



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Ad-Hoc Committee for Housing Solutions

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**County Board Room**

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**There are no packet materials for this agenda.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1:00 PM meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Chaplin at 1:01 PM.

There was a motion made by Member Cahill and seconded by Member Gustin to allow Member Zay to participate remotely.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Member Eckhoff arrived at 1:09 p.m. via Zoom.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cronin Cahill, Chaplin, Childress, DeSart, Evans, Galassi, Garcia, Gustin, LaPlante, Ozog, Rutledge, Schwarze, Tornatore, and Yoo
<b>ABSENT</b>	Covert, and Krajewski
<b>REMOTE</b>	Eckhoff, and Zay

**3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

3.A. There are no minutes to approve, as this is the first Ad-Hoc Committee for Housing Solutions meeting.

**4. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CO-CHAIRS CHAPLIN AND TORNATORE**

Co-Chair Chaplin expressed thanks to all of the members of the public who have shown interest in becoming involved with this topic, and to the committee members for being present today. She also thanked anyone who is watching online. She recognized that the challenge of finding affordable housing is an issue that impacts many residents, and recognized that some residents have concerns when they hear that the County is looking at this issue. She wanted to assure residents that the County is committed to hearing from many perspectives as the committee moves forward.

Co-Chair Tornatore stated that the creation of housing is an extremely complex process. He clarified that affordable housing is housing that is less than 30% of someone's gross income, and said that we need housing for people that work in DuPage County. He emphasized that engagement in education and thoughtful discussion is the most important part of moving forward. He let the committee know that there will be monthly Ad-Hoc Committee for Housing Solutions committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, with a variety of presentations to educate the committee and get the word out to residents in the community.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**6. PRESENTATION****6.A. History and Overview of Community Services and CDC Affordable Housing Funding**

Community Services Director Mary Keating presented an overview of Affordable Housing Funding in DuPage County to the committee. She began by reviewing the three primary Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds that the County receives, and what the qualifications for each are, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Affordable Housing Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

She provided a historical comparison of how much federal funding each program has received in 2023, compared to 2003. It was noted that the County has received significantly less in 2023 than in 2003. Ms. Keating went into detail describing the composition of the Community Development Commission, CDC Executive Committee and the HOME Advisory Group, all of which determine how these funds will be allocated countywide.

Ms. Keating provided an overview of the processes that are required to approve applications and assess what projects will be funded, including the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, and the Annual Action Plan. She discussed the projects that qualify for each of the programs, and provided a current status of funds for each program.

Co-Chair Chaplin relayed to the committee that Co-Chair Tornatore currently serves as a member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority Board, and that Member DeSart currently serves on the DuPage Housing Authority Board. There were questions from Member Schwarze, Member Gustin, Member Ozog, Member Yoo, and Co-Chair Tornatore regarding the CDBG and HOME funds, and a general discussion ensued on how funds may be utilized. Member DeSart recognized Candace King, also a board member of the DuPage Housing Authority Board, for attending this meeting as well.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

Member DeSart, Member Childress, and Co-Chair Tornatore clarified that Affordable Housing is housing that is 30% or less of someone's gross income, and it is interchangeable with the term Workforce Housing.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.