



# St. Clair County

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS DEPARTMENT

### To Grants Committee Meeting

January 14, 2026

### MINUTES

Members Present:

Steve Reeb, Chairman  
Susan Gruberman, Asst. Chairman  
Scott Greenwald  
Courtney Moore  
Ken Sharkey

Members Excused:

Richie Meile  
Matt Smallheer

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director  
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

May Brown

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Chairman Steve Reeb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Clair County Annex Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Reeb took roll call.

Chairman Reeb asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were no other public comments.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey and a second by Mr. Moore, the minutes from the December 10, 2025 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of December, 2025 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Ms. Gruberman, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in December 2025 were approved unanimously and placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Services Group and the reports were placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Development Group and the report was placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Workforce Development Group and the report was placed on file.

Upon a motion by Mr. Greenwald, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

## Resolutions

None.

## Old Business

None.

## New Business

### A. Director's Report

Mr. Rick Stubblefield reported that, under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) monitoring has been completed with no findings. Construction on the Pisal Center is currently underway. Some concerns were raised by neighboring residents regarding the project. The Pisal Center, being developed by Comprehensive Behavioral Health, is located on the former Call for Help campus on Lebanon Road in Belleville. While I appreciate the concern expressed by residents, it is important to note that the individuals living at the facility will be required to maintain employment and pay rent, and the units are not intended for long-term stays. In addition, the property will be monitored with security cameras and have security personnel on site. Ultimately, an occupied and well-managed facility will be safer for the community than leaving the property vacant. All Public Facilities contracts have been returned, and the new Public Facilities contracts have been released. All 2022 CDBG Disaster Recovery (DR) projects are currently underway. The 2024 CDBG-DR grant agreement has been received. Concerns remain regarding Continuum of Care (CoC) funding.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has entered 2,023 applications to date, with 89% of those receiving a benefit. There are currently five furnace projects pending, which are expected to exhaust the remaining furnace funds. Staff will now begin processing incomplete applications by reaching out to clients to obtain missing documentation and move those applications forward.

Community Service block Grant (CSBG) is nearing the end of its current funding cycle; however, new funding is expected to be in place within the next couple of weeks.

Weatherization has secured a new contractor, as Rebel has withdrawn from its contract. The program is currently engaged in multi-housing projects and is working with the St. Clair Housing Authority on a 48-unit project.

Workforce Development has secured a grant to serve as regional trainers for the new state user system. The initiative is intended to develop regional training capacity. Two staff members are currently participating in training, and a management staff member was also added to the training group.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Director's report and Mr. Greenwald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Other Comments

None.

## Adjournment

Chairman Steve Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Mr. Moore, motion passed, and Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.