

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Mary McBride-Lee, Co-chair; Jorge Cruz Sr., Richard Ortiz, Aikeem Boyd

OTHERS: Mollie Melbourne, SWCH; Sabrina Smeltz, Wakeman BGC; Carlos Collazo, Wakeman BGC; Milta Feliciano, HOPWA Program Manager; Ava Showah, Dept. of Housing and Community Development; Melissa Oliveira, CDBG Manager; Kathleen Brickett, OPM.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair McBride-Lee called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. There was a quorum present at the time of roll call.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

- **March 20, 2024 (Public Hearing)**
- **March 21, 2024 (Public Hearing)**
- **April 10, 2024 (Special Meeting)**

****COUNCIL MEMBER ORTIZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2024, MARCH 21, 2024 (PUBLIC HEARING) AND APRIL 10, 2024 (SPECIAL MEETING).**

****COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

129-23 Proposed Resolution regarding Substantial Amendment for Program Year 46 Annual Action Plan.

Ms. Feliciano introduced Melissa Oliveira as the CDBG manager and would help her along with the presentation as needed.

Ms. Oliveira shared the following image on her screen and explained the first line would be covering the SouthWest Clinic at the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club on Madison Avenue.

CDBG Reprogrammed Funds

Defunded Activities

COB- OPED/Small Minority Business- Business Grant Program	\$126,100.00
COB- Utility Shut off Protection Program	\$6.52
COB- EOC COVID-19 expenses	\$209.05
COB PF: Wheeler Center Vaccination Clinic Renovations	\$1,078,370.00
Balance to reprogram	\$1,204,685.57
Activity Funded	
SouthWest Clinic at Wakeman Boys & Girls Club- Madison Ave. Clubhouse	\$1,204,685.57

Council member Ortiz asked why they didn't accept more applicants.

Ms. Feliciano replied it was on application basis, they didn't receive applications but some businesses couldn't obtain or provide documents to complete the application process.

Council member McBride-Lee asked what was the purpose of the grant.

Ms. Feliciano replied this was a part of \$500,000 dollar funding they allocated to assist businesses during cover time.

Ms. Oliveira added the applicants need to prevent, protect and prepare for COVID related situations and the SouthWest Clinic qualified.

Council member Ortiz asked if the money could be split.

Ms. Oliveira replied it is specific funding and they needed to put in an application for consideration.

****COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 129-23.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER ORTIZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

****COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AT 6:28 PM.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER ORTIZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Vianca Rivera,
Telesco Secretarial Services

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