

**City of Wichita
District Advisory Board Meeting, District III
December 7, 2011**

TO: James Clendenin, City Council Representative
District Advisory Board Members

SUBJECT: Nomination of Grants Review Committee Representative – District III

INITIATED BY: Housing and Community Services Department

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Nominate a District III representative to the Grants Review Committee.

Background: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that cities involve citizens in the allocation process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. The City of Wichita accomplishes this through a series of public presentations, electronic feedback, public hearings before the City Council and through the appointment of a Grants Review Committee (GRC) which reviews proposals and applications. Note: There will be changes in the Emergency Shelter Grant program, including a name change: Emergency Solutions Grant. The release of regulations is pending.

Analysis: The Grants Review Committee will include representation from all District Advisory Boards, Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, the United Way, Sedgwick County, USD #259, Wichita State University, and large and small businesses. The 12 GRC members are appointed annually by the City Council. Housing and Community Services Department staff meets with them as they review applications from agencies who apply for HOME and proposals for CDBG Public Services and ESG programs. After review of the proposals and receipt of public comments, the GRC makes recommendations to the City Council for HOME, ESG and CDBG funding for the next program year.

The 2011-2012 GRC representative from District III was Judy Dillard.

Financial Considerations: City staff will initially present current levels of funding which are: CDBG - \$2,579,615; HOME - \$1,605,229; and ESG - \$124,982.

Goal Impact: Funded projects contribute to the City Council goals of Core Area and Neighborhoods, Economic Vitality and Affordable Living, Efficient Infrastructure, Safe and Secure Community and Quality of Life.

Legal Considerations: The Grants Review Committee has been designated to receive and consider funding applications and proposals for recommendations to the City Manager and City Council to meet the citizen participation requirement as required by HUD, for allocation of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the District Advisory Board nominate a District III representative to the Grants Review Committee.

Attachment: GRC 2012 meeting schedule.