

Social Services & Community Development Committee October 21, 2014 Summary

CM Ford called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM. CMs Akers, Ellinger, Kay, Stinnett, Beard, and Lane were present. CMs Lawless, Scutchfield, and Myers were absent. CM Clarke was also in attendance.

Committee Summary

On a motion by CM Ellinger, second CM Beard, the summary of the September 23, 2014 Social Services & Community Development Committee meeting was approved unanimously.

Partner Agency Funding Process (FY16) / Change Name of Program

Commissioner Mills introduced Theresa Maynard. Ms. Maynard provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the FY16 Extended Social Resource (“ESR”) program funding process. She stated that a mandatory preapplication meeting will be held on November 19, 2014, and presented the following discussion items for the committee’s consideration:

1. The total funding amount available for all programs;
2. Funding emergency shelter programs through the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (utilizing ESR funds);
3. Disallowing a program to be funded by both Partners for Youth and through ESR funding.
4. Amending the application from an annual to a biannual process, providing for two year funding awards;
5. The Mayor’s Proposed Budget will include a total lump sum budgetary line item for ESR programming, rather than specific program funding information;
6. Discussion regarding setting caps for maximum funding requests for a single program and/or a maximum number of programs for which an individual agency can request funding;
7. Implementation of a “letter of intent” process with a December 15, 2014 deadline;
8. Allowing collaborative applications, and providing bonus points for same; and
9. Council Budget Link will be held with the Commissioner of Social Services and the ESR funding workgroup rather than individual agencies.

In response to a question from CM Lane, Ms. Maynard stated that approximately \$700,000 would be allocated to the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention based on the current fiscal year budget. She stated that the Director of that office could manage this process without additional staff. CM Lane asked a question regarding the timing of the biannual funding process, and Commissioner Mills responded that the Department of Law had been consulted regarding this process, and the second year of funding would be contingent upon the availability of funds.

CM Lane asked for criteria related to item 7. Ms. Maynard responded that applications that do not respond to the mission of the Department of Social Services and do not meet minimum application criteria will be rejected.

CM Lane asked how collaborative programs will be managed. Ms. Maynard stated that collaborative programs will be managed by the designation of a single fiscal agent.

In response to a question from CM Beard, Ms. Maynard responded that the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention would administer funds for emergency shelters through a simplified application process. Commissioner Mills stated that program parameters for emergency shelters would be established and administered by the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention.

In response to a question from CM Kay, Ms. Maynard discussed collaborative applications as they relate to innovative programs. CM Kay discussed the need to make policy decisions regarding funding innovative or ongoing programs.

In response to a question from CM Akers, Ms. Maynard affirmed that the FY15 scoring rubric would be used for the FY16 funding process. CM Akers stated support for providing points for innovative and collaborative program applications.

CM Lane asked if the funding proposed to be moved to the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention will be in addition to that office's present funding; Ms. Maynard responded that it will.

CM Stinnett requested clarification regarding the funding being transferred to the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention for emergency shelter funding. He asked for a recommendation for the appropriate amount of ESR funding to transfer on an annual basis to fund emergency shelters. Commissioner Mills stated that staff recommends between 20 percent and 25 percent of the total ESR funding be allocated to emergency shelter funding.

In response to a question from CM Stinnett, Ms. Maynard explained that a biannual funding process requires fewer resources from agencies during the application process, and creates more stable funding for programs. A biannual process will also require less LFUCG staff time to administer.

CM Clarke spoke in favor of biannual funding, and asked if there was agency input regarding item 2. Janice James with the Hope Center spoke in favor of a biannual funding process, particularly for essential services such as emergency and homeless shelters. Ms. Maynard reiterated that agencies receiving emergency shelter funding would still apply for funding through a simplified application process.

Ms. Maynard responded to a question from CM Kay and clarified the application timeline and requirements for emergency shelters.

CM Akers asked for clarification regarding funding of year two of the program award. Ms. Maynard stated that Purchase of Service Agreements will clearly state that awarding of the second program year funding will be contingent upon the availability of funding. She stated that the funding will be provided in accordance with the LFUCG's current quarterly invoicing process. Commissioner Mills reiterated that the LFUCG should not be the primary funding source of any program.

CM Akers referred to the funding categories, and stated concern with continuing funding for the Public Health category.

CM Stinnett stated that item 1 would apply to the General Fund budget only.

Motion by CM Stinnett, seconded by CM Ellinger, to allocate 25 percent of annual ESR funding to emergency shelter programs. Motion passed without dissent.

CM Kay spoke against setting a program or maximum funding request cap, and stated that the LFUCG should focus on funding the best programs the community can provide.

Motion by CM Akers, seconded by CM Ellinger, to set a funding target of one percent of the General Fund budget for all ESR programs. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by CM Kay, seconded by CM Akers to approve a requirement that no specific program can be concurrently awarded grant funds by both Partners for Youth and through the ESR Program. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by CM Kay, seconded by CM Ellinger to approve a biannual application cycle for ESR funding. Motion passed, with CMs Ford, Akers, Ellinger, and Kay voting in favor, and CMs Stinnett, Beard, and Lane dissenting.

Motion by CM Stinnett, seconded by CM Ellinger to approve the presentation of a lump sum amount for ESR funding in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, rather than individual line items for each program receiving funding. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by CM Stinnett, seconded by CM Ellinger to require a Letter of Intent process prior to a formal ESR program application. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by CM Kay, seconded by CM Ellinger to allow collaborative ESR program applications, and to award a 5 point bonus for same. Motion by CM Akers, seconded by CM Ellinger, to amend the motion to provide for 10 points for collaboration rather than 5 points. Motion to amend failed unanimously. The original motion passed, with CMs Ford, Akers, Ellinger, and Kay voting in favor, and CMs Stinnett, Beard, and Lane dissenting.

Motion by CM Akers, seconded by CM Beard to require the Council Budget Link to be held with the Department of Social Services Commissioner and the ESR funding workgroup rather than individual applicant agencies. Motion passed without dissent.

The item regarding setting a cap on single program funding requests and/or the number of programs for which a single agency can request funding was not voted on, and was deferred to the Council for consideration.

Homecare Program Match

Craig Bencz presented this item, and explained the FY15 Council Link recommendation to separate the existing Purchase of Services (PSA) agreement with the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) into agreements for BGADD annual dues and the Kentucky State Homecare Program (Homecare), respectively. He further explained the recommendation for Homecare funds to be placed in the Department of Social Services' budget to provide for further separation of funds.

Motion by CM Kay, seconded by CM Akers, to approve the Council Link recommendation to split the BGADD PSA agreement into two separate agreements for BGADD membership dues and Homecare match. Motion passed without dissent.

Workforce Investment & Training – Interlocal Agreement

CM Ford referred to the memorandum and timeline included in the committee packet, and introduced a Resolution recommending that the Mayor not sign the proposed Amended Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and take the necessary steps to have Lexington-Fayette County area declared a Workforce Investment Area. CM Ford asked Vice Chair Akers to temporarily assume the committee chair to allow him to bring forth a motion related to this item.

CM Lane acknowledged the issue, but stated that positive changes had been made at the BGADD to address problems. He suggested that additional time be allowed to allow the BGADD to continue to address issues.

CM Ford stated the importance of the proposed Resolution, and stated that the LFUCG has exhausted reasonable efforts to be supportive of the BGADD. He explained that some segments of the community are still not being served by the BGADD, and ongoing communications with the community demonstrate that the issues related to the Workforce Investment Board are not being adequately addressed.

In response to a question from CM Ellinger, CM Ford stated that the existing Interlocal Cooperative Agreement will remain in place in the absence of a signed Amended Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, and referenced changes that will occur in 2015 as a result of the passage of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

In response to a question from CM Lane, CM Ford stated that the Business and Education Network is working on a Workforce Analysis study for Fayette County, and passage of the proposed Resolution is the first step in exploring declaration of the Lexington-Fayette County area as a Workforce Investment Area in FY 2015-2016.

CM Clarke spoke in favor of moving the Resolution forward to the full Council for discussion.

CM Stinnett stated that this is the first step in developing a workforce development program in Fayette County, and stated support for the Resolution.

CM Ford stated that the committee has reviewed this issue in depth, and asked for support in moving the Resolution forward to Council for consideration.

Motion by CM Ford, seconded by CM Ellinger, to approve forwarding the Resolution regarding the proposed Amended Interlocal Cooperative Agreement to the full Council for further consideration. Motion passed without dissent.

Items Referred to Committee

On a motion by CM Ellinger, second by CM Kay, "BGADD Membership, Audit Response" was removed from the referral list. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by CM Ellinger, second by CM Akers, "Change name from Partner Agency to Partner Program Funding" was removed from the referral list. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by CM Ellinger, second by CM Kay, "Partner Agency Funding Process" was removed from the referral list. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by CM Akers, second by CM Kay, "Manage Partner Agency Prescription Programs" was removed from the referral list. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by CM Ford, second by CM Ellinger, "Proposed Reorganization of Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention to the Department of Social Services" was removed from the referral list. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.