



Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

September 3, 2020

Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Welcome

Welcome and agenda review by Kate Burger.

Virtual meeting reminder: Identify yourself when speaking. All votes will be conducted by roll call. Just a reminder – all Committee meetings are a public meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Paul Tax made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2020. Rebecca Strimer seconded motion. Vote by roll call vote was unanimous in approval.

Old Business

- Board of Commissioners Briefing recap
 - From a staff perspective, the committee did a very nice job presenting info and asking relative questions. We did hear that the Commissioners do want to stick with the 3-year limitation for projects. Staff are looking at options for funding Community Centers, and Rachael is gathering data for the next budget cycle. In the future, Rebecca would like the committee to monitor data on organizations that are funded more than 3 years (are they truly submitting a new project or just changing enough of the application to warrant continued funding).

- Applicant/Grantee Survey Results

The Committee was glad to see that the recipients are happy with staff support. The committee liked the suggestion to allow applicants to add letters from supportive partners. Annie suggested allowing a way to submit feedback from those who benefit from the services being funded. Paul liked the idea of having a pre-application conference for potential applicants. Liz suggesting having some committee members attend the grant writing workshops for a panel discussion. Paul recommend that we widen the marketing outreach for application process. Community Foundation of WNC, Dogwood Health Trust and other organizations could create a panel of potential funders to provide general information for community support. Arts did not feel they were included in the overall strategies. Going forward, we can include sub-strategies. Need to develop a better process of asking follow-up questions of applicants.

- FY2021 Roadmap: the document has been updated since last meeting.
 - Grantee Cohort call is scheduled for September 17 at 1:00-2:30 pm.
 - It was decided to cancel the October meeting due to the cohort meeting and site visits.
 - It was decided to move the November meeting to 11/12, 1:00-2:30 pm to have a facilitated meeting by Tracey Greene Washington about Diversity in Grant Making.
 - Angelyn will send updated calendar invites for these changes



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- Planning for Grantee COVID Meeting 9/15/20, 1:00-2:30
 - This will be a virtual meeting. Grantees and Committee members are invited to attend, so this will be a large group.
- Grantee site visits – results of virtual/in-person poll
 - Based on grantee feedback, most site visits will be virtual, but a few have requested in-person site visits.
 - There will be a sign up for site visits.
 - Site visits will be up to an hour. This first site visit will be more of an introduction, learning more about the project, COVID impacts, etc. The first 15 minutes for organization to present info they want us to know during the site visit. Future site visits will focus more on results.
 - Davidson suggested including some people that are receiving services. Annie brought up potential problems such as confidentiality, difficulty in scheduling, COVID, etc. Committee would like to make this a request and not a requirement for the site visits. Rebecca suggested to give them the option of sharing letters, videos, etc. If Committee Members have other suggestions/ideas for site visits, please let Rachael know.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

- In the future, the committee would like to include interviews in the review process. Could consider creating tiers for different level of reviews.
- County staff conduct random routine contract monitoring. Any time anyone submits questions around how an organization is using funds or the services they are providing, we conduct a contract monitoring. Anyone can submit a request for contract monitoring at any time.

Next Meeting: Grantee COVID virtual meeting 9/17, 1:00-2:30 pm