CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CDBG SPECIAL COMMITTEE
PY 52 ALLOCATION
(REVISED)
APRIL 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair; Eneida Martinez, Co-chair; Jorge Cruz Sr., Galen Murray, Ernest Newton, Richard Ortiz

OTHERS: Angerice Miller, Office Manager; Ava Showah, Melissa Oliveira, CDBG Program Manager; Council Member M. Pereira

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. A quorum was present. The Committee proceeded to review the following proposed allocations

CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES

30480-01 Children in Placement – Guardian ad Litem Program
Requested $25,000, CU Allocation $10,000
The Committee approved an amount of $5,000.

30488-02 Downtown Cabaret – Ticket Subsidies for Children's Theatre
Requested $138,450.00; CU Allocation $25,000
The Committee approved an amount of $10,000.

30533-03 Wakeman Boys and Girls Club Smilow – Burroughs Clubhouse
Requested $29,920; CU Allocation $10,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $10,000.

30529-04 Wakeman Boys and Girls Club – Madison Avenue Clubhouse
Requested $31,920; CU Allocation $10,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $5,000.

30479-05 The House of Darla – the Art of Heart
Requested $67,175; CU Allocation $25,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $57,175.

30481-08 Klein Memorial Auditorium Foundation, Inc.
Requested $15,500; CU Allocation $15,500.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30507-09 Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders – Health Explorers
Requested $55,000; CU Allocation $5,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30565-10 City of Bridgeport Health and Social Services – Utility Shut off
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation $15,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $40,000.

30514-12 Ortiz Boxing, Inc
Requested $68,000; CU Allocation $15,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $30,000.

30493-13 Community Garden of Joy – Orchard
Requested $10,000; CU Allocation $10,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30538-14 Bridgeport Pop Warner Football League
Requested $30,000; CU Allocation $15,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30587-15 City of Bridgeport – Senior Trips
Requested $25,000; CU Allocation $25,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30492-16 EMERGE Connecticut, Inc.
Requested $75,000; CU Allocation $7,500.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30534-17 nOURish-Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation $35,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $31,921.60.

30484-18 Connecticut Institute of Refugees and Immigrants –Economic Empowerment Expansion - Requested $25,000; CU Allocation $18,596.60
The Committee approved an amount of $20,000.

30501-20 The Center for Family Justice
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation $20,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $20,000.

30546-21 Connecticut Institute of Refugees and Immigrants – Summer English Academy Program -- Requested $25,000; CU Allocation $5,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30542-22 The Housing Collective – PY 52 Housing Stability Fund
Requested $60,000; CU Allocation $20,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30583-23 Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport – Connected Communities Senior Activities Program -- $100,000; CU Allocation $10,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30508-24 Liberations – Mobile Outreach Services for Community Members at High Risk Of Overdose – Requested $20,000; CU Allocation $15,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30586-25 Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse – Sports for Peace
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation $2,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $25,00.

305095-26 Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse – Career Pathways
Requested $60,000; CU Allocation $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30596-27 Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse – Dynamic Girls/Dynamic Boys
Requested $60,000; CU Allocation $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $10,000.

30597-28. Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse – Roots to Resilience Wellness Initiative
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation $5,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30578-29 LifeBridge – Stabilizing Lives through Behavioral Health Care Management
Requested $25,000; CU Allocation $25,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30552-31 Wheel It Forward – Wheel It Forward Bridgeport Hub
Requested $15,000; CU Allocation $15,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30594-32 City of Bridgeport – Mayor's Conservation Corp
Requested $70,000; CU Allocation $15,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30518-35 Homes for the Brave – Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center
Requested $20,000; CU Allocation $20,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $10,000.

30602-38 BOYS CLUB AND GIRLS CLUB OF BRIDGEPORT, INC. PROECT LEARN.
Requested $25,000; CU Allocation $12,500.
The Committee approved an amount of $12,500.

30539-40 Kids Empowered by Your Support
Requested $25,000; CU Allocation $12,500.
The Committee approved an amount of $25,000.

306000-41 City of Bridgeport – Pickin It Up
Requested $29,000; CU Allocation $5,000.

The Committee approved an amount of $15,000.

30564-45 Hall Neighborhood House – LEADS ESL Expansion – Summer
Requested$12,657; CU Allocation - $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30563-46 Hall Neighborhood House – STEM Equipment
Requested $18,465; CU Allocation $18,465.
The Committee approved an amount of $18,465.

30544-48 HomeBridge Ventures – Highway to Hiring
Requested $100,000; CU Allocation $20,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $20,000.

30543-49 Hall Neighborhood House – Senior Center Better Me
Requested $20,430; CU Allocation $18,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $5,000.

30550-50 Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust – Empowerment Resource Academy Capacity Building Requested $35,000; CU Allocation $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30536-53 Juneteeth of Fairfield County – Freedom to Flourish: Food & Vendore Microenterprise Program. Requested $15,000; CU Allocation $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $5,000.

For a total of $465,061.80

PUBLIC FACILITIES

30574-11 Bridgeport Fire Department – E-Hydraulics (Jaws of Life) Replacement
Requested $231,382.00; CU Allocation $23,382.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $231,382.00.

30530-19 Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District
Requested $40,000; CU Allocation $40,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $40,000.

30598-33 City of Bridgeport – Neighborhood Improvement Program
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation $50,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $50,000.

30545-34 Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse – HVAC Project
Requested $116,292.00; CU Allocation $116,292.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $116,292.00.

30506-36 Continuum of Care – Crisis Center Walkway & Retaining Wall Replacement
Requested $40,000; CU Allocation $40,000.

The Committee approved an amount of $40,000.

30579-37 Boys Club & Girls Club Of Bridgeport, Inc. – Upgrade Window Requested $523.873.00; CU Allocated $303,740.00 .
The Committee approved an amount of $108,540.00.

30585-39 Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport – 715 Trumbull Avenue
Requested $200,000; CU Allocation $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $200,000.

30589-42 City of Bridgeport – BEEport-Restoring Native & Environmental Habitat In Bridgeport Requested $100,000; CU Allocation $100,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $100,000.

30592-43 City of Bridgeport – Parkscore/Park Equity Accelerator Matching Funds For Park Improvements –
Requested $150,000; CU Allocation $150,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $150,000.

30537-44 The University of Bridgeport, Inc. – Atlantic Street Sidewalk Repair Project
Requested $194,300; CU Allocation $194,300.
The Committee approved an amount of $0.00.

30606-47 City of Bridgeport – Success Parking Walking Path & Benches
Requested $325,000; CU Allocation -- $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $149,500.

Council Member Pereira said that this was her District's project. Council Member Martinez reminded Council Member Pereira that she needed to complete a Conflict of Interest form. Council Member Pereira stated that she did not have a conflict. Council Member Martinez reiterated that the form needed to be completed. Council Member said this was her project and she had left it there last year outside of the office in the plexiglass holder. She stated that the various parks had been her project and noted that her district had the largest population of senior and disabled housing units in the City. The walking path with use a special foam that enables those with walkers to move safely and it is not near streets with too much traffic. The benches will help with the seniors who need to rest frequently.

Council Member Martinez pointed out that she was the chair for the meeting and had not acknowledged Council Member Pereira for speaking. She repeated that it was protocol for all Council Members to complete the Conflict of Interest Form. The staff stated that they had not received it. She also stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Council Member Pereira stated that she had submitted the form in the plexiglass holder. Discussion followed about whether the form was signed. Council Member Martinez asked a staff member to run off a copy of the Conflict of Interest form so that Council Member Pereira could speak at the meeting.

The discussion moved back to the costs of the project. It was noted that they had not included the cost of the benches for the project. Council Member Pereira noted that the benches need to have backs.

30591-51 City of Bridgeport – Roller skating Park-Skatepark
Requested $40,000; CU Allocation -- $0.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $40,000.

30604-52 City of Bridgeport – Ballfield Improvements At Kennedy Stadium
Requested $750,000; CU Allocation $318,768.80.
The Committee approved an amount of $318,768.80.

For a grand total of $1,544,482.80

CDBG – HOUSING

30556-06 COB – Fire Dept. – Smoke Alarms.
Requested $50,000; CU Allocation -- $50,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $50,000.

30554-07 COB – Health & Social Services Dept. – Bpt Lead Hazard Control
Requested $25,000; CU Allocated – $25,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $25,000.

30494-30 Norwalk Town Union of the King's Daughters & Sons – Kingsway at Truman Park Doorway Infrastructure Replacement
Requested $70,785.00; CU Allocation $70,785.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $70,785.00.

PY52 City of Bridgeport OPED/HCD Housing & Delivery
Requested $175,000; CU Allocation $175,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $175,000.

PY52 City of Bridgeport OPED/HCD Homeowner Rehab
Requested $150,000; CU Allocation $150,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $150,000.

Ms. Miller explained that this program provides funding for hot water heaters, roofs, sewer and some ADA remodels.

For a grand Total of $470,785.00

CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SECTION 108
CDBG – PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION

Administration – $465,061.80.
Administration Awarded $465,061.80.

The Committee approved an amount of $465,061.80.

CDBG Allocation — $2,945,391.40
Awarded $2,945,391.40
The Committee approved an amount of $2,945,391.40.

One of the staff reviewed the figures with the Committee members and noted where there was a typo on the spread sheet, which had been corrected.

HESG – EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

30581 Central Connecticut Coast YMCA – Families in Transition
Requested $100,000, Recommended $38,778.25.
The Committee approved an amount of $38,778.25.

30582 Central Connecticut Coast YMCA – South End Community Center (SECC)
All Weather Emergency Shelter
Requested $150,000 Recommended $ $38,778.25.
The Committee approved an amount of $38,778.25.

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For a grand total of $77,556.50

HMIS

30566 The Housing Collective – HMIS
Requested $25,000, Recommended $25,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $25,000.

For a grand total of $25,000

HOMELESS PREVENTION

30510 Alliance for Community Empowerment – Utility/Rental Assistance
Requested $50,000; CU Allocated $25,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $25,000.

30526 Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. – Home for the Brave
Requested $15,000**;** CU Allocated $10,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $10,000.

30560 City of Bridgeport – Rental Assistance
Requested $70,000; CU Allocated $70,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $70,000.

30523 New Reach – Stable Families Program
Requested $165,106; CU Allocated $33,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $33.000.

For a grand total of $300,106.00

Council Member Martinez stated she had been reviewing City of Bridgeport Rental Assistance documentation and it was pointed out that one entity received funding repeatedly. If the City is allocating rental money, it should be divided equally among the various agencies. She also expressed concerns about the fact that ESG funding was allocated to a certain entity was over the $3,000 limit. This is a problem.

Ms. Miller said that her office did not have that information. Council Member Martinez said that she had obtained the documentation from Mr. Flatto's office. She named the organization and noted that they had received 32 payments in 2026. Council Member Martinez said that she would be sending the information to the Committee members.

RAPID REHOUSING

30558 The Housing Collective – Bridgeport Rapid Rehousing Program
Requested $55,800; CU Allocation $19,798.62.
The Committee approved an amount of $19,798.62.

For a grand total of $19,798.62

PY 52 Administration. (7.5% of allocation)
Requested $21,109.88; Recommended $21,109.88.
The Committee approved an amount of $21,109.88.

HOPWA – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPE WITH HIV/AIDS

30559 APEX Community Care, Inc,
Requested $201,606.60; Recommended $174,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $174,000.

30502 Catholic Charities of Fairfield County
Requested $237,122.00; Recommended $179,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $179,000.

30527 Chemical Abuse Services, Inc. (CASA) – Noble House HIV/AIDS Residential Program
Requested $196,335; Recommended $190,000.
The Committee approved an amount of $190,000.

30525 Inspirica, Inc.
Requested $326,885; Recommended $178,438.37.
The Committee approved an amount of $178,438.37.

30500 Mid Fairfield County Aids Project
Requested $209,019.41; Recommended $209,019.41
The Committee approved an amount of $209,019.41.

30551 Recovery Network of Programs

Requested $163,450; Recommended $150,000 .
The Committee approved an amount of $150,000.

For a grand total of $1,113,874.00.

Ms. Miller explained that Bridgeport handles all the HOPWA funding for all of Fairfield County just like New Haven handles all the funding for New Haven County. The Apex Community Care offices are located in Danbury. Discussion about the details followed.

HOME PROGRAM

PY52 Administration (10% of allocations)

Requested $111,995.00; Recommended $111,995.00.
The Committee approved an amount of $111,995.00.

Total Available for HOME Projects

Recommended $1,007,963.60; Recommended $1,007,963.60.
The Committee approved an amount of $1,007,963.60.

For a grand total of $1,119, 959.56.

Ms. Miller displayed the total sums on the screen for the Committee Members.

TOTAL CDBG ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION	$3,100,412.00
Planning and Administrative	$620,082.40
Public Service	$465,061.80
Total CDBG for Public Facilities/Housing/Econ. Dev	$2,015,267.80
TOTAL HESG ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION	$281,465.00
Administrative	$21,109.88
Total HESG to be awarded	$260,355.13
TOTAL HOPWA ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION	$1,113,874.00
Administrative	$33,416.22
Total HOPWA to be awarded	$1,080,457.78
TOTAL HOME ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION	$1,119,959.56
Administrative	$111,995.96
Total HOME to be awarded	$1,007,963.60

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF $3,100,412.00 AS THE TOTAL CDBG ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF $281,465.00 AS THE TOTAL HESG ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF $1,113,874.00 AS THE TOTAL HOPWA ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF $1,119,959.56 AS THE TOTAL HOME ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Soltes Secretarial Services