

Minutes

Wasatch Front Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Review Committee (RRC)
Meeting
May 22, 2018
12:00 – 1:00 pm

A meeting of the Wasatch Front Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Review Committee (RRC) was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. Christy Dahlberg welcomed everyone and asked that everyone present introduce themselves. The following were in attendance:

Attendance

Sean Wilkinson (chair)	Community Development Director, Weber County
Jerry Houghton	Commissioner, Tooele County
Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace City
Lance Evans	Community Development Director, Morgan County
Christy Dahlberg	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Scott Hess	Wasatch Front Regional Council, ED Director
Andrew Gruber	Wasatch Front Regional Council, Executive Director

MEETING OBJECTIVES: Review and approve February minutes, Update membership terms/select a new chair, Allocation methodology update, review and discuss a future update to the by-laws and the rating and ranking criteria

The chair made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20 meeting, Commissioner Houghton seconded and the motion passed.

Lance Evans, the Community Development Director of Morgan County, was welcomed as the newest member of the RRC. We then discussed the nomination and appointment of a new chair, as Mr. Wilkinson's term had ended.

Action: Councilmember John Barber was nominated, there was a motion to approve, and the motion passed.

Christy then updated the committee on the status of the 2019 CDBG Allocation Methodology discussion. In January, the 7 AOGs along with their policy board representatives, met with the State in St. George to discuss this matter. Many of the AOGs are unhappy with the 7-way split that was adopted for the 2018 funding cycle. At this meeting, we discussed the possibility of going back to the old method, WFRC proposed a "needs based" approach, and the State proposed a base to each region then a statewide competition for the remaining funds. Christy informed them that the majority of the AOGs would like to pursue a needs-based approach, but WFRC's proposal needs a few adjustments. Andrew Gruber then gave a brief presentation to the group, reinforcing the need and desire for a "needs based" approach. He brought back the principals of why the approach should be needs based only, and not focused on the dollar amount for each region. It was decided that Christy would come up with a list of CDBG contacts around the State for Committee members to reach out and spread the message of having a needs based approach, regardless of how much money each particular region will or will not be getting. The formulas have been workshopped so much to influence a better outcome, that it has lost sight of the needs base. Christy will also put together a list of talking points for those conversations.

We then briefly reviewed the Rating and Ranking Criteria, taking note of possible changes or issues that were encountered during the last rating and ranking process. It was a very high level discussion to get everyone thinking about it, with the instruction that we would be modifying them at the next RRC meeting.

The next CDBG RRC meeting will take place August, 21 2018 at noon at the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

Action: Commissioner Houghton made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mayor Mark Allen seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

NEXT STEPS

Christy will put together a contact list for people to assign themselves to contact to discuss FY2019 allocation methodology, as well as talking points. She will also come up with a list of criteria to consider for the 2019 funding cycle Rating and Ranking Criteria for the August meeting.