



Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

April 6, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 pm

200 College Street, Room 310

In attendance:

Committee Members:

In person: Amy Russell, Cathy Ray, Chuck Rosenblum, Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Kim Robinson, Liz Ward, Mark Mickey

Virtually: Ray Hemachandra

County Staff: Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Matt Baker, Angelica Tyler

Opening Remarks

Kate Burger called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Mark Mickey made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2023 and Amy Russell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Grant Review/Funding Scenarios
 - The committee discussed rules to implement for the initial funding scenario.
 - It was decided to cap requests at \$80,000. There were five requests over this amount, but only one of those projects are among the top scorers.
 - The committee decided to begin with funding scenario 2, which funds projects with a score of 90-93% at 100%; projects with a score of 87-89.9% are funded at 80%.
 - This is a starting point for funding discussions and is not a final recommendation.
 - Additional information requested:
 - The committee asked staff to provide the mean and median data for this year, and that information was added to the spreadsheet during the meeting.
 - The committee would like staff to add the FY23 funded amounts to the spreadsheet for any projects that are currently funded.
 - The committee would also like to see geography information added to the spreadsheet.
 - The committee would like to see the average score per scoring criteria per focus area in order to make sure the criteria is fair for all focus areas.
 - The committee would like to know how many nonprofits there are in the county
 - Considerations for future cycles:
 - Instead of having a soft cap, the committee would like to consider making it a hard cap for requests.
 - Consider weighting budget to reward smaller requests



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- If the goal is to fund more projects, consider implementing a lower cap
 - The committee would like some clarity of the expectations for the Strategic Partnership Grants
 - Consider funding smaller requests of \$10k or less at 100%
 - Consider having different application processes for the different focus areas
 - Consider how to creatively recruit more applications for the Environmental Stewardship focus area
- The committee decided to extend the meeting on 4/20 by 30 minutes. That meeting will be from 1:00-3:00 pm instead of 1:00-2:30 pm.

Announcements:

- There were no announcements.

Next Meeting – Next meeting is April 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm – 200 College St Room 310