

City of Wichita
District Advisory Board Meeting, District III
November 3, 2010

TO: Jim Skelton, 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. Historically the City of Wichita accomplishes this through a series of public hearings before the City Council and through the appointment of a Grants Review Committee (GRC) which reviews proposals and applications.

Analysis: The Grants Review Committee includes representation from District I, III, IV and VI 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 and Housing and Community Services Department staff meet with them as they review applications from agencies who apply for HOME and ESG funds and proposals for CDBG Public Services programs. After review of the proposals and public comments, the GRC makes recommendations to the City Council for HOME, ESG and CDBG funding for the next program year.

The 2010-11 GRC representative from District III was Judy Dillard.

Financial Considerations: City staff is projecting the same level of funding for 2011-2012 as the current fiscal year. CDBG: \$3,084,879 HOME: \$1,826,790 ESG: \$125,133.

Goal Impact: Expenditure of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds contributes 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: HUD requires citizen participation in the development of spending plans for 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 2011 meeting schedule.