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**Subject:** Town of Waynesville Aldermen Suspend Grant to **Nicole Kott**, Helping Hands of Haywood.

The Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen voted to suspend payments to Helping Hands of Haywood this evening. See, on [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net) :

[Waynesville Board of Aldermen Meeting, Agenda Item 8. Contract for Services with Helping Hands of Haywood - Motion: To suspend payments to Helping Hands of Haywood pending receipt and review of quarterly receipts due for second quarter of 2022 and of documents requested by letter from the Town Manager dated 8/31/2022. 9/13/2022. 9/8/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220908ToW-MotionToSuspendPaymentsToNicoleKott.pdf>

**Martha Sharp Bradley** indicated **Nicole Kott** was not able to provide the information required by **Rob Hites** in his letter to her.

[Editor's Note: **Rob Hites** letter to **Nicole Kott** was addressed to her as 'President', yet the contract she signed with **Gary Caldwell** was executed by **Nicole Kott** as Executive Director. What is it? One or the other?]

Furthermore, **Martha Sharp Bradley** indicated **Nicole Kott** was not in compliance with the contract signed between the Town of Waynesville and Helping Hands of Haywood. There was no information on any Helping Hands of Haywood Board of Directors, and **Nicole Kott** was behind in supplying the Town information about receipts, which by the way, are **CONFIDENTIAL** to you and me.

Therefore, the Board voted to suspend payments to Helping Hands of Haywood.

The word 'paralyzed' came up during the discourse of this agenda item. [?]

To summarize. Payments have been suspended to Helping Hands of Haywood by:

- Haywood Healthcare Foundation, \$120,000 [Anthony Sutton & Julia Freeman]
- Town of Waynesville, \$35,000 pending disbursement [Anthony Sutton & Julia Freeman]

It is unknown what the status of WNC Bridge Foundation's grant to Helping Hands of Haywood is at this time, and if they will consider suspending their payments, as well.

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