

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Committee Chair Tim Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Present: Shafer, Fannin, Bunting, Earing, Kirkton, Lovell, Welch

Absent:

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Member Linda Ambrose, Executive Director Alina Hartley, and Finance Director Diane Schwahn

Shafer called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Bunting; second by Fannin to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Review of ARPA Requests – Various members of the community were present to review their ARPA Grant Requests with the Committee.

On behalf of the Mutual Aid Association, Pontiac Fire Chief Jacob Campbell reported that at the August the 911 Board approved the elimination of the UHF radio system which mandates that all agencies transition to the StarCom system as of December 31, 2023. The grant request, in the amount of \$249,368, was for the purchase of pagers and used radios through DuPage County. Campbell stated that DuPage County is currently transitioning to encrypted radios so there isn't necessarily anything wrong with the radios they have. Campbell stated that the purchase of the used radios isn't necessarily the solution, but more of a potential opportunity for a stop-gap in order to position the entities to be able to qualify for grant funding. Discussion took place.

On behalf of IHR, Jessica Siwak was present to review their request of continuation of multiple programs for a total of \$322,981.50. Siwak stated that in regards to the counseling service which was double the request for 2022, there was a greater need than originally anticipated. Siwak stated that there are currently two counselors and they would like to increase that amount to four. Siwak stated that they would like to expand the schools that they are serving as well as what they are doing. Siwak stated that the request is based on the States standard rate of \$90 per hour and they are requesting a block of billable hours. Discussion took place regarding the requests.

Brianne Dronenberg and Jessi Benson were present to review the grant request submitted by Good Samaritan, in the amount of \$850,984.53. The request included personnel expenses, including adding additional staff, reimbursement of COVID related expenses and continuing education expenses. Discussion took place concerning the request.

Adam Dontz was present to review the GLCEDC request for \$1.1 million for residential downtown development. Dontz stated that the proposed grant would require a minimum investment of \$100,000 (excluding property acquisition) to receive the \$25,000 incentive. Dontz stated that preference would be given to smaller communities with a population of 3,000 or less. Dontz stated that in addition, there all investments would require some type of residential development in the downtown area. Discussion took place regarding the request.

On behalf of Futures Unlimited, Patty Haberkorn was present to request approval of their \$1.2 million grant application. Haberkorn reviewed the history of payments and lack thereof from the State of Illinois. Haberkorn stated that in 2020 the organization was ordered to shutdown, but was required to maintain staffing levels and payroll costs even though services could not be provided. Haberkorn stated that the organization experienced large losses of revenue over the period. Haberkorn noted that the organization did receive PPP which totaled \$1.5 million, compared to the \$3.1 million in payroll experienced. Haberkorn stated that they are still only running at 68% capacity due to the sensitive nature of their clientele. Discussion took place regarding the potential ramifications of not receiving the grant funds and how the organization would be required to respond.

Motion by Fannin, second by Kirkton to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m..

Alina Hartley
Executive Director