



## Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

June 13, 2022

1:00 – 2:30 pm

200 College Street, Room 310

### **In attendance:**

#### Committee Members:

In person: Annie Carpenter, Chuck Rosenblum, Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Ray Hemachandra

Virtually: Kim Robinson, Liz Ward, Paul Tax,

Absent: Kevin McAbee

County Staff: Rachael Nygaard, Matthew Baker, Jenny Floyd

### **Opening Remarks**

Doug Clarke called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Doug Clarke made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2022 and Kate Burger seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### **New Business**

- Committee Reappointments:
  - Kate Burger, Doug Clarke and Paul Tax have all been reappointed for another term beginning July 1, 2022.
- Committee Presentation to Board of Commissioners:
  - The committee has been selected to present to the Board of Commissioners on 8/16. Annie, Kim and Doug will be the presenters this year and will work with staff to develop the presentation.
- Review of Grant Process:
  - Staff presented background information on the current grant process and reviewed the FY2023 methodology.
  - Committee discussed process improvement ideas for the application process. Ideas included:
    - Gathering feedback from applicants
    - Committee would like a clearer request around the provider documenting their track record of past success/accomplishments in the project area
    - Require the budget to be in the template format
    - Should there be a time cap on projects?
    - Could we add a value of innovation?
    - Committee would like to see performance results with the application for repeat requests.
    - Consider funding caps/maximum request amounts
    - Would like to see the layout of the geographic diversity of the grant portfolio to make sure the funds are reaching the rural areas.
    - Committee members would like to see how applications are different when serving the same people to help prevent overlap.



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- Committee members would like to continue doing site visits. They feel they are beneficial.
- Doug made a motion to create a soft cap and encourage applications at \$80,000 or less. Annie seconded the motion. Motion was approved 7-1 by roll call vote. Ray Hemachandra voted nay.
- The Committee began reviewing the Review and Scoring Process. Items discussed for possible consideration include:
  - Weighted score to increase value of budget
  - Fund projects of \$10,000 or less at 100% if they are above cutoff in scoring
  - Definition of equity
  - Require initial scenario to provide balance budget or surplus
  - Scoring rules
  - Full vs Partial awards
  - Clarity on some terms
- Due to time constraints, the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

### Announcements:

- There were no announcements

**Next Meeting** –Next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at 200 College St, Room 310