

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2022**

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

ATTENDANCE: Jorge Cruz, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair (6:07 p.m.); Fred Hodges, Michelle Lyons, Maria Pereira, Michele Small

OTHERS: Council Member E. Newton; Thomas Gaudett, Mayoral Aide; Tammy Papa, Director of Youth Services

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

• **April 13, 2022 (Regular Meeting).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Boyd joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m. He assumed the chairmanship.

Ms. Papa said that each of the discussions for the grant submissions were basically the same, but involved different schools. She said that the City Attorney's Office requested this be done this way.

56-21 Grant Submission re: Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Health/Nutrition Family Services and Education – 2017 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Year 5 of 5 – Lighthouse After-School Program.

There were six after school locations involved: Beardsley, Bryant, Park City, Marin, Madison, and Read.

The Council needs to approve these submissions so that the Mayor can sign the contracts. The grants are submitted under the Board of Education. Some of the submissions require the Mayor's signature while others don't. The contracts are being sent from Youth Services and the City Attorney and Central Grants feel it is best to have everything approved by the Council.

Council Member Cruz asked for clarification on the various status of the schools in the grant funding cycle. Ms. Papa reviewed the status with him.

Council Member Cruz asked if the State was going to fund these 21st Century grants again. Ms. Papa said that she had spoken with the State and they were not going to be renewed.

Council Member Pereira asked about the information stated in the Contract Period on the Grant Summary Table. Ms. Papa said that it may not be the correct school name. Ms. Papa then confirmed the dates.

Council Member Newton asked if these were all the schools. Ms. Papa said that there were 25 schools involved in the program. Council Member Newton asked if Tisdale was involved. Ms. Papa said that Tisdale was approved earlier.

Ms. Papa said that all the 21st Century Grants were going to be presented to the Council for approval.

Ms. Papa said that Geraldine Claytor and Thomas Hooker would be first in line for the next round of funding.

Council Member Pereira said that she was concerned about the Afterschool program, but was particularly concerned about Marin, which has the largest population of ELL students in the State.

Council Member Newton asked what it would cost to run this type of program. Ms. Papa said that the budget was about \$4 million, which was a combination of funding from different sources.

Council Member Newton asked about who was authorized the signed the documents. Ms. Papa said that some of the grants require both the Mayor and the Superintendent to sign, while others just require the Superintendent. She said that the attorneys have told her that all the contracts have to be approved by the Council.

57-21 Grant Submission re: Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Health/Nutrition Family Services and Education – 2018 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Year 3 - 5 for Lighthouse After-School Program.

Ms. Papa then reviewed the grant application and said these schools were in its third year of a five year funding cycle. She said the following six schools receiving these funds were: Batalla, Columbus, Curiale, Dunbar, Edison and Hall.

In Year Four of the cycle, the funding decreases to 75% and in Year Five, it decreases to 50%.

58-21 Grant Submission re: Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Health/Nutrition Family Services and Education – 2021 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Year 1 - 5 for Lighthouse After-School Program.

Ms. Papa explained this was the same grant as the previous grants. It was for Barnum and Waltersville (one site), and Wilbur Cross. She said that she was bringing Thomas Hooker and Geraldine Claytor to the Committee because she was told that the funding had not been assigned just yet, but the State was funding down the list. Since she was told that there was a real possibility that the two schools would be funding, she included them in this Agenda Item. Those two schools will be in Year One of five for funding in the next school year. The application for Hooker and Claytor was for \$200,000. Ms. Papa said that she had been able to assemble funding for Thomas Hooker and Geraldine Claytor this year to keep the programs open.

Council Member Pereira said that the application did not include Thomas Hooker and Geraldine Claytor. Council Member Pereira said that this Agenda Item needed to be amended to include Thomas Hooker and Geraldine Claytor. Ms. Papa said that this would need to be corrected along with correcting the amount from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 58-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 2021 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT YEAR 1 - 5 FOR LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THOMAS HOOKER SCHOOL AND GERALDINE CLAYTOR SCHOOL IN THE PROJECT TITLE AND THE PROJECT SUMMARY DESCRIPTION AND CORRECT THE STATE FUNDING AMOUNT AND GRANT PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED CONTRACTUAL AMOUNT FROM \$200,000 TO \$400,000.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA 58-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 2021 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT YEAR 1 - 5 FOR LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THOMAS HOOKER SCHOOL AND GERALDINE CLAYTOR SCHOOL IN THE PROJECT TITLE AND THE PROJECT SUMMARY DESCRIPTION AND CORRECT THE STATE FUNDING AMOUNT AND GRANT PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED CONTRACTUAL AMOUNT FROM \$200,000 TO \$400,000 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

56-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 2017 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT YEAR 5 OF 5 – LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM.

57-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 2018 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT YEAR 3 - 5 FOR LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 58-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 2021 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT YEAR 1 - 5 FOR LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

59-21 Grant Submission re: Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Health/Nutrition Family Services and Education – FY21-23 ARP ESSER Enhancement and Expansion After School Grants for Pre-K - 12 - Lighthouse After-School Program.

Ms. Papa said that this was a grant program that would allow high school and college students to be employ assisting students in the program. She said that they funded everyone but said that there may be an amendment in the future, if the State allows it. The grant funding won't start until September.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 59-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – FY21-23 ARP ESSER ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION AFTER SCHOOL GRANTS FOR PRE-K - 12 - LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO CHANGE THE STATE FUNDED AMOUNT AND THE GRANT FUNDED PROJECT REQUESTED CONTRACTUAL FROM \$500,000 TO \$450,000.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 59-21 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – FY21-23 ARP ESSER ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION AFTER SCHOOL GRANTS FOR PRE-K - 12 - LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO CHANGE THE STATE FUNDED AMOUNT AND THE GRANT FUNDED PROJECT REQUESTED CONTRACTUAL FROM \$500,000 TO \$450,000 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Papa said that the amount that was stated in the grant application is what they were asking for, but there was no guarantee that they would be awarded that amount.

Council Member Cruz asked if he could visit the program. Ms. Papa said that the current school program will end on June 3rd. Then they will start up the summer program and run from July 5th to August 5th. The programs end at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services.