



MINUTES

Grants and Funding Committee

Monday, June 6, 2022

2:00PM - 3:30PM

Metro Office Building

Nashville Room

Commissioners Present: Sheri Nichols Bucy (Chair), Clay Haynes.

Commissioners Absent: Matia Powell, Marianne Byrd

Staff: Ian Myers, Marysa LaRowe, Chuck Beard

Other citizens present: Alan Fey

A. Call Meeting to Order

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheri Nichols Bucy at 1:58pm.

B. Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2022

- 1) Staff was unable to find most recent minutes on file to approve.
- 2) Commissioner Clay Haynes motioned to add March minutes approval to the next GFC meeting alongside pending approval of current meeting's minutes.
- 3) Chair Bucy seconded motion.

C. Action Item: FY23 Grant Allocations

- 1) Ian Myers discussed increase to 3M in grants budget – 500k increase and that Basic scores and ranks will remain for this FY; next adjudication is FY24. Myers discussed budget categories – Basic 1 5M+, Basic 3 1M-4.9M, Basic 3 100k-999,999; Core: up to \$99,999. Increase in budget was distributed proportionately across categories. Same formula applies as previous years.
- 2) Haynes and Chair Bucy asked about the fluctuations in awards and various fluctuations of different organizational operating budgets. Haynes asked to wait for the committee

to vote until Janine Christiano could be present or call a special committee meeting with more Commissioners present before the next Commission meeting on the 16th so the GFC Committee can talk more about the numbers and collective vote on grant allocations. Haynes and Chair Bucy brought up several strategic points about the possibility of Commission changing future funding formulas.

- 3) Marysa LaRowe and Myers both mentioned that we could schedule more meetings, but that any delay of Commission votes for allocations will inevitably delay payments for local organizations who are counting on the funds they are expecting from their applications according to the current guidelines. LaRowe reiterated Myer's point that in a reverification year that organizations may be expecting similar decision-making processes this year; next year may allow for strategic realignment.
- 4) Myers suggested that we try to schedule a special meeting before the next Commission meeting, and the consensus will defer to full Commission meeting if the special meeting can't happen or if no further motions are made about the allocations in the GFC committee.
- 5) Haynes motioned to defer votes to a specially called meeting.
- 6) Chair Bucy seconded the motion.

D. Adjourn

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Bucy at 1:58pm