

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Mary McBride-Lee, Co-chair; Michelle Lyons, Eneida Martinez, Aidee Nieves, Council President

OTHERS: Council Members: Jeanette Herron, Dasha Spell & Richard Ortiz; Joe Katz, Central Grants; Dr. Elizabeth Rodriguez, Health Director, Tammy Pappa, Anthony Paoletta, Mayor's Office; Thomas Gaudett, Deputy Chief of Staff; Angelica Ojeda, LD Central Grants

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair McBride-Lee called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Item 06-23

Grant Submission re: United States Conference of Mayors 2024 Childhood Obesity Prevention Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards (24305)

Mr. Katz presented the item and outlined the project description and the revised budget for the contract year as follows:

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION: The USCM Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards supports programs that aim to improve the health and wellness of the nation's children, families, neighborhoods, and cities. If awarded, the City of Bridgeport will make infrastructure improvements at existing community gardens, provide high-quality programming regarding gardening and healthy cooking/eating, and sustain the City-run East Side Farmer's Market and Bridgeport Bucks voucher program.

Total \$50,000 – Construction = \$11,830

Farmer's Market Tents = \$3,770 Seeds/Seedlings = \$4,000 Vouchers \$4,000

Program Coordinator/Instructors = \$26,400

Council member Martinez requested data and services provided to the East End community gardens to ensure services and program equity throughout the City.

Council member Lyons requested information be provided sooner regarding clarify on programs and the names of the schools that will participate. Council member Herron stated that gardens run by Lighthouse involve teachers at the schools.

There was further discussion on the efficiency of a garden and if those in need in the community would have the means to use the garden items for their everyday meals and food pantry.

Co-chair McBride-Lee asked if gardens are used by residents and how the fresh vegetables are distributed. Ms. Ojeda spoke about the community gardens and how they are becoming more and more utilized to provide healthy food and fresh food options to those in need.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO AMEND THE ITEM 06-23 AS OUTLINED WITH REVISED BUDGET.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION TO AMEND PASSED WITH (3) VOTES IN FAVOR (MARTINEZ, LYONS, MELENDEZ), NONE OPPOSED AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND FORWARD ON TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

GRANT SUBMISSION RE: UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS 2024 CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS (24305)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH (3) VOTES IN FAVOR (MARTINEZ, LYONS, MELENDEZ), NONE OPPOSED AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

Item 12-23

Grant Submission re: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Program & Tuberculosis Control Program (#24232 & #24233)

Ms. Ojeda presented the item and outlined the project description and the budget for the contract year as contained in the agenda packet. Questions and comments from the Committee were fielded, and Co-chair McBride-Lee noted that this was an important grant to promote public health and to forward on for approval.

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION: The City of Bridgeport Health and Social Services Department is seeking funding made available through the state to reduce the incidence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis in Connecticut. The purpose of this funding is to provide services that are intended to reduce incidences through the use of prevention, screening, and treatment services.

CONTRACT PERIOD: 10/01/2023 – 6/30/2024

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching funds):	
Federal:	\$ 0
State:	\$ 76,435 (\$30,601 STD) (\$45,834 TB)
City:	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 0

GRANT FUNDED PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED	
Contractual:	\$ 64,000.00 (DOCs Medical Group)
Transportation:	\$ 2,000.00 (HIV/STD/TB-related seminars to learn about up-to-date information and best practices)
Training:	\$ 3,000.00 (Education and skills development in STD/TB management)
Supplies:	\$ 3,955.89 (General office supplies)
Marketing/Printing	\$ 3,479.11 (Radio, and flyers to promote the STD/TB services and provide education)

MATCH REQUIRED		
	CASH	IN-KIND
Source: N/A		
Salaries/Benefits:		

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND FORWARD ON TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES CONTROL PROGRAM & TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM (#24232 & #24233)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH (3) VOTES IN FAVOR (MARTINEZ, LYONS, MELENDEZ), NONE OPPOSED AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Telesco Secretarial Services

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January 2, 2024