



MEETING MINUTES
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:00 PM

Social Services Committee

Members Present: Councilmember Reid, D. Cravens, A. Ngola, D. Ohanian, A. Sood

Members Absent: Councilmember Burns

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

With no Chair yet appointed, Ms. Flax called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment.

New Committee Member Introductions

Members and staff provided brief introductions.

2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Allocation

Staff presented information about the Emergency Solutions Grant including the history and statutory guidelines governing use of funds. Staff explained how funds could be used in the following categories: Street Outreach, Shelter Operations, Rapid Re-housing, Prevention and Administration. Staff also defined agency partnerships and subrecipients, Connections for the Homeless and the YWCA Evanston/North Shore. There was brief discussion about reporting and grant management. Mr. Ohanian motioned to approve recommendation of the 2021 ESG funding allocations to City Council at the special meeting scheduled September 20, 2021. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Social Services Committee 2021 Meeting Schedule

Staff proposed a special meeting for September 23, 2021, to hold discussion about allocations for 2021 Case Management and Safety Net service applications. After discussion, Councilmember Reid moved approval of the regular meetings through 2021, seconded by Mr. Ohanian; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Staff Report

Staff provided a summary of the City's racial equity framework and reviewed changes to the allocation process. Staff also provided a list of categorized agency applications for consideration that defined case management applications, safety net service applications and supplemental service applications. There was discussion about the application process and ways to work with agencies to further achieve service delivery and equity goals. Staff asked the Committee to consider, at the next meeting of the

Committee, approving draft allocations for agencies for FY2022 in addition to FY 2021, due to the late timing of the current year application process and upcoming year allocation schedule. The City's goal is to finalize 2021 agreements prior to the end of this year and work toward forming agreements for FY 2022 in the second quarter of next year, after agencies are able to submit reports on 2021 outcomes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Councilmember Reid moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Ngola; it was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
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