

City of Takoma Park
GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 30, 2015

The City of Takoma Park Grants Review Committee met on Wednesday, June 30, 2015, in the Third Floor Conference Room, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park.

Members Present: Elizabeth Boyd, Gary Cardillo (by phone), Pamela Coffey, and Lesley Perry

Members Absent: Akena Allen, Franca Brilliant and Jennifer Wofford

Staff Present: Sara Daines

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm.

2. Minutes – June 17, 2015

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

3. FY16 Community Grants Program – Review of votes and ratification of final decisions

Prior to the meeting, Sara distributed the results of the vote in Survey Monkey to the Committee as well as a spreadsheet with suggestions on how to distribute funds based on majority votes for each category.

- 100% Funding: Applicants with 4 or more recommendations for 100% funding
- 75% Funding: Applicants with a total of 6 recommendations for some level of funding
- 50% Funding: Applicants with a total of 5 recommendations for some level of funding

The suggested model left funds to be awarded. The Committee discussed the following options for distribution of the remaining amount.

- Provide funding to applicant(s) with a total of 4 recommendations for some level of funding
- Increase the amount of a proposed award

As the Committee reviewed the projects that had been voted for funding and considered where to assign remaining funds, close attention was put into maintaining a balance with the type of projects, neighborhoods affected, and the overall impact for the Takoma Park community.

Final decisions:

Capital Project Grants

- Historic Takoma, Inc.: \$11,000 (50%)
- Montgomery Housing Project: \$11,000 (50%)

Cultural and STEM Grants

- Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER): \$11,250: \$11,250 (75%)

- *Docs in Progress: \$4,100 (100%)*
- Rhizome DC: \$11,250 (75%)
- Takoma Ensemble: \$7,500 (50%)
- Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc.: \$10,000 (100%)

Operating and Program Support

- Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER): \$15,000 (50%)
- Crossroads Community Food Network: \$22,500 (75%)
- Dance Exchange: \$30,000 (100%)
- EduCare Support Services, Inc.: \$22,500 (75%) + \$1,400 = \$23,900
- Takoma Park Middle School Difference Makers: \$3,500 (100%)

The Grants Review Committee is scheduled to present its recommendations to the City Council on Monday, July 6th at 7 pm. The Council will discuss the Committee's recommendations during its work session, tentatively scheduled to begin at 8:20. Formal action - and the award of any grant funds by the Council - is tentatively scheduled for the following week on Monday, July 13.

Gary and Lesley will present at the July 6th meeting. All Committee members are encouraged to attend as well.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Lesley Perry, Grants Review Committee Secretary