



Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment & Opportunity

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The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
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Dear Council President Clarke:

This letter is in response to questions raised at the March 31st, 2014 hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity. The questions were recorded as follows:

From Councilman Jones:

1. Can you provide the demographic breakdown of the boards of the non-profits that you subcontract to?

In FY14, we had six contracts with non-profit organizations. Below is a breakdown of the board composition for those agencies.

FY 2014 CEO

Non-Profit Contractors Board Composition

Vendor	Start Date	End Date	Amount	# Brd Mbrs.	Race	# Male	# Female
Community College of Philadelphia	9/1/2013	6/30/2014	\$ 11,100	15	African American	6	1
					White	1	4
					Hispanic	0	2
					Asian	0	1
					Other	0	0
Huntingdon Community Services	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	\$ 9,750	10	African American	5	4
					White	1	0
					Hispanic	0	0
					Asian	0	0
					Other	0	0
JEVS Human Services	10/1/2013	9/30/2014	\$ 7,057,018	8	African American	0	0
					White	5	3
					Hispanic	0	0
					Asian	0	0

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					Other	0	0
United Polish American Social Services	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	\$ 92,017	9	African American	0	0
					White	6	3
					Hispanic	0	0
					Asian	0	0
					Other	0	0
University of Penn, Trustees of the	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	\$ 20,000	58	African American	4	2
					White	31	16
					Hispanic	1	0
					Asian	2	0
					Other	2	0
Urban Affairs Coalition	1/1/2014	6/30/2014	\$ 150,000	42	African American	15	5
					White	16	4
					Hispanic	0	0
					Asian	1	0
					Other	0	1
Total				142		96	46
					TOTAL	Male	Female
					African American	30	12
					White	60	30
					Hispanic	1	2
					Asian	3	1
					Other	2	1

2. Can you provide to the Chair the number of individuals that have been impacted through your programs?

For calendar year 2013, CEO provided support services to a total of 25,280 individuals, representative of 22,096 families. This includes the services provided directly by our staff as well as those City agencies and organizations that we funded to serve low- income residents.

3. What kind of services do people ask for when they visit CEO?

In the last year, over 2,000 residents have come to CEO through our Community Engagement Unit (CEU). CEU provides linkages to resources and services focused on the following: emergency food; clothing; fuel and utility discounts including Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Crisis exception grants, Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) through the Philadelphia Gas Works, Customer Assistance Program (CAP) through PECO, and Water Revenue Assistance Program (WRAP) through the Water Department; utility restoration; utility termination prevention; rental assistance; property tax rent rebates; telephone lifeline services; furniture referrals; adult education services;

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income tax preparation assistance; older adult recreation services; financial counseling. Below is a breakdown of the number of people who received assistance in each category through CEU.

Assistance	Number of individuals receiving assistance
Property Tax Rebates	1,404
Emergency Fuel (LIHEAP, PCA Emergency Fuel Funds)	414
Energy Discounts (CAP, CRP, Lifeline, WRAP)	166
Emergency Food (Food from pantries)	108
Furniture	48
Utility restoration	45
Emergency Rent or mortgage assistance	10
Emergency Clothing	6
Emergency car or home repair (Basic system repair)	5
Obtained reliable transport and/or driver's license	2
Total	2,208

4. Can you provide the goals of the job training programs?

We operated two job training programs during FY14 – Philly Future Track and Work Ready (also known as Workwise). The goals of these programs are:

- Future Track -- The goal of the Streets Department's Philly Future Track Program is to engage, train, and employ hard-to-employ populations. The program focuses on improving public safety in neighborhoods by removing litter and debris, while creating jobs for low-income individuals to help them earn a living wage.
- Work Ready/Workwise -- The primary goal of Work Ready is to help clients transition to the Employment Advancement Retention Network (EARN) by providing services that will help the client stabilize barriers that may hinder them from achieving employment. This program, funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, was designed to provide supports to expectant mothers in their second or third trimester of pregnancy.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the information provided in this response.

Sincerely,



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