

Minutes
Grants & Funding Committee
Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10:00 am
Town Hall – Council Chambers
510 N. Coronado Blvd. Clifton, AZ 85533

Members Present:

Barbara Ahmann, Chairman
Tony Ortega, Committee Member
Austin Adams, Committee Member

*Excused

Also present was Town Manager, Rudy Perez, Code Enforcement Officer, Mayor Luis Montoya and Emily Muteb, FMI Representative.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Ahmann followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Presentation by Emily Muteb regarding the FMI-Community Investment Fund Program:

Ms. Muteb explained that this years' grant cycle has been allocated \$350,000 to be distributed between potential grant recipients. She also explained that all grant applicants have been notified of the pre-grant application interview with Angie Harmon, Manager-Social Investment, FMI Foundation which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th. Ms. Muteb encouraged town staff to schedule an appointment. She also provided insight to the grant criteria which will aid the town in selecting their project.

Discussion and/or action to consider a grant application project for the next FMI-Community Investment Fund Grant Application Cycle: The Town's Code Enforcement Officer, Angel Maldonado presented her proposed project for consideration. She described her project as an abatement of dilapidated, dangerous and unsightly homes within the town. She supported her project by providing preliminary results from the goals and objectives determined from the town's general plan. She explained that the general plan encourages town officials to pursue housing infill to address housing demand. Additionally, the town already has an ordinance which will guide the process. She explained that the town's challenge to implement the abatement process is funding. She provided an example of a successful abated property in which the property owner removed the unsightly recently burned building. She explained that although a few years ago, the town had also hired a structural engineer to evaluate a group of homes that were deemed dangerous.

Members of the committee were supportive of the project concept and encouraged Ms. Maldonado to highlight the positive impact this project might have on the community as part of the grant information.

Town Manager, Rudy Perez stated that he will notify all department supervisors of the grant cycle application giving all an opportunity to present their projects for consideration. The Grants Committee agreed that the next meeting date to hear additional projects would be scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion and/or action to consider a grant application for town promotional items through the FMI-Local Funding Grant: Mayor Montoya provided a brief explanation of the available activities offered during the annual League of Cities and Towns Conference. One of the activities is known as the festival of cities & towns. Each municipality has an opportunity to showcase their town. He stated that Council member Laura Dorrell has offered to host the town's table where conference participants stop by and learn about the community. Promotional items are available with town logo's or items significant of the community are handed out.

He suggested that the town might apply for funding through the FMI-Local Funding Grant to purchase promotional items.

Ms. Muteb explained that funding for promotional items might be more appropriate for assisting the Visitor's Center or Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.