

City of Norwalk
Ad Hoc Grant Review Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2016
5:00 p.m. – Room 231
Norwalk City Hall
125 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT

Committee Attendance: Greg Burnett, Richard McQuaid and Anita B. Schmidt

Staff Attendance: Robert Barron and Irene Dixon

Call to Order:

Mr. Burnett called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and stated that this was an Ad hoc Committee formed to review grant requests from outside agencies for fiscal year 2016-17.

Business:

The agencies, requests and presentation personnel that appeared before the committee:

1. The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education
Presented By: Karen Mellow, Executive Director
Program Request: \$18,500

2. Elderhouse
Presented by: Denise Cesareo, Executive Director
Program Request: \$15,000

3. Open Door Shelter
Presented by: Jeannette Archer-Simons, Executive Director
Nathaniel Yordon, Board Member
Corky Stewart, President of the Board
Program Request: \$100,000

4. Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Presented by: Rachelle Kucera Mehra, Executive Director
Program Request: \$17,000

5. Southwest Regional Mental Health Board
Presented by: Margaret Watt, Executive Director
Lou Schulman, Board Member
Program Request: \$15,989

6. Family and Children's Agency
Presented by: Christopher Jachino, Director, Community Connections
Program Request: \$40,000

7. Americares Free Clinic
Presented by: Karen Gottlieb, Executive Director
Cornelia Brefka, Associate Director
Program Request: \$33,000

The committee and staff were present for all presentations. Each agency representative was thanked for their time and the conclusion of the presentations the committee began its recommendation deliberations.

The Grants Review Committee recommends a \$1.2 million budget for Outside Grant Agencies in the upcoming fiscal year 2016-17 to the City of Norwalk's Board of Estimate and Taxation. This recommendation represents flat funding or a zero percent increase for all funded programs in the city's current fiscal year 2015-16 budget and no new program funding. The committee also recommends that the name be changed to "Headstart Provider" for the funding recommendation for the Norwalk Housing Authority request.

The Grants Review Committee recommends the following outside agency grants for the fiscal year 2016-17:

ORGDESC	FY16 BUDGET	FY17 REQUEST	FY17 COMMITTEE
AMERICARE FREE CLINIC	\$ 22,440	\$ 33,000	\$ 22,440
CARVER-SUMMER CAMPS	\$ 152,702	\$ 160,000	\$ 152,702
CARVER-SCHOOL TRANSITION	\$ 25,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000
CULTURAL ALLIANCE OF FAIRFIELD	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -
ELDERHOUSE	\$ 10,374	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,374
NORWALK SENIOR CENTER	\$ 355,000	\$ 372,750	\$ 355,000
NORWALK MENTOR PROGRAM	\$ -	\$ 11,510	\$ -
S MAIN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ -
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER	\$ 17,489	\$ 18,500	\$ 17,489
CONN. COUNSELING CENTER	\$ 2,186	\$ 2,186	\$ 2,186
HEADSTART PROVIDER	\$ 355,000	\$ 1,635,813	\$ 355,000
MID FAIRFIELD CHILD GUIDANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 25,000
EXTENDED DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL	\$ 14,210	\$ 14,574	\$ 14,210
OPEN DOOR SHELTER	\$ 55,724	\$ 100,000	\$ 55,724
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER	\$ 6,012	\$ 17,000	\$ 6,012
FAMILY & CHILDREN'S AID	\$ 39,709	\$ 40,000	\$ 39,709
SW CT MENTAL HEALTH BD	\$ 15,989	\$ 15,989	\$ 15,989
SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER	\$ 20,222	\$ 20,740	\$ 20,222
CHILDREN'S CONNECTION	\$ 17,489	\$ 17,937	\$ 17,489
PERSON TO PERSON	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000
	\$ 1,159,546	\$ 2,774,999	\$ 1,159,546

The committee is grateful to the non-profit agencies for the essential services that they provide to a variety of individuals and families and is proud to recommend over a million dollars of support to help continue their services in our community. Increases to all agencies or new program requests are not recommended due to the current budget challenge of providing essential city services at a reasonable cost to Norwalk residents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.