

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE
235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225
Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Subcommittee Chair Magel called the Youth Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commissioners and Subcommittee Panel Members present: Amitesh Bharati, Tony Alcala, Cynthia Hardy, Heather Callis, Lillith Ayala, Lisa Loring, and Ryan Magel

Housing and Human Services Commissioners and Subcommittee Panel Members absent: None.

Staff present: Riann Balch, Community Resources Senior Manager, Karin Bishop, Community Development Senior Program Manager, Dylan Raymond, Community Development Associate, and Monica Thompson, Community Development Associate.

Public Present: None.

DISCUSSION

1. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Youth Proposals; Determine if Additional Questions are Necessary.

Community Development Associate Dylan Raymond provided an overview of the meeting and application process. He explained to commissioners and subcommittee panel members that they would have an opportunity to identify outstanding questions before finalizing their individual scores. If staff could not answer questions, additional information would be requested from the organization. Commissioner Lisa Loring asked for clarification regarding individual scoring and funding recommendations and how they would factor into the meetings. Community Development Senior Program Manager Karin Bishop informed Commissioner Loring that the subcommittees would be provided with an estimated funding total to help guide their funding recommendations. According to Ms. Bishop, the subcommittees should have the estimated total at the next meeting. She explained that individual scoring and funding recommendations are subjective and that each subcommittee, once they finish asking additional questions of the agencies, the subcommittee will come together to finalize their initial funding recommendations. Ms. Bishop further explained the initial funding recommendations from all three subcommittees will be presented to the Housing and Human Services Commission. The Housing and Human Services Commission will have the opportunity to review the initial recommendations of the subcommittees and make any changes before taking those initial recommendations to the City Council in June.

Subcommittee Chair Hardy facilitated a discussion of each application to identify the need for additional information from agencies. The Youth Subcommittee requested additional information from the applicants listed below.

- East Valley JCC - Low Income Family Scholarships
 1. No questions
- East Valley JCC - Technology in Kindergarten
 1. The application states the proposed program will serve 12 Chandler students with Chandler funds. Is this accurate? Please clarify.
 2. Question 3 in the Program Summary Section states “our Kindergarten day will be free of charge for anyone who wishes to attend”, AND “With Chandler funding, we are able to welcome families that might otherwise not be able to pay the tuition that we need to charge in order to provide a high level of care.” Please clarify whether tuition is charged for the Kindergarten program and if so, how much.
 3. Question 4 indicates that the target population is children from low-income families, especially children from single parent homes and those that need emotional support to develop their confidence. Describe how this population is recruited and prioritized.
 4. What other fund sources have been explored for the purchase of equipment and supplies?
- East Valley JCC - Youth in Crisis
 1. Please describe how you define “youth in crisis.”
 2. How do you focus on behavioral health needs of youth?
 3. Question 4 indicates that the target population is children from low-income families, especially children from single parent homes. Describe how this population is recruited and prioritized.
 4. Is this a fee-based program? If so, what is the fee?
 5. What other fund sources have been explored for camp scholarships?
- For Our City-Chandler - For Our City-Chandler Projects
 1. Question 6 indicates the proposed program will serve 650 Chandler residents with Chandler funds. Question 7 indicates 3,000 Chandler residents will be served with Chandler funds. Question 8 indicates 650 Chandler residents will be served with Chandler funds. Please clarify.
 2. What other fund sources (not in-kind) have been explored to support For Our City projects?
- ICAN: Improving Chandlers Area Neighborhoods - Positive Youth Development
 1. Questions 6 and 8 indicate the proposed program will serve 400 Chandler residents with Chandler funds. Question 7 indicates 500 Chandler residents will be served with Chandler funds. Please clarify.
 2. Explain the high percentage of students (21%) 81% and above AMI.
- Junior Achievement of Arizona - Providing the JA BizTown Program to Primarily Low-Income City of Chandler Students
 1. How can Chandler funds be used specifically to serve low-income Chandler students?
- notMYkid, Inc. - Teen Mental Health First Aid
 1. Does Chandler Unifies School District pay for the proposed service?
- Si Se Puede Foundation - Si Se Puede Foundation STEM Center
 1. What other fund sources have been explored for rent?
 2. How often is the building utilized? Do you share it with others?
 3. How are Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) practices implemented in the delivery of programs and services?

- Valley of the Sun YMCA - Chandler Family YMCA iLearn Program
 1. Is transportation to/from the program provided?
 2. Do students have access to an academic counselor on-site? Are any other supportive services provided?
 3. Please describe in more detail the positions and expenses requested funds will support.
 4. Does Chandler Unified School District support the program financially? If so, please describe.

Mr. Raymond provided an overview of how to review and score the applications in ZoomGrants. Additionally, he demonstrated to the subcommittee where to find the staff technical reviews and agency responses to the subcommittee questions. Commissioner Loring asked how long agencies would have to respond to the subcommittee questions. Ms. Bishop explained to Commissioner Loring that agencies would have approximately a week to respond. The Subcommittee members should complete their scoring sheets, votes, and recommended amounts by March 30, 2023.

MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Magel announced to the subcommittee that the 2023 Chandler State of the City is on February 16, 2023. Mr. Raymond added that everyone is invited to attend the event, which will be held at Chandler Center for the Arts doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the event starts at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

2. Basic Needs, Special Populations, and Youth Subcommittee Individual Scores Due by March 30, 2023.
3. HHSC Youth Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
4. HHSC Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dated: _____

Subcommittee Chair Magel

Recording Secretary Monica Thompson