

**Memorandum
Community Economic Development Department**



To: Randall Tweet, Interim City Manager
Subject: Recommendations for PY 2017-2018 CDBG and
CY 2017 Gaming Grant Allocations
Date: October 24, 2016

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) completed the task of allocating PY 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and CY 2017 Gaming Grant awards on October 11, 2016. A public hearing was held on October 17, 2016 to fulfill the conditions set forth in the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Although the CAC has made recommendations regarding PY 2017-2018 CDBG and CY 2017 Gaming Grant allocations it is understood that the Rock Island City Council has the authority to make final funding allocation decisions.

Attached is the letter and funding recommendations that were presented during the Public Hearing held on October 17, 2016 as presented by Linda Mohr, CAC Chairperson. Individual applications and minutes of the CAC proceedings are available upon request.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the CAC and CED Staff that the Rock Island City Council approve the PY 2017-2018 CDBG and CY 2017 Gaming Grant allocation amounts as presented in the attached documentation.

Submitted by: Colleen Small-Vollman, Budget and Grants Manager
Thomas G. Ayers, Interim CED Director

Approved by: Randall Tweet, Interim City Manager



October 10, 2016

Mayor Dennis Pauley
and Members of the City Council
City of Rock Island
1528 Third Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Mayor Pauley and Members of the City Council:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee has completed their review of the CDBG and Gaming Grant funding requests for the 2017 calendar year. We enjoyed learning more about the programs and services that help our residents thrive and support their health and well-being. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important process. I plan to present our recommendation for funding allocations to you on Monday, October 17, 2016. The Committee agrees that the CDBG budget presented will disburse monies in a way that improves housing, economic and social condition of the City, adheres to the guidelines mandated by HUD, aligns with Rock Island's Consolidated Plan, and most importantly benefits our low and moderate income citizens. Furthermore, the Committee agrees that the Gaming Grant budget presented will disburse monies in a way that benefits Rock Island citizens and Rock Island businesses with priority given to businesses within our city limits that provide services to the youth in our community.

The committee budgeted \$910,000.00 for this round of CDBG allocations, which represents an anticipated 3% decrease in funds from the 2016-2017 grant year. The Committee received funding requests totaling \$1,409,610.00. Unfortunately, we are facing a shortfall of \$499,610.00 and cannot accommodate every applicant's full request for administrative and program costs. After thoughtful discussion, the Committee agreed to stretch the CDBG funds to enable the City and social service providers to offer assistance to those in our City with the greatest needs.

The City budgeted \$50,000 for the CY 2017 Gaming Grant allocations, the same amount that has been allocated since the inception of the program. Each committee member reviewed 17 grant applications, heard presentations and had questions answered by all applicants. We utilized an individual scoring mechanism with eight categories that corresponded to the most critical components of the grant application. Scores were tallied for each applicant and committee discussions on funding levels for the top grants were conducted. This process

ensured a fair and open discussion about the merit of the requests totaling \$94,945.00. With a shortfall of \$44,945.00, we recommend awarding funds to 13 organizations.

CDBG and Gaming Grant funds enable the City and social service providers to offer assistance to those in our City with the greatest needs. The task of allocating these monies in a manner that affects the greatest good is certainly difficult, but fulfilling. As a Rock Island citizen, I am thankful we have the funds, staffing and the will to deliver these programs to our community. I am happy to answer any questions you may have concerning our allocations at the hearing on October 17, 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact me in advance, if necessary.

Linda K. Mohr, Chairman
Citizens Advisory Committee

2017–2018 CDBG Program:

CDBG Application Project Title	Amount Requested	Amount CAC Recommends
CDBG Program Administration (20% cap)	\$187,680	\$182,000
Emergency Loan Program	\$ 65,000	\$ 40,000
Roof Loan Program	\$ 81,730	\$ 56,730
Property Maintenance	\$214,316	\$214,316
Housing Programs Staff & Support Costs	\$120,270	\$120,270
Martin Luther King Jr. Center	\$131,614	\$131,614
Non-emergency Loan Program	\$ 53,000	\$ 28,000
Demolition	\$500,000	\$ 83,070
Economic Development Assistance (CIRLF)	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000
Totals	\$1,409,610	\$910,000

CY 2017 Gaming Grant:

Gaming Grant Recipient	Amount Requested	Amount CAC Recommends
Rebuilding Together Quad Cities	\$8,000.00	\$7,500.00
Youth Services Bureau	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Girl Scouts of E. IA and W. IL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
River Bend Foodbank	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Spring Forward Learning Center	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Bethany for Children and Families	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00
Child Abuse Council	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Arc of the Quad Cities	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Family Resources	\$4,445.00	\$3,000.00
River Music Experience	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Christian Care	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
QC Community Broadcasting Grp.	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
NormaLeah Foundation	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Church of Peace	\$ 3,000.00	\$500.00
Totals	\$74,445.00	\$50,000