

City of Lewiston
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Minutes of February 22, 1996

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was opened at 6:10 p.m.

- A. Board members present:
Thomas Peters, Denis Theriault, Harold Skelton, Harry Milliken,
David Jacques, Marc Goulet
- B. Staff present:
James Andrews, Community Development Director
Jacqueline Grenier, Grants Administrator
Ken St. Amand, Rehab Specialist
Yvette Bedard, Recording Secretary

II. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HEARINGS

The Fiscal Year CDBG Hearings were broken down into four separate hearings with the second hearing scheduled this evening. Following are the names of the requesting agencies, the project name, the dollar amount requested, the representative's name(s), and key points of the proposal.

1. Child Health Center (Kid's Korner Pre-school) \$7,500/Diane Hines

- This program is a therapeutic preschool program serving children from birth to age five who need early intervention due to the following developmental delays; speech and language, behavior, emotional and biological factors, vision/hearing defects, cerebral palsy, Down's Syndrome or spina bifida.
- Licensed Day care with 2 classrooms that serves 64 children
- Goal is to provide preschool children with special needs the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential.
- The only program in L/A specifically aimed to service children ages birth to two and also three year olds who can't succeed in typical settings.
- Children ages 0 - 3 are not covered by Special Education Funds.

2. L/A Arts (Arts After School Program) \$12,000/Rolf Olsen, Executive Director, Ralph Tuttle,

- This program brings professional artists to the 7 elementary schools, primarily Longley, Wallace and Montello, and provides students with hands-on artistic experience.
- Offers free tickets to junior and high school students to attend performances.
- Program and performances have attracted positive recognition and has helped improve

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- Stimulates students creative abilities which has a broader impact on students ability to learn in all areas.
 - Request for funding from CDBG is of great importance this year because traditionally available state and federal sources have been eliminated as a result of recent Congressional actions.
3. Multi-Purpose Center (Prime-Time After School) \$18,257/Joline Bonaitis, MPC Coordinator, Karen Oliver, Supervisor of ASP Program.
- This program offers quality recreational and educational activities in a safe, healthy environment for children ages 5-12 that come from low to low-moderate families in the community.
 - Works in association with the Health Department, the Principal of Longley School and the Lewiston School Nutrition Program.
 - Expanding program for eight weeks during the summer months, which will include breakfast, lunch along with activities.
 - Additional request of \$5,000 is to fund the summer program.
4. Norwich House (Residential Shelter Program) \$25,000/Patricia Turner, Executive Director
- This program provides a safe environment for homeless pregnant and parenting adolescents, healthful community living and development of parenting skills. Also provides health care, counseling, education and daily living needs (food, clothing, etc.)
 - Funding would provide for maintenance of the property.
 - Statistics show that last year there were 166 pregnant teens in Androscoggin County which is 14% of total live births.
 - Mother and child provided with a home for up to 2 years.
5. Pathways (Workplace Program) \$18,000/Joel Packer, Executive Director
- This is a vocational program that includes Work Assessment/Work Adjustment, Personal/Social Development and Job Development and Placement.
 - Funding would be for the Lewiston residents benefiting from the program.
 - It was noted that Lewiston has 1400 persons with disabilities, over 800 that are not in the work force and over 700 are prevented from work because of their disability.
6. Pathways (Extended Employment) \$25,000/Joel Packer, Executive Director
- This program provides jobs for people with disabilities and allows them to become contributing members of the community.
 - Twenty jobs will be created through the program.

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- Matching funds from a variety of State and Federal sources is a direct result of funding received from local sources. Eliminating local funding would reduce the number of individuals served.
7. Pathways (The Early Learning Center) \$18,000/Joel Packer, Executive Director, Debra Pierce, Director of Children's Services
- This program is a therapeutic and academic program designed and administered for children with special needs from the ages of birth to five.
 - Funding requests for Lewiston children only.
 - Four different programs are available to meet the needs of parents and children individually, parent/child, and group sessions.
 - It was noted that more parents are seeking help with parenting skills which may be caused by HMO's forcing new parents out of hospital before they have received training in caring for infants.
8. Western Maine Transportation (Pine Tree Transit) \$85,239/Richard Armstrong, Finance Director
- This program offers transportation on demand for older residents, people with disabilities, low-income adults and their children along with the general public.
 - WMTS "mini-buses" have been part of City's transportation infrastructure for 20 years.
 - Buses are lift-equipped to ADA Standards.
9. Catholic Charities of Maine (SEARCH) \$5,100/Ann Corbin, Director
- This program is a non-denominational program of Catholic Charities of Maine which promotes independent living for the elderly or disabled.
 - Free services for elderly over the age of 60 in need of support services for independent living.
 - In 1995, 89 Lewiston residents were served by the program
 - Request for funds would help pay Director's salary.
10. Sexual Assault Crisis Center (Client Services) \$3,000/Marty McIntyre, Executive Director
- This program provides crisis intervention and support services for victims of sexual assault or abuse and also provides this help to the friends and family of the victims.
 - Services include a 24 hour toll free hot-line, support group services and a lending library.
 - Funding will directly aid Lewiston residents, last year a total of 374 hours were dedicated to residents of Lewiston.
 - Loss of CDBG funding could also mean a loss of DHS funding.

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11. Tri-County Mental Health Services (Family Services) \$8,500/Greg Shea,

- This program provides outpatient therapy to children and families from economically depressed neighborhoods in Lewiston.
- As many as 1500 Lewiston residents will benefit from this program for a total of 32,000 hours of care.
- Agency takes referrals from the school department, the City's Welfare department and also works with the Lewiston Housing Authority to find housing for clients.

12. Androscoggin Home Health (Lewiston Home Care) \$34,369/Dave Merk

- This program includes a broad array of clinical and social services provided to families in their homes, nursing being the key factor.
- Elderly people over the age of 65 account for 56% of clients, while 16% are under the age of 18.
- It was noted that Androscoggin Home Health is the only Medicare-certified non-profit agency in the area.
- Works closely with area physicians, hospitals, nursing homes and social service agencies.
- Fees to clients are based on a sliding scale based on income.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Yvette Bedard
Recording Secretary