



Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

October 5, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 pm

200 College Street, Room 310

In attendance:

Committee Members:

In person: Amy Russell, Ann Flynn, Cathy Ray, Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Kim Robinson, Mark Mickey, Ray Hemachandra

Absent: Liz Ward

County Staff: Rachael Nygaard, Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Heather Parkinson, Johanna Cano

Opening Remarks

Ray Hemachandra called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Ann Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes from September 7, 2023, and Doug Clarke seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Community Index Map:
 - Heather Parkinson presented the Community Index Map. The Committee discussed how the tool could be useful in the grant making process. Some ideas discussed were:
 - Keep current address question but improve it to allow multiple addresses for service locations.
 - Use the community index map as a layer on the location map for service addresses.
 - The committee members discussed what factors are considered in the map and how the county selected those factors. They also discussed if other factors should be considered.
 - Have applicants enter address into community index map and identify the index score(s) for their site(s)
 - Add a question to the application and have them identify how their services address the needs in the community index map: How do your services meet the resource needs of your area? (wouldn't initially be a scorable question, but it would help gather data).
 - Use the map during the allocation process, after all applications have been scored, to identify the distribution of projects.
 - Use the map to identify outreach opportunities, especially if we could do an overlay of nonprofit locations within the index map.
 - How do we capture projects that are truly countywide and serve all residents within the county versus a specific location?



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- Committee members discussed that geographic locations don't necessarily align with need, population varies, etc. There is some concern about geographic bias.
- Other process improvement discussions:
 - Do we have access to 211 data? Do they collect addresses of people that call in for services?
 - How do we collect information from organizations about our grant processes (including feedback from organizations not funded)?
 - Consider allowing applicants to select multiple focus areas on their application.

Announcements:

- There were no announcements.

Next Meeting – Next meeting is November 2, 2023, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm – 200 College St Room 310