

Camden County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2022
Via Conference Call

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Bianco at 9:05 am

Attendance: Anthony Bianco, Diana Cooper-Vanderlip, Dominic Vesper, Sr., Gino Lewis, Joan Quinton, Kevin Hickey, Rob Jakubowski, Robert Page, Sharrae Mormon, Shirley Butler, Susan Catando

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes of December 2, 2021. 2nd from Ms. Cooper-Vanderlip. The motion carried

Mr. Bianco reported a balance of \$711,678.10. He further noted the four-year timeline for funds to be spent or they get sent to the State for their use in Camden County.

New Business

Mr. Jakubowski presented two spending proposals that will impact different parts of the homeless continuum. The first proposal was for Homeless Outreach. Funds will be used for hygiene kits and other items that are needed by street homeless. The items will be given to various Homeless Outreach groups in Camden County. These items will support their outreach efforts as they help guide street homeless into services.

Mr. Vesper made a motion to approve \$40,000 for homeless outreach. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. There were comments of support for the proposal prior to the question being called. All voting members present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Jakubowski also presented a proposal for Sober Living for people coming out of rehab. These funds will prevent homelessness for those coming out of rehab and provide housing for those who were formerly homeless immediately before rehab. We will work in partnership with Camden County Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services who has an existing contract for Sober Living. We intend to support 80 new clients with these funds.

Ms. Butler motioned to approve \$50,000 for Sober Living. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. There were questions about length of stay and connecting to permanent housing. It was noted that this project is one we can spend money for in a short period of time. We are considering many other programs to connect with permanent housing and job help but those are more long-term programs to be developed. This project fills one gap for homeless prevention and can be spent in the next several months. Mr. Hickey commented on his agency's work and noted there is a large need for this program. The question was called, and all voting members present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Jakubowski presented the Homeless Initiative Report. He reported on the continued work to help the homeless who need isolation due to COVID.

The HTF Advisory Committee previously approved Welcome Home vouchers. It was reported there is an RFP to distribute these funds with a bid opening on February 11.

The Regan shelter is at full capacity on the first floor with 15 guests. The medical respite floor is starting to take referrals this week from hospitals.

Point in Time happened last week.

CDBG/ESG RFP will be advertised soon. And Mr. Jakubowski reported he will attend the Annual Conference with the National Association to End Homelessness. It is virtual and is focused on Unsheltered Homeless.

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am. Send from Mr. Vesper.

Next meeting is April 7, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Robert Jakubowski, Homeless Services Coordinator'