

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-chair, M. Evette Brantley, Co-chair; Jeanette Herron, Council President A. Nieves; Rosalina Roman-Christy (5:07 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member(s): Ernest Newton & Jorge Cruz; Isolina DeJesus, Central Grants Office Director; Ms. Kingwood, Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program Incorporated (GBAPP); T. Papa, Acting Deputy Director of Health Department Operations

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Brantley called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

35-20 Grant Submission: re: State of Connecticut Department Mental Health and Addiction Services – State Opioid Response Grant Program (#21258).

Ms. DeJesus gave a brief summary of the grant funding program for the State Opioid Response Grant Program. Due to the fact that the Health Department is managing several clinics, they chose to partner with GBAPP (Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program) to implement the program. The Health Department has partnered with GBAPP in the past.

Ms. DeJesus then provided an overview of the different tasks the program would entail and the data that would be collected.

Council Member Newton asked if there were matching funds involved. Ms. DeJesus said that there were no matching funds required.

Ms. DeJesus said that in the paperwork they had stated it was \$36,000, but if the City is selected, there would be more than \$40,000 available.

Council Member Valle said that she was pleased to see this partnership work between two entities.

Council Member Herron asked Ms. DeJesus if they had gotten this grant before. Ms. DeJesus said that this was the first for this particular grant, but they had gotten grants for opioid programs in the past.

Ms. Kingswood of GBAPP said they were excited to be in partnership with the City and the Health Department on this initiative. They are currently the local prevention council and they have done some work along these lines with the Health Department in the past.

They have also done Narcan training and distribution in the past at no cost. They have worked with RYSAP and DEMA in the past and partner with Americorp on this program.

Council Member Valle said that Ms. Papa was on the call.

Ms. Papa said that they had asked for permission to partner with a third part agency in order to handle the amount of Health Department grants. GBAPP was the first one that came to mind. She said that the Health Department would provide support along the way.

Council Member Newton said that he wanted to thank Ms. Kingswood for her work.

Council Member Brantley said that she was glad Ms. Keen was involved with this program. She said that she works with the other end of the spectrum with the kids that are addicted to opioids and the program is needed.

Council Member Cruz said that he had worked with GBAPP also.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 35-20 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES – STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM (#21258).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Valle said that this item would be placed on the agenda for April 19th for Immediate Consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Telesco Secretarial Services