

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DES BLOCK GRANTS

Minutes of the Meeting

September 23, 2020

1:00 p.m., Teleconference:

The meeting will be held via teleconference software.

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here:

https://azleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=2

Members Present:

Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Co-Chair

Senator Sylvia Allen

Senator Lela Alston

Senator Tony Navarrete

Representative Nancy Barto, Co-Chair

Representative Kelli Butler

Representative Domingo DeGrazia

Representative Gail Griffin

Representative Becky A. Nutt

Members Absent:

Senator Tyler Pace

Staff:

Cherie Stone, Senate Research Staff

Ingrid Garvey, House Research Staff

Ahjahna Graham, House Research Staff

Chairman Barto called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and attendance was noted.

Representative Barto made opening remarks.

PRESENTATIONS:

Overview Community Services Block Grant - Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services

Frank Migali, Deputy Assistant Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Economic Security, electronically distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Community Services Block Grant State Plan 2021–2022" (Attachment A). Mr. Migali explained the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program mission, partner organizations, effects of the pandemic and CARES Act dollars. Mr. Migali answered questions posed by the Committee.

Edward Chien, Community Action Program Manager, Department of Economic Security, answered questions posed by the Committee and stated that the deadline to use CARES Act dollars was extended from September 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Mr. Migali answered additional questions posed by the Committee and continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Mr. Chien answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Migali continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Leveraging Partnerships and COVID-19 Response

Jean Moreno, Director, Community Services Department, City of Glendale, electronically distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Leveraging Resources and COVID Response” (Attachment B). Ms. Moreno explained the network of providers and funding sources. Ms. Moreno answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Navarrete offered comments regarding municipal homelessness issues the coordination of resources and information.

Ms. Moreno answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Financial Health

Kathy DiNolfi, Chief Program Officer, A New Leaf, electronically distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled “A New Leaf; Housing-Health-Community Services; MesaCAN; Assets to Opportunity” (Attachment C). Ms. DiNolfi explained the scope of Assets to Opportunity (ATO) program, federal vs. state funding and the program eligibility.

Senator Brophy McGee offered comments regarding the ATO program.

Representative Barto offered comments regarding the ATO program.

National, State and Local Perspective

Cynthia Zwick, Executive Director, Wildfire (formerly Arizona Community Action Association), explained some of the various organizations and how they work together to help the communities. Ms. Zwick explained the importance of Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) and CARES Act dollars.

Representative Barto offered comments regarding the work of the organization.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Representative Barto noted that no one from the public had signed into the meeting for comments or discussion.

DISCUSSION

Representative Barto invited the Committee to discuss the material from the meeting. No discussion was offered.

Senator Navarrete offered comments regarding the information presented in the meeting.

Representative Barto made closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Ponce
Committee Secretary
Audio and Video Transcription

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