



Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

August 1, 2024

1:00 – 2:30 pm

200 College St, Room 310

In attendance:

Committee Members:

Present: Dr. Amy Russell (virtual), Ann Flynn, Liz Ward, Cathy Ray (virtual), Dede Styles, Doug Clarke, Mark Mickey, Ray Hemachandra (virtual)

Absent: Kate Burger

County Staff: Rachael Sawyer Nygaard, Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Angelica Tyler

Opening Remarks

Ray Hemachandra called the meeting to order and welcomed new member, Dede Styles.

Approval of Minutes

Ann Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2024, and Mark Mickey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Election of Officers
 - Current Officers are:
 - Chair – Kate Burger
 - Vice Chair – Ray Hemachandra
 - Secretary – Liz Ward
 - Members in attendance support keeping the same officers for this fiscal year. If any committee member would like to nominate themselves or another committee member, they will email staff before the next meeting. The official vote will be held during the September meeting.
- FY2025 Planning
 - Site Visits
 - There are 19 funded projects this year. Each site visit would need at least 2 committee members in attendance. Site visits generally occur between September and December.
 - The committee discussed pros and cons of conducting site visits.
 - Doug Clarke made a motion to continue conducting site visits. Amy Russell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - The committee would like to receive the application, scope of work and quarterly report (if available) for each site visit.
 - Presentation to the Board of Commissioners



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- The annual presentation to the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for November 19. Cathy Ray volunteered to be one of the presenters. If any other committee member would like to volunteer to be the other presenter, they will let Kate or Ray know. If no other committee member would like to be a presenter, Ray or Kate will join Cathy for the presentation.
- Committee road map
 - The draft roadmap is usually included in the August meeting; however, because of the pending items with the strategic plan, site visits, etc.; it will be included in the September meeting.
- Process Improvement for FY26
 - Timeline for identification and implementation
 - The notes from the last meeting were included in the meeting packet. The top areas are highlighted within the document.
 - There was a Mentimeter poll conducted during the meeting. The results from the poll are provided as attachment to these minutes.
 - Committee member discussed additional items to consider for FY2026
 - Consider allowing applicants to select more than one category.
 - How can we bring groups together to help foster collaboration and connection between grantees?
 - Possibly consider incentivizing collaboration and partnerships in scoring
 - Consider creating funding scenarios before the applications are scored.
 - Consider sub-committee to create process recommendations for full committee.
 - Alignment with 2030 Strategic Plan updates
 - The county is currently developing their 2025-2035 Strategic Plan, and the draft should be available soon. Staff will share the information with the committee as soon as it is published.
 - One of the Assistant County Managers will attend the September meeting to provide guidance from county management as well as hear input from the committee

Announcements:

- There were no announcements

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be September 5, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30 pm – 200 College St Room 310.