

Feb 3, 2025

# FY26 CPP Application Review Meeting

## Attendees:

- Vision Committee: Noah Isherwood, Alison Alwes, Cole Knapper, Matthew Pulver, Cameron Harrelson - quorum
- HCD Staff: Melinda Lord, Alejandra Calva, Marci Irwin, Marqueta Swain, Damario Squire, Lily Sronkoski, Solomon Smothers, Hannah Savard, Kelley McClean, Yashu Kavalakuntla, Cory Scott, Santerica Davis, Michele Tully, Andrea Livingston

## Agenda

Topic	Team member
Introduction	Alejandra Calva
Review FY26 CPP Applications	Alejandra Calva
Review Remaining FY26 CPP Schedule/Questions & Comments	Alejandra Calva

# Introduction

- CPP Program Overview
  - VC introductions
  - HCD Mission Statement
  - Purpose of this meeting
  - Confidentiality
  - CPP Program Inception
  - Vision Committee members

## FY26 Vision Committee Ratings Criteria

- 100 Point system
- Strategic Plan Goals - Eligible Community Services
  - Neighborhood Revitalization Activities
  - Poverty Reduction and Economic Strength Activities
  - Intervention and Prevention Activities
- Strategic Plan Goals - Eligible Homeless Services
  - Case Management
- Up to \$1,000,000 is available for funding

## FY26 CPP Applications Discussion

- Top 11 Rated Applications - \$971,655.70
  - Athens Area Diaper Bank, Athens Area Homeless Shelter, The Sparrow's Nest, Downtown Ministries, United Way, Acceptance Recovery Center, Project Safe, Books for Keeps, Athens Land Trust, Bigger Vision, The Salvation Army
  - 75-point minimum threshold score voted on by committee for application review
  - If funding everyone that scored 75 points or more, the total funding amount would be \$1.5 million - have to cut out \$500k

- Discussion starts with those agencies that people voted no for but are above 75 points
      - Farm to Neighborhood, Family Promise
  - Discuss between VC members about their own funding recommendation methods
- **100% Funding recommendations:**
  - Athens Area Diaper Bank (Alison abstained), Athens Area Homeless Shelter, The Sparrow's Nest, United Way, Acceptance Recovery Center (Cameron abstained), Athens Land Trust, Bigger Vision, Project Safe
- Funding Discussions
  - Downtown Ministries - Alison and Noah abstained
    - New program and not sure about 100% funding
    - Cameron: How many in the top 12 have the same funding category as Downtown Ministries (homeless services)? - there's a bit of overlap, but nothing else specifically for providing continuum of care services
    - May have to track and make sure that they are not violating the gratuities clause
    - Reduced to \$104,566
  - Books for Keeps - Noah abstained
    - can collaborate with the school district to make sure that students are LMI to get around gratuities clause
    - Can reduce the number of books and keep the salary
    - Okay with reducing funding by 20% (Cameron) - \$56,000
    - Reduced to \$50,000
  - The Salvation Army
    - Alison is comfortable funding for 50% of request - \$100,000
    - Noah - budget is hard to parse through. It's hard to tell what exactly they're spending CPP funds on
      - Additional budget discussion
    - Reduced to \$100,000

- Family Promise
  - Suggested reduction to \$100,000 - Alison (?)
  - Can be run at \$150,000 according to application
  - Reduced to \$150,000
- Meeting Adjourned
- Meeting called to order for approval of minutes.
  - Cameron proposed and Noah seconded
  - Meeting minutes approved unanimously by quorum committee members.