



**IFA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Helmick Conference Room
1963 Bell Ave. Des Moines, IA
September 1, 2023**

Board Members Present

Ashley Aust, *Member*
Tracey Ball, *Member*
Jennifer Cooper, *Vice Chair*
John Eisenman, *Member*
Michel Nelson, *Chair*
Amy Reasner, *Member*
Gilbert Thomas, *Treasurer*
Nate Weaton, *Member*
Jina Bresson, *Ex-Officio*
Senator Scott Webster, *Ex-Officio*

Board Members Absent

Gretchen McLain, *Member*
Michael Van Milligen, *Member*
Rep. Daniel Gehlbach, *Ex-Officio*
Rep. Lindsay James, *Ex-Officio*
Senator Zach Wahls, *Ex-Officio*

Staff Members Present

Catalina Bos, *Legal Office Administrator*
Mollie Brees, *Homelessness Program Manager*
Vicky Clinkscales, *Customer Service & Project Specialist*
Debi Durham, *IEDA | IFA Director*
Rita Grimm, *Chief Legal Counsel*
Rick Groom, *Chief Information Security Officer*
Kristin Hanks-Bents, *Legal Counsel*
Nichole Hansen, *Policy and Partnership Manager*

Cindy Harris, *Chief Financial Officer*
Nicki Howell, *Agricultural Development Program Specialist*
Ashley Jared, *Communications Director*
Justin Knudson, *Federal Team Lead*
David Morrison, *Single Family Accounting Manager*
Brian Sullivan, *Chief Programs Officer*
Stephanie Volk, *Accounting Manager*

Others Present

None

Welcome and Roll Call

Vice Chair Jennifer Cooper called to order the September 1, 2023, special meeting of the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) Board of Directors at 10:35 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. The following Board members were present: Aust, Ball, Cooper, Eisenman, Nelson, Reasner, Thomas, and Weaton. The following Board members were absent: McLain and Van Milligen.

Public Comment Period - Receive Comments from General Public

Vice Chair Cooper opened the public comment period and asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Board. No members of the audience requested to speak. Vice Chair Cooper closed the public comment period.

Housing Programs

HI 23-15, 2024/2025 Emergency Solutions Grant Proposed Awards

Ms. Brees discussed the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, which provides support for Street Outreach, Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing (rental assistance paired with case management and supportive services). IFA projects \$3,055,467 in federal appropriated funding available for recipients under the ESG program for 2024. Ms. Brees explained that 29 applications for ESG were

received, and of those, 27 are recommended for funding in at least one category. Two applicants did not meet threshold, either due to a low score, or not meeting program requirements. Ms. Brees requested approval from the board for funding for the 27 applicants, all of whom are previous awardees.

MOTION: Mr. Eisenman made a motion to approve item HI 23-15, 2024/2025 Emergency Solutions Grant Proposed Awards. On a second made by Mr. Thomas, a roll call vote was taken with the following results: **YES:** Aust, Ball, Cooper, Eisenman, Nelson, Thomas, and Weaton; **NO:** None; **Abstain:** Reasner. The motion passed.

HI 23-18, 2024 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Awards

Ms. Brees explained that IFA administers the statewide allocation of funds for the federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, which assists persons who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. She stated that it provides support for rent, utility, and mortgage assistance; and that IFA projects \$982,843.81 in federal appropriated funding available for sponsors under the HOPWA program for 2024.

Ms. Brees discussed that five sponsors were determined eligible for HOPWA funding based off the HIV/AIDS cases by county and the Iowa HOPWA Sponsor Map, and that all five sponsors were recommended for continued HOPWA funding.

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Thomas, and a second by Ms. Ball, the Board unanimously approved item HI 23-18, 2024 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Awards.

Other Business

The next meeting of the IFA Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in Cedar Rapids at the HousingIowa Conference.

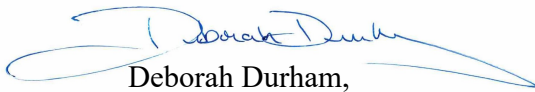
Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Weaton, and a second by Mr. Gilbert, the September 1, 2023, special meeting of the Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:



Deborah Durham,
Director



Michel Nelson, Chair
Iowa Finance Authority