

Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Blair County Dept of Social Services, Conf Rm 4B
March 15, 2018

Present: Jim Hudack, Melissa Gillin, Sergio Carmon, Buddy Hann, Scott Durbin

Jim started by providing an overview of the purpose of the Housing Trust Fund to new member Buddy Hann.

Sergio gave an overview of the 1st Time Home Buyers and Weatherization Programs.

Current Act 137 Account

Jim Hudack reported that the balance in the Act 137 funds is \$407,000 before the payment to Family Services for the apartment renovation above the teen shelter. Payment to Family Services was \$14,300.

Program Updates

Homeless Shelter

Jim reported that there is a possible location available for the homeless shelter. It is the Drenning building located on Beale Ave.

Teen Shelter

Jim reported that \$14,300 of the Act 137 funds were paid to Family Services to help with the completion of a 2 bedroom apartment above the Teen Shelter. Blair HealthChoices also committed \$14,300 from Reinvestment Funds for the project.

First Time Home Buyer Program

- Sergio had a discussion with the group regarding serving people who haven't been referred to the Program by a bank. He asked to rewrite part of the work plan to include these people. BCAP would work with the individuals prior to them going to the bank.

Weatherization/Housing Rehab Program

- Sergio explained that there is an issue with the homes in the area being in such disrepair that it is difficult to qualify them to be eligible for any state funding to assist with repairs. The weatherization program could help provide up to \$5,000 to assist with getting a home up to a condition to be able to then be able to apply for state funding assistance.

Blight Funds

- Jim reported that there is a \$7.50 fee collected for each deed recorded that is deposited into a Blight Fund. This will generate approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000 per month. The group will need to discuss on how the funds will be distributed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 17, 2018 at 8:15am at Family Services, 2022 Broad Ave. **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**