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Tonight, it is my understanding that the Mansfield Housing Authority is requesting the town council consider the addition of \$12,000 in funding from the FYE 14-15 budget for the administrative costs associated with the section 8 Program. Before considering this I would ask that the council consider the following.

- 1.) After vouchers become portable how many are used in Mansfield from other municipalities and who incurs the administrative costs from that point on.
- 2.) Is this program reaching the desired client? Those that are in need of assistance with a stake in our community.
- 3.) Is there a decent fraud prevention program?
- 4.) Have all the possible administrative cost savings been implemented?

I would like to take a moment and ask the citizens of Mansfield that witness section 8 fraud report it and I ask that landlords do not participate with tenants that are fraudulent in any way. Those that are truly in need are the one hurt the most by fraud.

What is fraudulent behavior?

- 1.) Providing false financial information.
- 2.) A live in boyfriend or girlfriend providing financial assistance without being in the program or on the lease.
- 3.) Giving kickbacks or bribes.
- 4.) Criminal activity such as drug dealing.
- 5.) Under reporting income.

I am providing the guidelines from HUD to the clerk.

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2014-2015 Mansfield Town Council Goals and Objectives

Economic Development

Goal: Establish policies, procedures, relationships and infrastructure that support a vibrant, diverse and sustainable business community in Mansfield, in accordance with sound land use and Smart Growth principles. ♦

Objectives:

- Focus development and redevelopment efforts in areas designated as appropriate under Plan of Conservation and Development or zoning (e.g. Storrs Center; Four Corners; Perkins Corners; Eastbrook Mall area; Frontage Road).
- Make progress on Four Corners water and wastewater project.
- Increase tax base (new growth), including completion of Storrs Center, in a responsible manner.
- Leverage UCONN Tech Park for job and business growth.
- Participate in UCONN development plans.
- Provide quality customer service to the business community and implement a streamlined permitting process consistent with zoning and other regulations.
- Research the feasibility of allocating resources for a dedicated economic development staff member under Planning and Development.

Education

Goal: Maintain high quality, holistic education for all of Mansfield's youth while celebrating the individuality of each child. ♦

Objectives:

- Identify PreK-8 school infrastructure needs.
- Utilize enrollment projections, including anticipated impact associated with UCONN's expansion, to plan for infrastructure needs.

Financial Management

Goal: Responsibly manage available financial resources to maintain quality services that are responsive to community needs.

Objectives:

- Engage in responsible budgeting; balance service needs with revenue constraints.
- Diversify revenue base in response to declining state revenues.
- Identify replacement schedules for capital needs and allocate resources through the capital budgeting process.
- Review infrastructure needs for the Town and schools; identify capital maintenance needs and lifespan for major buildings and facilities and allocate resources through the capital budgeting process.
- Review financial, human resources, and other policies as needed.

Open Space and Agriculture

Goal: Work with stakeholders to preserve and maintain open space and viable working farms. ♦

Objectives:

- Preserve working farms and enhance agricultural opportunities.
- Acquire, preserve, and maintain open space.

Quality of Life

Goal: Improve quality of life for all residents and stakeholders regardless of (dis)abilities, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, or socio-economic status. ♦

Objectives:

- Reduce blight in neighborhoods town-wide.
- Review feasibility of expanding the rental certification zone town-wide.
- Build a community supportive of young children and families.
- Enhance and maintain athletic fields.
- Ensure Storrs Center owner occupied housing is built to community vision.

Service Delivery

Goal: Provide a range of quality services for quality living. ♦

Objectives:

- Re-define core services.
- Research and identify service sharing opportunities.
- Continue to improve positive Town-University relationships and partnerships.
- Continue to provide Human Services, with a focus on seniors and low to moderate income families.
- Provide support for recreation, health and wellness.
- Build organizational capacity for program evaluation, including a commitment to performance measurement.
- Continue review and implementation of the police services study, as resources permit.
- Evaluate service delivery for Fire and Emergency Services.
- Complete study of impact of Next Generation Connecticut and related UCONN initiatives on Mansfield.
- Consolidate and/or reduce the number of citizen advisory committees; review membership composition and engage residents aged 20's-40's.
- Review the Town's portion of the Storrs Center project to determine what lessons have been learned.

Sustainability

Goal: Embrace sustainability as a principle in decision making. ♦

Objectives:

- Embrace sustainability and energy conservation as part of economic development strategy.
- Reduce municipal government's carbon footprint.

♦ Denotes accomplishment, goal or objective links to the Town's following strategic vision points: *Education; Historic Character, Open Space & Working Farms; Housing; Public Safety; Recreation, Health and Wellness; Regionalism; Senior Services; Sustainability; Town-University Relations.*

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