



AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Monday May 9, 2022

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Laramie County Community College

CCC Building Room 178

or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89258291180?pwd=cTBueUdaMnBOSlZTZE1SUmlGL0liZz09>

Agenda

Presenter: Korin Schmidt

\$50 million for people with mortgages

\$300+ for rental

We received the base amounts

Mortgage Assistance Fund

- Mortgage reinstatement – one time \$17,000 grant to mortgage holders (foreclosure and forbearance)
- \$17,000 for those that own out right (HOA, utilities, taxes)
- Fully launched last week – about \$2.2 million distributed (soft roll out)
- Housing education in Cheyenne and Casper
- Go to housing counseling first before one time payment – can help with refinancing or other loss mitigation options
- Below 100% FPL – acceptable for up to 150%
- DFS and DWS are managing in partnership with Wyoming Community Development Authority
- Housing Finance Authority – federally recognized entity is being managed in other states – our system is a little different than other states
- Overall need is hard to know – between 2000-4000 eligible households
 - o Used to identify one time amount
 - o \$17,000 was about average delinquency

- Most are not maxing out the request
- Media push next month
- Pulse data available from the Census

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- Received funding in 2021 but needed legislative authority which was received in April.
- Took applications in May 2021
- No IT system built - Deloitte helped build
- Transparency requested from the legislature – openbooks on the governor’s website
- Community based programs were used to support for application assistance
 - Also online application available
 - County Commissioners and local organizations were used for the support
- Built as it went
- Issuing about \$4 million a month currently
- Rolling out Housing Stability Funding to community based organizations
 - For example funding to Habitat for Humanity, legal needs, domestic violence assistance
- Unfortunately due to allocation doesn’t align with the homeownership rates and the length of shutdown
 - Some criticized rollout
- Very specific criteria
 - Shown impact on the household and the inability to pay rent (ERAP 1, first \$200 million)
 - ERAP 2, \$152 million is more flexible, does not require the COVID impact
 - Negotiations to send back some of the ERAP 1 funding
 - Allocations to tribes, municipalities, and states
- Focus on fraud and abuse to ensure that were not qualify – took the process a little longer than other states
- Don’t have a coordinated housing structure in the state – likely infrastructure won’t last beyond the pandemic unless there is continued federal funding
- Majority of funding has gone to landlords, looking to make landlords as partners
- Referral to 2-1-1 when someone is no longer eligible – looking to local communities

1. Consent Agenda

- a. March Minutes – moved by Becky second Don
- b. May Agenda

2. Committee

- a. Reports

- i. Housing Study (As necessary until return of housing study from USAFA)
 - 1. Update of Cadet's work and review of their presentation at West Point (Please note this is not their final report or entire deliverables)
Cadets are presenting paper at West Point (paper attached)
 - 2. Next Steps
 - a. Housing Meeting next Tuesday at 3:30
- ii. Housing Policy Committee
 - 1. Fee Waiver recommendation
 - a. Removed salutations
 - b. Wordsmith – immediately is aggressive; proposed “consider creating”
 - i. Spieker second
 - 2. Mobile Home recommendation – deferred pending updates that more clearly define mobile vs manufactured units.
 - 3. Zoning Changes recommendations – Both of these items were deferred until we have a quorum
 - a. Density Recommendation
 - b. Materials Variation Recommendation
 - 4. National Housing Conference has created a tool called Paycheck to Paycheck. Here is a link to the website: <https://nhc.org/paycheck-to-paycheck/> - Dan encouraged members to review
 - 5. Mapping Work for Covenants Update – Mapping is in progress and Dan will have more on the application development as it becomes available.
 - 6. HTF Coalition Update – Dan and Brenda met with Rep. Zwonitzer who advised that he would put us on the agenda for the June interim committee meeting on Workforce Housing in Hulett.
 - 7. APRA funds for local HTF use – Item struck as error
- iii. Best Practices and Innovation (First Monday 1:PM to 2:PM)
 - 1. Road Map Framework
 - 2. Parcel Data Study
 - 3. Interim Topics Suggested
 - a. Workforce Housing ~ Corporations Committee – Covered above