

BRISTOL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING
May 9, 2019
City of Bristol
2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Program
6:00 P.M. BRISTOL CITY HALL
First Floor Meeting Room

ATTENDEES: Charles Cyr, Tom Hick

STAFF: Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator
Justin Malley, Executive Director-BDA
Christine Cooper, Administrative Assistant

The Hearing was called to order by BDA Commissioner Charles Cyr at 6:00 p.m. Staff was introduced.

Opening remarks were read by Mr. Cyr:

Welcome to the second Public Hearing for the CDBG Annual Action Plan for program year 45 beginning July 1, 2019. Please sign in at the podium.

Each year, as part of the required public process in the CDBG consolidated and annual planning for funding allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Bristol, through the Bristol Development Authority (BDA), holds meetings and public hearings for the purpose of announcing and discussing the Bristol Development Authority's recommendation of programs, respective funding, and funding contingencies for submission to the BDA Board, the Bristol City Council, and finally to HUD.

Next year's allocation from HUD is \$683,188. There is also \$17,000 program income, and \$17,260 to re-program. The total available for 2019-20 programs is \$738,062. The BDA Board Policy Committee approved and issued the proposed use of funds on April 15, 2019, which was the day the HUD allocation was announced. A Public Comment Period is open through May 22, 2019. The BDA will forward all written comments to HUD. If anyone wishes to comment, please give your name, the agency you represent and the address for the record. If everyone has signed in, we will go in that order.

Presentations by applicant organizations

1. John Kulkulka, Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain/GBRC, 223 Broad St., New Britain. Mr. Kulkulka thanked the board for their allocation and said that construction will begin some time in June of this year.
2. Melody Sutter Fisher, Liaison from Turning Point Christian Center, 83 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. She described their organization. This is the first year they have applied. They are also having a work program and shared the flyer. She shared a flyer for a fundraiser. She is on the advisory board and involved in fundraising. She thanked the committee.
3. Barbara Damon, Executive Director, Prudence Crandall Center, 594 Burritt St., New Britain. This funding continues to be vital to them. She read a quote from one of their clients.
4. Cathie Cole, Board Member, Turning Point, 83 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. She has been on the board for several years. She has seen miracles happen – clients who have good jobs now. They have an 86% recovery rate.

5. C.J. Boggs Bernier, YWCA Counselor/Advocate, 19 Franklin Square, New Britain. She thanked the committee for the funding for their agency and gave statistics and a description of the work that they do.
6. Anthony Casale, Associate at Turning Point, 83 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. Mr. Casale spoke about his son's experience – he said the program works and has transformed his son's life.
7. William Jones, House Manager, Turning Point, 83 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. Mr. Jones said that Turning Point has changed lives and they see positive results.

No other comments were forthcoming from the Public.

Mr. Cyr read the proposed allocations.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary