

NEW PHILADELPHIA-UHRICHSVILLE

PY 2018 CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2

Meeting Notes

April 23, 2018 7:00 pm

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers in the John Knisely Centre. The Hearing was presented by Rebecca Hall with Hall Community Development LLC. Present were Councilmembers Dan Lanzer, Aimee May, Dean Holland, John Zucal; Mayor Joel Day; Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright; Service Director Ron McAbier, Treasurer Tom Gerber, Safety Director Greg Popham, Auditor Beth Gundy, Law Director Marvin Fete

ITEM(S): To inform the Citizens of New Philadelphia of the federally funded program available in fiscal year 2018 with funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program and HOME Programs, both of which are administered by the State of Ohio.

PRESENTATION BY REBECCA HALL WITH HALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LLC

You have handouts in front of you and I've provided you with a copy of the notice for this Hearing as well as a similar hearing in Uhrichsville. This is a partnership grant so Uhrichsville and New Philadelphia are applying together, New Philadelphia is the lead entity, so they will be submitting the application on behalf of the partnership. What we are proposing with this particular program are several activities. One is private owner rehab. That is proposed to rehabilitate nine homes. Of that nine we're looking at providing assistance for five properties in New Philadelphia and four in Uhrichsville. That's partially because there's more money for New Philadelphia because the size of the community. The grant will provide approximately \$361,120 and then we will have program income funds from both New Philadelphia and Uhrichsville that will supplement that to allow us to rehabilitate nine homes. That's just a budgeted amount. It just depends on the cost of the original project. That's our goal. We'll try to maintain the budget as much as possible since Uhrichsville has \$300,000 and New Philadelphia has \$350,000 in the budget. It's not an exact science we just know that we'll have \$650,000 in total for both communities in a successful grant. In addition to private owner rehab we've looked at trying to do 16 home repairs. The home repair program is actually a grant. There's no money that has to be put back. The residents still have to have income within the low to moderate income. Tenant based rental assistance is designed to provide rental subsidies primarily people that are homeless. That program is conducted through the Tuscarawas Metropolitan Housing Authority. They actually set aside the rent payments each month and bill the Pipp Program accordingly. The other activity is just Administration and Fair Housing which is a requirement of the program. So those are the proposed activities. In addition to this notice that was in the paper I also provided you some additional information about planning. This program requires planning which we will look at current situations in communities and determine which were the best activities. I provided the Census information for New Philadelphia is 17,288 people. The estimate that's come out every five years takes into consideration 2012 to 2016 estimates and it shows an increase in New Philadelphia of 124 people. As far as low and moderate income persons in the community, New Philadelphia has a 33.64 percent low to moderate income population. Uhrichsville, that same number is 54.32 percent.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

What number are we using for the LMI?

Ms. Hall had the following response:

There's not one set LMI rate but based on the 2014 information provided by the State, New Philadelphia as a City as a whole has 33.64 percent LMI.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

What's the income level to qualify?

Ms. Hall had the following response:

That would be based on household size. So in order to be considered for low to moderate income you have to make below 80 percent.

Ms Hall made the following statement:

One of the reasons we felt that owner rehab home repair activities were a good fit for the community was in New Philadelphia 60.1 percent owner occupied and 55.9 percent owner occupied, so really the majority of your residents are in owner structures. Also the age of the housing is significantly advanced. Anytime you get older than 1978 there's a potential for lead based paint. That's a critical number to look at when we have a higher incidence of potential of lead based paint. In Ohio as far as pre 1940 structures, the average for Ohio in general is 20.7% whereas in New Philadelphia we're looking at 32.9% in houses. Before 1920 in Uhrichsville 43.7% of the houses were built before 1940, so that just gives you an indication that there's great needs in the houses to renovate and repair, and then again you're looking at about 65% owner occupancy. So that's why we chose those activities. That's what current grants have tended to provide, although there's other activities and there's other funding sources for those other activities. This is one of the few programs that the City has direct control over. The plan is to submit the application by next Friday, and so the clock is ticking, that's why we're trying to get everything taken care of and that's why we need to get a Resolution passed so we can get that partnership agreement signed. That's a critical part. Uhrichsville's already gotten there's ready to go so it's just a matter of the passage of that, and then we can proceed with that application. We should be hearing around Labor Day if the application is approved.

THE FLOOR WAS OPENED UP TO QUESTIONS FOR MS. HALL: NO QUESTIONS

Action: No action was taken.

With no further questions or comments regarding the CDBG and NRG Programs, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.