDBG request as percent of budget 7%.

Welcome Central

Represented by Sr. Vickie Perkins. The City of Leavenworth has a contract with Welcome Central for the tenant-landlord resolution program. 2017-18 contract \$5,895; 2018-19 contract \$5,895.

Chairman Seufert asked the room if there were any more comments on Public Service Agency funding. With no further comments or questions, Chairman Seufert closed the public hearing.

With no further business, Chairman Seufert called for a motion to adjourn. Sr. Paula Rose moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Davis and passed by a unanimous vote 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4: 46 p.m.

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