



Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

April 20, 2023

1:00 – 3:00 pm

200 College Street, Room 310

In attendance:

Committee Members:

In person: Ray Hemachandra, Chuck Rosenblum, Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Mark Mickey, Kim Robinson

Virtually: Cathy Ray, Amy Russell

Absent: Liz Ward

County Staff: Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Rachael Nygaard, Angelica Tyler

Opening Remarks

Kate Burger called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Ray Hemachandra made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023 and Mark Mickey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Grant Review/Funding Scenarios
 - YTL Training Program is the third highest scoring application and the only project in funding scenario 2 that requested more than \$80,000 (original request was \$125,000). The committee chose to make a hard cap of \$80,000 for all requests for this scenario, which would fund 64% of YTL's original request.
 - The committee discussed the Black Wall Street AVL proposal, which applied for the same project that was funded in FY23.
 - Each committee member present provided individual input for the proposed scenario:
 - Kim: Would like to be able to fund all top scoring organizations at 100% but feels comfortable with the current scenario.
 - Ray: In agreement, given the current process.
 - Mark: Agree with this scenario.
 - Chuck: This year's process has been successful; pleased with the outcomes. Agree with this scenario.
 - Kate: Agree with this scenario.
 - Amy: Pleased with this year's process (efficient and effective). Very impressed with this year's applications and feels good about the amount of funding for proposed awardees. Agree with this scenario.
 - Cathy: Agree with this scenario.



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- Chuck made a motion to add the remaining \$55 of funding to RiverLink’s project, which is the lowest proposed award (dollar amount) in the funding scenario, making their total award \$11,211. Kate seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Kate made a motion to approve the final funding scenario and be recommended for adoption by County Commissioners. Chuck seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- For discussion at June meeting
 - The committee looked at the breakdown of average scores per focus area by scoring criteria to help determine if there are any discrepancies that need to be addressed in future grant cycles.
 - Should the grant workshop be mandatory for all organizations applying?
 - Hard cap written into the grant guidelines for FY25
 - Would the committee like to limit the number of applications per organization for this grant program?
 - What kinds of parameters will the committee set for organizations applying for this funding (hard delineations re: flexibility of types of programmatic requests)?
 - Staff will look at the number of “new” nonprofits that are applying for funding across grant programs.
 - The committee would like to look at the possibility of using median scoring instead of the current average scoring process.
 - Include primary district as an application question for future grant cycles.
- There is no meeting in May. The next meeting will take place Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Announcements:

- There were no announcements.

Next Meeting – Next meeting is June 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm – 200 College St Room 310