

CAC Citizen Advisory Committee

February 11, 2026, | Salt Lake County Government Center, 2001 South State Street, North Building, Rm N3-600 Jordan River 1:00 – 3:00 pm

| Meeting called to order by Dan Tisdale

In Attendance

Committee Members: J. Todd Richards, Candy Tippetts, Antonio Valbuena, Pat Holmes

Online Committee Members: Rex Marler, Tom Christiansen, Lisa Nguyen, Mike Anderson, Turner Bitton

Excused: Audrey Evans, Jacob Lawson

Staff: Dan Tisdale, Tallie Viteri, Jennifer Jimenez, Derick Davis, Smita Patel, Madeline Martinez

Guests: Isaac Higham

1. Call Meeting to Order and Review Staff Items of Business - Dan Tisdale

- Dan welcomed everyone, verified a quorum, and started the meeting at 1:03.

2. Approve meeting minutes from the 2/4 meeting – Chair

- Candy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/4 meeting. Todd motioned to approve the minutes. Turner seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Application Review – Chair

- **South Valley Services**
 - \$392,911.44
 - Pat said it was a great narrative with the specifics and with detailed numbers.
 - Todd said that most of the ask is going to salaries. Direct client services are about 30% of the ask. They do have quite a bit of leverage.
 - Rex said he gave a pretty good score. The \$130k is going to rental assistance and financial support, along with FTE for case management. Mike agreed with Rex. They had good coordination with the con-plan, including case management, rental assistance, and childcare.
 - Lisa said they have about 30 years of experience. In operation since 1997. Their background was detailed. They do have federal funding. Candy agreed.
 - Turner said it does meet the target population. He would like to see more details about the population.

- Antonio said he likes the program. Not a lot of innovation. asked if this was the only program that did this? Tom said the services they provide are unique. Not very innovative.
- **First Step House – Case Management**
 - \$176,985.00
 - Pat said the narrative was good. They talked about the objectives and detailed partnerships.
 - Todd said the ask is mainly for salary and staff. The leverage is good. They do have good direct client assistance with outside help from other agencies.
 - Mike said the response was short, but it does meet the coordination with the con-plan with rental assistance. Rex agreed, and it is helping with financial literacy.
 - Candy said they have 70 years of experience. 30 years of that with federal funding. Lisa agreed with Candy.
 - Turner said this was a model of what he would like to see with the question response. They do serve the specific targeted population.
 - Antonio said the innovation includes help with physical and mental health. Tom said he was not persuaded by the innovation. Best practice for case management. Braided funding model.
- **Rape Recovery Center - Prevention**
 - \$150,000.00
 - Pat said that it wasn't a good narrative. The program seems to be good, but it didn't list any partnerships or collaborations.
 - Todd said the budget was vague, differed from \$150K to \$178K. Mostly for staff and wages. Would like clarification on the budget difference.
 - Rex struggled to see the coordination with the con-plan. Maybe can tie it into an after-school program. Skeptical. Mike agreed.
 - Lisa said they have been operating since 1974. Diversity with support services. Teaching awareness in school. Short background description would like to see more detail. They do have 50 years of federal funding experience. Candy agreed.
 - Turner said they prioritize early intervention. Focus impact on low-income households. Helping 1200-1400 youth. They provided very little detail on the population that they serve.
 - Antonio said the innovation was good. Would like to see more information. Tom said all the leverage is great. Not the best innovation, but a great program.
- **Volunteers of America**
 - \$112,500.00
 - Pat said the narrative was good. Met was what in the RFA. Good partnership details with collaboration.
 - Todd said the ask will cover 63% for salaries and wages. They have \$71K in leveraged funds. 2% of the ask will go to direct assistance. The numbers are confusing

- Mike said they identified improving housing stability and creating thriving communities to coordinate with the con-plan. Rex said they did well with case management and housing stability.
- Candy said they have 40 years of background helping homeless youth. They do have 30 years of federal funding and compliance. Lisa agreed.
- Turner said they expect to serve 400 youth. They did a good job with the project size. Expanding on the population, how and why they serve them.
- Antonio thought the innovation was average. Tom said that in the past, this may have been called innovative. Housing First is innovative. No funding innovation was listed.

- **Catholic Community Services**

- \$139,035.00
- Pat said the narrative was good and detailed on what they will be using the funds for. Like the housing locator position and follow up with clients.
- Todd said they are asking for \$103K with a total budget of \$1.9 mil; leverage is good. 70% of the ask is for two FTE.
- Rex said this meets the coordination with the con-plan for housing stability. Mike had nothing to add.
- Lisa said that last year was their 80th anniversary. Good background. They listed what they do with federal funding. She mentioned that they use the BABA Act.
- Turner said they did go into detail on the demographics. Very thorough on the population served.
- Antonio said his score was average with low innovation. It's similar to other applications. Tom said that their innovation was evidence-based. Not innovative on funding.

- **Utah Legal Services**

- \$100,000.00
- Pat said the narrative was good. Legal support for stability with clients. Healing opportunities to mentally excel. Good partnerships.
- Todd said the ask and the total project cost is \$100K. No leverage. They are hiring quite a bit. \$70K is for staff.
- Mike felt that what was offered was one step removed from direct assistance. Rex said the rental assistance comes from keeping people housed, and he thought that was justifiable.
- Candy said they have been around since 1976. Good background. They do have experience with federal funding, but no length of time is listed. Lisa agreed that the timeframe of federal funding is not specific.
- Turner said he didn't see a lot of information about the clientele that they are serving. Hard to connect what was stated with the population to the grants.
- Antonio said the program was similar to what he had seen and was average. Tom said they are preserving housing stability. One of two services that do this. The program was innovative.

- **Urban Indian Center**

- \$125,000.00
- Pat said the narrative was unique. Expanding case management with the Native American population. Short and precise.
- Todd said they have quite a bit of leverage from outside agencies and listed them. The ask is the same as the project cost. \$83K was going to the staff.
- Rex said there was a piece that was for housing stability.
- Mike recused himself from this application.
- Lisa said they have been around since 1974. Good background. Eight tribes in Utah and one hundred and fifty outside of the state. 75% to 80% of their funding is from the federal government. Candy said they didn't list the federal funding timeframe, but it looks like it's been a while.
- Turner said they don't specifically define the population that they are serving. The population is not defined.
- Antonio said it's a good program. They supply good resources and have good innovation. Tom said there isn't a very good description of innovation.

- **English Skills Learning Center**

- \$194,212.92
- Pat said the narrative is good. Unique program and identified partnerships. They outline a specific need for the community.
- Todd said they are asking for \$194K out of a project cost of \$1 mil. Would like to see where the leverage is coming from. The ask is for wages and salaries. Good explanation of the funding. How many people will this help?
- Mike said they have economic mobility with ESL classes. Great job with coordination. Rex said it meets coordination with childcare, and the program is innovative.
- Candy said they have been around since 1988. Good background. Long list of federal funding and detailed history. Lisa said the experience looks good.
- Turner said they did a good job of the targeted population.
- Antonio said he likes the program with learning English and employment. Tom said the program is innovative, but not so with the funding side.

4. Next Meeting Details – Dan Tisdale

- Candy encouraged the members to have preliminary scoring ready for the service applicants. Dan reviewed the scoring criteria for the applicants and went through the applications for the February 18 meeting.

5. Adjourn – Committee

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:47.

Committee member breakdown for application review:

- Project Narrative – Pat and Audrey
- Leverage/Budget/Contingencies – Todd
- Background/Experience/Federal Funding – Candy and Lisa
- Coordination with Consolidated Plan – Mike and Rex
- Income and Population Targeting/Project Size – Turner and Jacob
- Innovation – Tom and Antonio