

MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Clint Jones, Liz Dalton, Bruce Malone, Erica Harriss,
Chrissy Dutton, Gussie Glasper, James Futrell, Ann Gorman

ABSENT: Judy Kuhn

OTHERS: Chairman Prenzler, Nadine Pfeiffer, Lisa Mersinger, Samuel Borders,
Sharon Trettenero, James Arnold, Debbie Angleton, Joe Bolt, Amy
Lyerla, Dave Harrison, Jack Minner, Scott Cousins, Ray Wesley

Clint Jones asked for a minute of silence for the Mother of Grants Committee member
Judy Kuhn, who recently passed away.

Clint Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Grants
Meeting. A motion to approve was made by L. Dalton, second by C. Dutton
Motion approved unanimously.

Clint Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Grants
Committee meeting held on July 19, 2017.
Motion to approve was made by L. Dalton, second by A. Gorman
Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

BILLS and PURCHASES REQUESTS APPROVAL

The Bills and Purchase report was presented by Clint Jones. A motion to approve was
made by Erica Harriss, second by Ann Gorman

C. Jones presented a Resolution Authorizing a One (1) year Contract with the Leadership
Council of Southwestern Illinois for Madison County Community Development.
Motion to approve was made by: B. Malone, second by Erica Harriss
Motion approved unanimously.

J. Arnold informed the committee that we are moving a larger amount of money through
the HOME program and that requires a Substantial Amendment and invited the
Committee to attend a public meeting regarding this matter.

L. Mersinger then informed the Committee that Community Development will be
submitting the FY2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD on Friday, August 11, 2017 or at the
latest Monday, August 14, 2017. Community Development will then start doing the
Annual report that states how the money actually got spent.

L. Mersinger then talked about the total funds that come into Madison County for CDBG (excluding HOME program dollars), adds up to \$2.7 million with Alton, Granite City, and Madison County.

C. Jones asked L. Mersinger to explain why Alton and Granite City are split out for the new Grants Committee Members. L. Mersinger then explained that Alton and Granite City are entitlement communities and to receive entitlement status, they were at a certain threshold at one point & time of population and people with low-mod background within the community. Because of that, Alton and Granite City receive a separate allocation and there is an agreement with Alton and Granite City that Madison County manages Alton and Granite City's allocations for them.

Joe Bolt and Amy Lyerla then addressed and passed out a handout to the Committee about the CSBG Scholarship program. J. Bolt stated that CSBG is awarding 14 scholarships this year through LCCC, SIUE, SIUC and SWIC in Granite City. Each recipient will receive \$1,500 for tuition, books, and fees. Amy Lyerla stated that there will be a scholarship reception next Wednesday, August 16, before the County Board meeting to hand out the scholarships to the recipients and invited the County Board members to the reception. It is being held in room 309 next Wednesday at 4:30.

Dave Harrison then spoke to the Committee informing them that a Madison County Homeless Hotline has been initiated. The hotline has been averaging around 40 or more calls per day. They make referrals to Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Rapid rehousing and Permanent supporting housing programs around the county. The Homeless Hotline is 1-618-296-5300 and they take calls Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM and they can leave a message 24 hours a day.

Debbie Angleton from Employment and Training gave a handout to the Committee that states information regarding the Jobs Plus '17 Job Fair. It is on the County website under Employment and Training also. The job fair is being held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 1 – 5 pm.

L. Mersinger then showed a power point about CDBG rules and the grading criteria. This is specifically for CDBG block grant. The Grants committee also had copies of this in their packets that were sent out prior to the meeting.

L. Mersinger stated that when CDBG disburses funds for anyone that has an allocation, that CDBG does not just give them the money to spend it as they wish. CDBG gets from the recipient, pay requests from the engineer, the City and the Contractor and they have to be for the project before the funds are allocated. Then the funds are then sent directly to the contractor or engineer depending on what the case is.

The national objectives for CDBG are low-mod area, low-mod clientele, low-mod housing, and low-mod jobs. All Census Tract and Block Group Data will be verified in HUD's IDIS data base, and could either increase or decrease. CDBG is required to use the low/mod income Data in the IDIS system.

L. Mersinger stated that CDBG funds can also be used for the removal of slum and blight, which we do through our Demolition program and funds can also be used for Urgent Need. However, it was noted that Madison County currently does not use CDBG funds for Urgent Need, because it would then be holding a line item of funds for a natural disaster that may or may not happen.

A community can apply for funds up to a maximum grant amount of \$100,000 and a minimum of \$30,000. A Community can apply within those perimeters for as many applications as they want just as long they do not exceed \$100,000 in submissions. For purposes of application submissions, our primary objective is the low-mod areas.

Ann Gorman noted/asked the new members of the Committee about re-prioritizing projects and asked if they felt some of the projects should be moved up higher on the priority list. C. Jones noted such as, smaller communities may not be able to afford an expensive street overlay or sewer replacement/lining. Ann Gorman stated to the new members that this is the basis of the criteria and evaluation and if anyone is not happy with the projects prioritized, that now would be the time to mention it.

The committee decided to discuss the scoring sheet and make sure they adjust the pointing as needed at the next grants meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by: James Futrell, second by Erica Harriss

Next meeting Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm.