

**April 3rd, 2024 Meeting of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board for the Urban
Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh**

A. Roll Call

Present: Adrienne Walnoha, Derrick Tillman, James Reed, Karen Garrett, Dr. Paul Spradley, , Kellie Ware, Mark Masterson, Dr. Jamil Bey

Not Present: Tammy Thompson, Deidra Washington, Marcus Reed, Deb Gross, Alan Sisco

URA Staff Present: Eric Bernheimer, Natalie Lopez, Kyle Novak, Rae Ann Driscoll, Niklas Persson, Quianna Wasler, Derek Kendall- Morris, Ben Peyton, Melinda Ward, Matt Reitzel, Susheela Nemani Stranger

B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from February 7, 2024, Meeting

Motion: Mark Masterson

Second Motion: Dr Paul Spradley

Abstention: Kellie Ware

C. Public Comment –

Megan Hammond, Executive Director of Fair Housing Pittsburgh

Thanked the URA for continuing to engage in the discussions with fair housing. Wants to continue to discuss the interconnectivity with the HOF and Fair Housing. Requests to discuss supporting larger unit sizes.

D. URA Administrative Updates –

Announcements

- Pittsburgh was selected to participate in NYU's Housing Solutions Lab Home Repair Network Cohort of city agencies that operate home repair programs by sharing and absorbing information to improve home repair programs.
- HSP program not accepting new applications until May. Funding has run out so the program is not running *temporarily* but we are giving clients other resources, such as the Housing Stabilization Center.
- iPad Update 6 ipads were purchased to assist with survey and other client program application needs.

E. HAP Program Discussion

- Guideline Updates, Application Priorities, Usage of Prior Year Allocations

Program will reopen June 10th-July10th, more information will be available on our website. It will be prioritized based on needs. Applicants who have previously used the program must

utilize the grant and loan portions. Borrowers must not have any outstanding, city, county, or school taxes or the borrower must be on a payment plan.

HAP Project Documents Required:

Income and tax verification, proof that they own the home, closing documents,

Guideline updates:

Borrowers who have previously received HAP in the past 5 years from final inspection will not be able to reapply.

If a homeowner decides they only want to utilize the \$5,000.00 grant they will be responsible to find their own contractor for their project and they will be notified that the URA will not be warranty the work.

Application Priorities:

1. Need (Severity of conditions in the home and city code violations)
2. Households with Children 5 years or younger
3. Households with children or an adult with asthma diagnosis
4. Households with seniors or someone on SSDI

*Once we have created a new list of applicants who meet the prioritization criteria will be randomly selected for final approval)

F. Advisory Board Administrative Updates

- Committee Updates DEI and Outreach

Discussion centered on alignment with priorities with DEI with the URA and Mayor's office.

- RGP Discussion -URA – HOF AB-Mayor's Office alignment
No current updates

G. State of HOF/Programmatic Expenditures and Updates

- Regular Update

HOF March 2024 Expenditures

DPCC-\$20,000

HAP-\$169,996.57

HSP- \$106,286.85

LAP- \$131,032.17

RGP- \$874,792.22

HOF 2024 Expenditures

SLF- \$15,120.00

For Sale Development- \$98,348.00

HAP- \$518,159.41

HSP- \$1,394,844.13

LAP- \$47,136.15

RGP- \$1,657,633.22

H. Adjournment

URA HOF Survey is out this will with funding allocation. Please ensure to fill out the survey.

Would like to revisit the Demonstration Dollars.

The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 2:00 PM, held at the Dollar Bank Headquarters Downtown (20 Stanwix Street Pittsburgh PA 15222) in the first-floor conference room, virtually, and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel

Motion: Kellie Ware

Second Motion: Lena Andrews