

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Krista Dunn,	Council Chair - Conducted
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member - Excused

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Shannon Huff Jacobs,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	Recorder
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Dennis Hamblin,	Community Development Director
Blaine Haacke,	Acting General Manager, Power Dept.
Karen Wiley,	Salt Lake County Community Development
Citizens	

Ms. Dunn Conducted Meeting

**A. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Pledge of Allegiance  
Jennifer Brass, Citizen

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2007 made by Mr. Brass.  
. Mr. Robertson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Voice Vote taken, All ayes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Special Recognition(s)  
None

- B. CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Comments are limited to three minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

None

- C. CONSENT AGENDA**

None Scheduled

- D. Public Hearing(s)**

- a. Staff and sponsor presentations, public comment and discussion prior to Council action on the following matter:

**Consider a Resolution Allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Calendar Year 2007.**

Ms. Dunn noted that the funds will not be allocated at this meeting, due to the fact that firm numbers have not been received from the federal government. She added that a meeting will be scheduled to allocate the funds. Letters of notification will be mailed out to let everyone know the results of allocation.

Staff Presentation: Dennis Hamblin, Director of Community Development, Karen Wiley, Community Development Coordinator, Salt Lake County.

Mr. Hamblin stated that there had been a considerably higher number of applications than funds available. He also noted that there were some unexpended monies from the 29<sup>th</sup> year of the CDBG program as listed on the allocation sheet. The Citizens Commission on Human Rights and the Youth Training Center received allocations of monies but did not respond, so that money was returned for Council consideration and re-allocation.

Ms. Wiley explained that of the funds, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not provided a final number of funds. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is holding up the numbers, reason unknown, so they are hoping to get the numbers soon. She also issued a reminder that only 15% of the funds may be spent on *soft costs*. Generally, that is the largest pot of applicants that you have, which makes the job difficult.

Ms. Wiley ended by stating that if there are any questions, or difficulties with eligibility issues, to please contact her.

Ms. Dunn wanted to disclose that she would not be making any motions, nor voting on any issues regarding the Boys & Girls Club due to the fact that her husband, Bob Dunn, is the Director of the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Brass also disclosed that he leases space to Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
APPLICATION SUMMARY AND SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS  
33<sup>RD</sup> PROGRAM YEAR (2007-2008)**

**(SOFT COST REQUESTS = 15% CAP OR \$39,000 MAXIMUM)**

1. **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF UTAH:** The organization is requesting monies for operation expenses. This will support 15 matches between at-risk children and mentors in a school-based mentoring program.

REQUEST: \$7,500

Sponsor: Pam Sanders, 696 W Jenny Sue Ct. Midvale UT, 84123

Ms. Sanders is the executive director for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Utah. She stated that the program has grown substantially with the number of children served through their program. Last year, statewide, they served 1409 children, and of that, 9% were from Murray; 60 children in the community-based program, and 73 through Murray school programs. They provide volunteer mentors for children, and the money is used for screening, recruitment and training of volunteers. Their goal for this year is to serve 1610 children in Utah; this proposal would allow them to serve an additional 15 children here in Murray through the school based program.

2. **SALT LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM - MURRAY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (Food Pantry):** The (Central East) Murray Emergency Food Pantry at 4994 South 300 West provides a three day supply of emergency food to approximately 1165 financially destitute residents for the coming program year. The monies will be use for operation expenses.

REQUEST: \$4,000

Sponsor: Lori Sandoval, 764 S 200 W Salt Lake City, Utah

Ms. Sandoval spoke for the Community Action Program, in reference to items #2, 3 and 4

under soft costs.

This year, the Community Action Program is estimating serving 1165 low-income Murray City residents with emergency food boxes. She indicated that their staff is overwhelmed with the increase in the numbers in need of assistance.

Ms. Sandoval stated that they are estimating approximately 20 Murray City residents receiving counseling services for the home buyers pre-purchase program, the mortgage default program, and the reverse mortgage counseling for senior citizens Home Owners Conversion Programs (HECM) this year. Also included is the housing outreach program; the soft costs for low to moderate income for approximately 30 Murray City residents.

Ms. Griffiths asked about the funding resources: the Murray CDBG, the United Way, and the County CDBG. Ms. Sandoval stated that these three sources cover all three programs.

**3. SALT LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (Housing/Financial Counseling):** This request is to provide funds for staff support for counseling in default/foreclosure intervention, reverse equity mortgage for senior citizens and pre-home purchase to 20 residents living in Murray City.

REQUEST: \$3,000

\*See comments under Soft Costs #2

**4. SALT LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HORP):** This program is a Housing Outreach Rental Program to provide staff support to assist 30 low to moderate income households find safe and affordable rental housing.

REQUEST: \$3,000

\*See comments under Soft Costs #2

**5. LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SALT LAKE:** The request is for monies to provide no-cost legal counsel for domestic relations problems to low income individuals. They also assist adults and children who are victims of domestic violence to obtain protective orders from the court.

REQUEST: \$4,000

Sponsor: Stuart Ralphs, 205 N 400 W, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Mr. Ralphs explained that their offices have been providing services for low income victims of domestic violence for 85 years. Last year they represented over 3,500 victims of domestic violence, 126 of those were Murray residents. They also help low-income persons with family law cases such as divorce and custody cases. 20 of those cases last

year were Murray residents, with an average cost of \$210.00 per case, it would take approximately \$30,000 to represent the residents of Murray City. The request for \$4,000 is to go towards the salary of a paralegal. That amount would help approximately 17 families. They are hoping to represent at least as many this year as last.

Ms. Griffiths asked what type of assistance does the Legal Aid Society receive from attorneys in the community, pro bono.

Mr. Ralphs explained that they have been involved in a joint fund-raising effort called *And Justice For All*, that targets the legal community throughout Utah in conjunction with sister organizations: Utah Legal Services, Disability Loss, which are statewide. Utah Legal Aid Society is only in Salt Lake County. Last year they broke the \$500,000 mark in raising funds specifically from the legal community. This money was distributed to the three main organizations, and some smaller organizations such as Catholic Community Services and Holy Cross Ministry, organizations that don't provide services that the larger programs provide.

**6. SOUTH VALLEY SANCTUARY:** The sanctuary is a private, non-profit corporation which provides refuge, education and support to all victims of domestic violence. The center operates a respite shelter and provides compassionate service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Monies are requested to fund administrative staff operating expenses and to purchase three computers with printers.

REQUEST: \$5,000

Sponsor: Heather Smith, South Valley Sanctuary Advocate

Ms. Smith stated that South Valley Sanctuary is a private, non-profit organization that is a crisis shelter for victims of domestic violence. They provide 30 days of emergency shelter, food, clothing & personal items, along with individualized case management, referrals to outside services, childrens activities and therapy. They also operate a 24 hour domestic violence hot-line.

In 2000, they served 196 Murray City residents for over 3500 days, in 2006, they provided services for 17 Murray residents for 261 shelter nights. The funding they will provide this year will be approximately \$ 522,000, of which \$98,000 will come from CDBG grants. Ms. Smith also stated that 44% of the monies received comes from the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Vocational Opportunities Chapters of America (VOCA) grants, etc..

**7. SANDY COUNSELING CENTERS:** This for profit counseling organization is requesting

monies to support onsite services at the Murray Boys & Girls Club and the All-R-Kids (ARK) Domestic Violence Visitation Center. The agency will place a therapist on site giving access to mental health care for underfunded clients. The agency will also connect clients with other community resources such as workforce services, victim advocates, vocational rehabilitation, legal aid, etc.

REQUEST: \$7,000

Sponsor: Velda McDonald, Sandy City Counseling Centers

Mr. Dennis Hamblin explained that due to a conflict, Ms. McDonald was unable to attend, and she sends her apologies.

**8. THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER:** The funds will be used to fund the operation of the critically needed crisis nursery program and family counseling program. The family support center offers children a safe haven in times of crisis or emergency. The family counseling program helps families resolve conflicts and restore communications before abuse begins.

REQUEST: \$6,000

Sponsor: Diane Spencer, 777 Center Street, Midvale, UT

Ms. Spencer explained that the mission of the center is to protect children, strengthen families, and prevent child abuse. Crisis nurseries and family & individual counseling programs are the areas of need. They are happy to report that the number of child abuse cases in Salt Lake County has decreased by approximately 600 in the past year. This indicates to them, that their work is helping.

**9. UTAH FOOD BANK SERVICES:** Requesting funds to purchase needed warehouse packing materials, containers, and warehouse supplies including cardboard boxes and totes, plastic barrels, plastic and paper bags, stretch wrap, tape and cleaning supplies.

REQUEST: \$5,000

The sponsor spoke on items #9 and #10 of soft costs, and also on item #4 of the hard costs.

The sponsor stated that soft costs are for providing food collection and distribution, for packaging and supplies. They receive a lot of food items from the community, but have the challenge of distributing the food back to the community in need.

Program 211 is a program of Utah Food Bank Services that provides help in obtaining resources to organizations such as all those represented at this meeting. In 2006, they

answered over 5000 calls from Murray residents, which reflected a 42% increase in the number of calls received.

The sponsor went over their hard cost request, for their home repair program, which assists low-income seniors and people with disabilities with minor home repairs. Their average demographic is a 74 year old widow, no family to help. They have seen a steady increase in need, and project serving 200 people, and 525 home repairs this year. This is up from approximately 393 last year.

Ms. Dunn asked if the numbers stated reflected program, or Murray numbers. The sponsor stated that these were numbers of Murray residents served.

10. **211 INFO BANK - UTAH FOOD BANK SERVICES:** Funds will be used to provide information and referral program to connect families and individuals in crisis with the resources available in their community. Funds will assist with operational expenses for the program.  
REQUEST: \$2,000

\*See comments under soft costs #9 for comments.

11. **RAPE RECOVERY CENTER:** Provide funds for staffing who provide ongoing crisis intervention services for sexual assault victims and their families. All services are provided free of charge.

REQUEST: \$7,700

No Presentation

12. **YWCA SALT LAKE CITY:** Requesting monies to pay staffing and administration costs to support the domestic violence crisis shelter and supportive services for women and children.  
REQUEST: \$5,000

Sponsor: Amy Russell, 1748 Rosecrest Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Ms. Russell explained that the request for funds are for support of the domestic violence shelter and its supportive services. Last year, the YWCA served over 1000 women and children for over 17,000 days of service. They spent over \$64,000 providing shelter and support services to 27 women and children from Murray City for a total of 675 days of service. Domestic violence continues to be a growing problem in our community. In the state of Utah, from 1999 - 2005, there was an increase of 55% in nights of shelter to victims of domestic violence. There was a 3,000% increase in the number of shelter requests that could not be met by domestic violence shelters in our state. Last year, of the 1,969 *turn aways*, over 1,500 were from Salt Lake County from the two domestic violence shelters. The YWCA has embarked on a large capital campaign (\$14,000,000) which has almost been completed. This is to increase the shelter capacity by 50-70%.

The cost to continue the service to the women of this community is high, and the YWCA has asked every city in the County to help with these soft costs, which are the hardest to receive, and most needed.

Ms. Dunn asked what the YWCA relationship is with the South Valley Sanctuary Ms. Russell stated that the most important relationship they have, is to keep shelter counts with each other, so that they can utilize all of the space available within all of the shelters. They also maintain relationships with other shelters as the YWCA is unable to serve men who are victims of domestic violence, whereas the South Valley shelter has space available for male victims.

**13. MURRAY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS:** Provide funds for administration and staffing. The program offers before and after-school programs that are school based; linked to community services, such as the South Valley Boys & Girls Club and parks and recreation. The programs are to ensure academic success while providing educational activities in the areas of social skills, drug/alcohol prevention, recreation, and the arts.

REQUEST: \$60,000

Sponsor: Weston Kubbe, 5983 Nova Dr, Murray, UT 84107

Mr. Kubbe noted that the Learning Center is part of the Murray School District, and have been in operation since 2001. In that time, they have served over 10,000 children in the Murray community. Due to current funding issues, the Learning Center is only operating from three of the Murray Title 1 schools; as a result of the closures, approximately 400 children go home to empty, unsupervised homes. This CDBG request would help to keep these sites in operation.

Ms. Dunn requested clarification on whether or not this request is for funding across the board for all members. Mr. Kubbe stated that this would be for the three schools, plus they bus children from the other four Murray schools to these programs.

**14. THE ROAD HOME:** Funds will be used to support operations of the Salt Lake Community Winter Shelter Program.

REQUEST: \$1,000

Sponsor: Mindy Ault, 210 S Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT

Ms. Ault spoke on both this item for soft costs, and also on item # 5 under hard



costs.

Ms. Ault explained that the hard cost request is for a new playground for their main shelter facility in Salt Lake City. The shelter provides a home for 65-70 children nightly, last year they had a total of 126 families pass through their shelter, with a total of 444 people. The average stay is 90 days, so it is healthy for the children to have a safe place to play. They have permission now to construct a nine foot fence at the facility to insure safety for the children.

The soft cost request is for the emergency Community Winter Shelter program. This overflow area is used in the winter when the main shelter is full.

**15. COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTER:** Provide funds toward the purchase of a used 2005 or 2006 model 7-passenger van for the Jones Court Residential site at 5005 South Jones Court. Because of their disabilities, they are not able to drive or access public transportation. The Columbus Community Center provides vocational, residential, and employment services for adults with multiple disabilities.

REQUEST: \$10,000

Sponsor: Stephanie Mackay, 3495 S West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Ms. Mackay stated that the Jones Court residential facility serves five individuals, and the Columbus Community Center serves over 400 people per year. They feel that this would be a long-term investment for the Center that would help the residents to have a fuller life.

Ms. Griffiths asked if the Center has other resources for funding.

Ms. Mackay stated that they may have some other resources.

Ms. Dunn asked if the Center has applied for other CBDG funds.

Ms. Mackay stated that they have not done so this year, as they are pretty well covered on the program side right now, except for equipment.

**16. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:** Provides primary medical and dental care for low-income, uninsured residents of Murray City. CHC will provide a comprehensive range of healthcare including: prenatal and delivery services, obstetrics/gynecology, immunizations, well childcare medications, diabetes and hypertension management, health education and dental services. Will serve 28 low-income residents with approximately 100 medical/dental visits.

REQUEST: \$5,000

Sponsor: Harold "Shorty" Goode, 1798 S West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Mr. Goode explained that the CHC has four health clinics throughout the valley, and that this request is for medical and dental care, for 28 uninsured, low-income residents from Murray City. This will provide approximately 100 visits to their health care clinics. This funding will be matched by \$1,000 in copayments by the patients, plus a \$5,000 federal grant.

Mr. Goode stated that with the increased uninsured population, there is an increased need in Utah. He said 62% of the patients that visit their clinics are uninsured. Without new funding sources, they would be forced to cut back on services.

CHC serves approximately 436 residents from Murray City. Of last years visits, 1,535 were by those 436 residents. Of those residents, 277 were uninsured; 71% were female, of which 31 of the residents were seen for prenatal visits. Fifty-seven percent were Hispanic, or Latino heritage, and all of the low-income, uninsured patients from Murray City were at or below 80% of the area median income as defined by the 2006 HUD standards.

Ms. Griffiths asked if CHC is funded by any other agency.

Mr. Goode answered that yes, they receive CDBG, a grant from Intermountain Health Care, and funding from state and federal government.

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**Infrastructure, Housing & Other**  
**(Hard costs, no cap or % - \$225,300 available)**

1. **THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTH VALLEY (MURRAY CLUB):** The monies will be used to replace four heating units, the east side gymnasium floor and install a sound dampening system on the west side of the gym.

REQUEST: \$140,000

Sponsor: Brandon Horrocks, 1205 W Illinois Ave, Salt Lake City, UT

Mr. Horrocks requested hard costs to cover sound dampening, gymnasium floor

replacement, and to replace the heating units over the child care area of the building. The current units are 18 years old, and need to be replaced, as this is a priority for the center.

Ms. Griffiths asked Mr. Horrocks to explain the sound dampening. He stated that the gymnasium is constructed from cinder block and steel, and the noise can be deafening in the rest of the center and administrative offices. The sound dampening system is insulated paneling for the walls and rafters to decrease the echos and noise.

Ms. Griffiths also asked if the Club has any other funding source.

Mr. Horrocks explained that they do not have any other resource at this time for these projects.

2. **HERITAGE SENIOR CENTER:** Requesting funds to purchase a new dishwasher, booster heater, ceiling tiles, ice machine/dispenser for the kitchen area, and a sign to be placed at the 6100 South entrance to the Center.

REQUEST: \$35,000

Sponsor: Leda Wright, 627 LaSalle Dr. Murray, UT 84107

Ms. Wright stated the current dishwasher being used is 26 years old, and parts are no longer available. The meal program at the center is very important and last year they served 15,235 meals, and the dishwasher is needed.

The ceiling tiles in the kitchen need to be replaced per the Salt Lake Valley health department; the ice maker/dispenser is needed to replace the inoperable one they currently have. The entrance to the building needs a lighted sign to help people find the center.

3. **ASSIST, INC.:** This request is for continued funding to provide low income residents with emergency home repairs and technical assistance to low income groups and handicapped individuals. Through the use of grants the program makes critical repairs to homes such as plumbing, heating, electrical repairs, replacing or repairing leaking roofs, minor structural problems and accessibility modifications.

REQUEST: \$60,000

Sponsor: Roger Borgenicht, 218 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Mr. Borgenicht explained that Assist, Inc is part of the ongoing housing repair

safety net for low-income households and people with disabilities, where Utah Food Bank services does the minor work, Assist does the major, critical repairs. Last year, they did 48 critical jobs, with an average job cost of \$700 for the average family income of \$1,100 per month. Most of the work is plumbing and roofing. Much of their work is disability accessibility work and assessment. They augment the funds with State Critical Needs Housing funds, American Express, and some others, but the brick and mortar and operation is key and the support is needed.

**4. SERVICES FOR SENIORS HOME REPAIR PROJECT - UTAH FOOD BANK**

**SERVICES:** This program assists to preserve and enhance safety, security, and accessibility in the homes of low-income elderly or disabled people. This is accomplished by providing assistance with critical carpentry, electrical, or plumbing repairs; non-structural accessibility modifications, maintenance of essential systems (including major appliances), and interior/exterior painting, snow removal, yard care and home repair services. The funds will be used for staffing costs and supplies associated with this service.

REQUEST: \$40,000

\* See item # 9 under soft costs for comments.

**5. THE ROAD HOME:** Funds will be used to help fund a new playground on the west side of the main shelter located in Salt Lake City.

REQUEST: \$10,000

\*See comments under Soft Costs, item #14

**6 UTAH ALCOHOLISM FOUNDATION - House of Hope Women and Children's**

**Program:** The funding will be used to re-shingle the roof of the garage at 1006 East 100 South. The foundation provides supportive housing for intensive substance abuse treatment.

REQUEST: \$6,700

Sponsor: Kenneth Brown, 857 E 200 S, Salt Lake City

Mr. Brown stated that they have four homes in that area, where they provide residential substance abuse treatment for women and children. In the past six months, they have served 122 women, 47 children and a total of 202 clients. Seventeen of those women currently in treatment are from Murray City. They are looking

for help in replacing the garage roof at a home that holds 14 women and children. Mr. Brown stated that although they receive soft cost funding, they do not have resources for the hard costs.

**7. HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM - KENYON CONSULTING:** Funds will be used to assist low income families by making low interest loans for repairs to their homes. The program makes repairs to major components such as roofs, plumbing, electrical, and heating to improve living conditions and provide a decent and safe environment. Will make seven low interest rehabilitation loans and operate the program.

REQUEST: \$121,800

No presentation.

**Public Hearing Opened**

No additional public comment.

**Public Hearing Closed**

- b. Council consideration of the above matter to follow Public Hearing

Mayor Snarr noted that he has advocated for a 50/50 split on hard and soft costs; he stated that he feels that sometimes so much money is spent on buildings, there isn't much left for programs, and he wanted to publicly express how important these programs are. The federal government caps the soft costs at 15%.

Ms. Dunn reiterated that the Council will award the amounts at a later date.

**E Unfinished Business**

None.

**F. New Business**

1. **Consider a Resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Blaine Haacke as the City's member representative to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems.**

Staff Presentation: Mayor Daniel Snarr

Mayor Snarr stated that Blaine Haacke is currently acting as the General Manager of the Murray City Power department, and a representative is needed for the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems. He has asked Mr. Haacke to serve as the City's representative, with Charles Crutcher as the alternate representative.

Ms. Griffiths made the motion to adopt the resolution.  
Mr. Brass 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

**AYE/NAY**

<u>  A  </u>	Mr. Robertson
<u>  A  </u>	Mr. Brass
<u>  A  </u>	Ms. Griffiths
<u>  A  </u>	Ms. Dunn

Motion passed 4-0

2. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the Mayor's execution of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the City of Murray to include the territory of the Taylorsville Boundary Adjustment and approving the City Recorder's action filing the Articles of Amendment with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.**

Staff Presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura noted that the boundary adjustment with Taylorsville has been approved by both Murray City and Taylorsville City, which will be effective July 01, 2007. Within 30 days of the effective date, the City is required to amend the Articles of Incorporation to include the area, and file with the document with the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution.  
Mr. Robertson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

**AYE/NAY**

A   Mr. Robertson  
  A   Mr. Brass  
  A   Ms. Griffiths  
  A   Ms. Dunn

Motion passed 4-0

**G. Mayor**

1. Report

Mayor Snarr stated there is work being done by the car wash, Freeze property, where Budget Auto Sales is, and that there is some interest in acquiring the property. As of this date, however, there are no plans to take the road in to the adjoining development behind the property. There would be a lighted intersection, and the island would come out of State Street giving access in both directions.

2. Questions of the Mayor

None

**H. Adjournment**