

Strategic Partnerships Grant Committee

Minutes

4/23/2020

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Burnett Walz welcomed everyone and went over the agenda. Motion to open meeting made by Doug Clarke, seconded by Paul Tax.
- **Committee members in attendance:** Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Kevin McAbee, Paul Tax, Elizabeth Ward, Annie Carpenter, Chuck Rosenblum, Rebecca Strimer, and Davidson Jones.
- **Staff in attendance:** Burnett Walz, Kimberly Fullerton, Christina McEntee, Rachael Nygaard and Angelyn Johnson.
- **Public Comment** – No one on call streaming or publishing, but meeting is open to public
- **Minutes** – Kevin McAbee presented change to be added to 4/9/20 minutes that they were approved. Motion to approve minutes with that correction made by Doug Clarke, seconded by Kate Burger.
- **Scoring model** – Burnett Walz talked through scoring model and changes in scores since last meeting.
- **Grant Scoring Discussion**
 - Thoughts on funding scenarios were shared by committee members. Committee members discussed potential rules for funding such as setting funding cap, funding top scorers in each category, and not going over 5-10% over prior years funding if applicant is applying for similar work. There was also interest in reserving flexibility for funding applicants in the red and yellow categories.
 - Request was made to go through the list of applicants and to remove if there were not 3 or more votes to keep them by committee members. Motion to move forward with this was made by Doug Clarke, Davidson Jones seconded the motion. Committee members voted to approve the motion.

Organization	Project	# of Votes
Gateway Group of Asheville	Fatherhood & Motherhood Initiative Program	None
One Youth at a Time	Tutoring and Outreach Education	2
Ravenscroft Reserve Initiative	Ravenscroft Reserve Initiative	None
Skyview Golf Assoc	Skyview PROAM Golf Tournament	None
Friends of the Nature Center	Residents & School Groups Reduced Admission	None
Positive Changes	Rise Above Project	1
Asheville Arts Council	Public Art Masterplan	None
Big Ivy Comm Club Funding 2021	Big Ivy Community Club	3
Mission Health System	Mission Possible	1
YMI Cultural Center	Hands Up	1

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YTL Training Program	Learning & Growing Together	3
Gladiator Sports	Capacity & Accessibility Enhancement	2
Western Carolina Rescue Ministries	101 Kids	3
Evergreen Community Charter School	Elem School Behavioral Counseling Support	1
Asheville Buncombe County Land Trust	Land Trust Collaborative Affordable Housing	3
	Asheville Youth Football & Cheerleading League	3
Under One Sky	Bridging Over Trauma with mentors	3
Just Economics	Pathways to Economic Mobility	3
Eagle Street Markets	EMSDC for Small Business Development	3
Folk Heritage Committee	Shindig on the Green	3
Asheville Art Museum	5 th Grade Field Trips	3
River Front Dev Group	STEAM academy	None
SandyMush Comm Ctr	Accessible & Energy Efficient Spaces	3
Asheville Humane Society	Pets & People Thriving Together	3
Blue Ridge Parkway Fdn	Volunteers for Recreation, Conservation, & Econ Dev	3
Avl Symphony Orchestra	Youth Orchestra Master Class	3
The Mediation Center	Increased Capacity for Community Mediation	3
Wortham Ctr for Performing Arts	Community Resource	3
Montford Park Players	Accessible Parking Lot	3
Carolina Small Business Dev Fund	Western Womens Business Ctr	3

- Eliminated 12 projects through process.
- Committee agreed to set funding cap. Doug Clarke made motion for \$100,000 cap. This was seconded by Kate Burger. Committee voted and passed this motion.
- New template requested with updates to remove those they chose to eliminate. Committee requested to view anonymous allocation scenarios at next meeting with the mean, median and range included. They also requested room for notes on the spreadsheet.
- Next step: Provide updated spreadsheet to committee. Committee members provide funding allocations by Monday morning and staff will provide to committee by EOB Tuesday 4/28/20.

- **Upcoming Schedule:**

- April
 - 4/30: Meeting from 1:00pm to 3:00pm – Virtual Meeting call dial-in information TBA
- May
 - 5/12: Grant recommendations due to Budget Office
- June & beyond
 - Meeting schedule & topics to be determined

- **Adjourn** – Doug Clarke motioned to adjourn, Davidson Jones seconded.

Next Meeting

April 30, 2020
1:00-3:00
Microsoft Teams

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