In attendance:
Committee Members:
In person: Amy Russell, Cathy Ray, Chuck Rosenblum, Doug Clarke, Kate Burger, Kim Robinson, Liz Ward, Mark Mickey
Virtually: Ray Hemachandra

County Staff: Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Matt Baker, Angelica Tyler

Opening Remarks
Kate Burger called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes
Mark Mickey made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2023 and Amy Russell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business
  • There was no old business.

New Business
  • Grant Review/Funding Scenarios
    o The committee discussed rules to implement for the initial funding scenario.
      ▪ It was decided to cap requests at $80,000. There were five requests over this amount, but only one of those projects are among the top scorers.
      ▪ The committee decided to begin with funding scenario 2, which funds projects with a score of 90-93% at 100%; projects with a score of 87-89.9% are funded at 80%.
      ▪ This is a starting point for funding discussions and is not a final recommendation.
    o Additional information requested:
      ▪ The committee asked staff to provide the mean and median data for this year, and that information was added to the spreadsheet during the meeting.
      ▪ The committee would like staff to add the FY23 funded amounts to the spreadsheet for any projects that are currently funded.
      ▪ The committee would also like to see geography information added to the spreadsheet.
      ▪ The committee would like to see the average score per scoring criteria per focus area in order to make sure the criteria is fair for all focus areas.
      ▪ The committee would like to know how many nonprofits there are in the county
    o Considerations for future cycles:
      ▪ Instead of having a soft cap, the committee would like to consider making it a hard cap for requests.
      ▪ Consider weighting budget to reward smaller requests
If the goal is to fund more projects, consider implementing a lower cap
The committee would like some clarity of the expectations for the Strategic Partnership Grants
Consider funding smaller requests of $10k or less at 100%
Consider having different application processes for the different focus areas
Consider how to creatively recruit more applications for the Environmental Stewardship focus area

The committee decided to extend the meeting on 4/20 by 30 minutes. That meeting will be from 1:00-3:00 pm instead of 1:00-2:30 pm.

Announcements:

- There were no announcements.

Next Meeting – Next meeting is April 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm – 200 College St Room 310