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Grants and Funding Committee

Monday, April 10, 2023

12:30PM - 1:30PM

Metro Southeast

Green Hills Conference Room

1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Nashville, TN 37217

Committee: Sheri Nichols Bucy (Chair), Marianne Byrd, Clarence Edwards, Matia Powell (Ex-Officio), Daniel Singh

Staff: Jonathan Saad, Chuck Beard, Marysa LaRowe & Vivian Foxx

A. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to Order at 12:40 pm by Chair Sheri Nichols-Bucy.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for approval were not prepared; the matter will be revisited during the next meeting.

C. Updates

1. FY23 Grant close out – Operating Support, Thrive, ABC
2. FY24 Program Updates
 - a. **Operating Grants:** There were 92 submissions for operating grants, marking a 62% increase in applicants this year. A total of 88 organizations applied.
 - b. **Thrive Call for Artist Services:** The deadline for Thrive Call for Artist Services is April 10. Applications are closing on the same day.
 - c. **Cultivate:** Cultivate will be open for applications starting April 15. Preparations are underway for the opening.
 - d. **Panel Review:** The panel review process is scheduled for April 27 and 28 for general operating panels. For Thrive, it will take place on May 2 (May 1, if necessary, based on application volume).
3. Community Editing
 - a. A call for editors will open on April 15, and applications will be accepted until May 15.
 - b. Editing Schedule: Editing is planned for July 10 and 11.
4. Tennessee Arts Commission
 - a. The FY24 Arts Build Communities program will have applications open from April 3, with a submission deadline on July 3.
 - b. **Major Cultural Institution Grant:** It was noted that the Major Cultural Institution Grant will not be adjudicated for FY24.

D. Staff Report (Hiring Updates)

- 1) Executive Director Daniel Singh presented any hiring updates to the committee in regard to Grants and Funding efforts.

E. Old/New Business

- 1) In summary, the discussion revolved around addressing capacity building grant shortages, resolving collaboration issues, securing AmeriCorp funding, upcoming meetings with the council regarding workforce collaboration, and ensuring accessibility to listening sessions:
 - a) **Capacity Building Grants Shortage:** There is a concern about the lack of sufficient capacity building grants.
 - b) **Improved Collaboration:** A disconnect between MNPS (likely referring to Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools) and Make Music Work has been resolved, with Daniel joining the Make Music Work board.
 - c) **AmeriCorp Funding:** There is mention of AmeriCorp providing \$15,000 for a single person, presumably for a project or initiative.
 - d) **Council Meeting and Workforce Collaboration:** Meetings with the council are planned for May 23rd, aiming to collaborate with the Nashville workforce.
 - e) **Listening Sessions:** All in-person listening sessions have been made public, ensuring accessibility for all Commissioners. However, it seems that virtual listening sessions might not have the same level of accessibility.

F. Adjourn Meeting

Chair Sheri Nichols Bucy adjourned the meeting at 1:13 pm. Commissioner Marianne Byrd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.