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Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

April 18, 2024 1:00 – 2:30 pm 200 College St, Room 310

In attendance:

Committee Members:

In person: Dr. Amy Russell, Ann Flynn, Liz Ward, Cathy Ray, Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Mark Mickey (virtual), Ray Hemachandra (virtual), Kim Robinson (virtual)

Absent:

County Staff: Rachael Sawyer Nygaard, Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson (virtual), Catalina Otero

Opening Remarks

Kate Burger called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Clarke made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2024, and Cathy Ray seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- Grant review & initial funding scenario discussion
 - Amy Russell proposed starting with Scenario 2 while removing the second (lower scoring) proposal from the two organizations that submitted two applications.
 - This would remove the Pisgah Legal- Homelessness and ABCCM- Dental Clinic projects from recommended funding.
 - This would fund 19 projects with an overage of \$1,096.
 - If the extra \$1,096 was evenly taken off the two highest requests, it would provide \$79,452 to Pisgah Legal – Justice for All and AMCHC – Mobile Medical Care Expansion (instead of \$80,000 request).
 - Scenario 2A:
 - Fund the top 3 scoring projects for each focus area based on funding projects scoring 90-100% at 100% of their request.
 - Fund next highest scoring projects based on funding projects scoring 90-100% at 100% of their request.
 - Remove the second project request from the two organizations that submitted multiple applications (Pisgah Legal – Homelessness and ABCCM – Dental Clinic).
 - Deduct the remaining balance of \$1,096 evenly between the two highest requests (\$80,000), which funds Pisgah Legal – Justice for All and Appalachian Mountain Community Health Clinic - Mobile Medical Care Expansion projects at \$79,452 each.
 - Doug made a motion to approve Scenario 2A. Amy Russell seconded the motion.. The motion passed 8-1. Ray Hemachandra was opposed.



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- The budget request for a \$100,000 increase for the Strategic Partnership Grant fund was denied for the FY25 grant cycle.
- The committee would like to make a hard rule for FY26 grants that limits an organization to only applying for one SPG project each year.
- Ray would like to ask for net assets in future applications to help the committee determine need for project costs, especially capital requests.

Announcements:

• There will be no meeting in May.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on June 6^{th} , 2024, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm – 200 College St Room 310.