
Grant Review Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Meeting:

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[Attendees: Susan Rosenblum, Mark Swartz, Jim Sebastian, Nadine Bloch, Nicole Ferraiolo, Keli Cochran, Derek Shiau, Jennifer Hale](#)

A) Call to Order and Welcome

- [Meeting Notes opened](#)
 - Move to accept: Keli
 - Second: Mark
- [GRC 4.5.2022 Meeting Min](#) (I'm taking notes here, i don't have access to this doc and I don't know why we would have 2 docs, one for agenda and one for notes? I'm drowning in docs already....)

B) Funding Recommendations FY23 (continued)

- [Responses to follow-up questions](#) (Jen)
 - Create Arts: gave long answer about DEI, provide mental health services, low income immigrant households,etc; teaching artists are diverse
 - Emma's Torch– Brooklyn based food service– n o confirmed site yet but prioritize making it accessible; would provide stipends
 - ECD–SoWhatElse : About overlap with serving same constituency? Still not clear, they do work in partnership.... SWE is branching out from food insecurity stuff to afterschool...
 - Dance Xchange– gave complete answer about commitment twds diversity
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- [Finalize FY 23 Funding recommendations](#)
 - Last time, left at proposal: To fund top ranking applications at 100%; Remainder groups funding at 80%
 - TopTier: 1.Ethiopian CC, 2.MoCoCommunity Media, 3.Community Bridges,4.Upwardly Global, 5.GB Youth Media, 6.Create Arts, 7.Carpe Diem, 8.Per Scholas
 - Remainder Tier: 1.Elite Soccer, 2.Dance X, 3.Emmas Torch, 4.SWE, 5.Enterprise CD
 - Eliminated last meeting: Play and CCAN
 - What to do with the 2k remainder?
 - Look at WorkForce Development?

- Look at unique offerings
 - Dance X only group with older resident focus
 - There's lots of afterschool/ tech focused stuff
 - New program but uncertain: Emma's Torch, we are but a small amount of their overall funding
- OR WHAT IF WE GAVE EVERYONE 8000? Can we fund everyone ?
 - 110,000 total to give
 - **If we give everyone the same, \$8461.50**
 - **If we give top tier 10k and Create 8k = \$78k**
 - **Then second tier of 5 gets remainder divided of \$32,000= \$6400 each**
 - **If we get rid of SWE, then 4 groups get \$8000 each**

SWE: should we drop this group, because they serve overlapping group? And have a lower WorkForce development rating... they get some funding from ECD as well. They do provide 5 day/week childcare!

Jen– recommends not cutting more than 20% off the funding, because there is so much work to do the grant reporting requirements, etc and it becomes not worth

Do you cut deeper and fund SWE or do you cut SWE and offer greater amounts of funding.

CUT ECD?

Or go back and give the upper tier 10% cut or 9k (except Create Arts at 8k)

Then spread out rest to lower 5 groups

- Selection of two GRC members to present to Council

Decided to fund all finalist projects in the top tier at 90% and 80% for all in the lower tier with some micro-adjustments. Decided to do deeper cuts to SWE and ECD because of shared activities. Then decided to fund carpe diem arts at the full amount because they are functioning on slimer margins. The extra funds came from Upwardly Global and Per Scholas which are national or large regional organizations and are less dependent on these funds.

Move to adopt - mark

Seconded - Keli

Discussion of board presentation. Tradition of having new committee members present. Susan will do the intro, then Derek and Jim. We will aim for the council meeting in June.

Jenn shared the news that she is resigning her position. Collective mourning.

Next meeting is May 3. Movement to get drinks somewhere outdoors (Republic or Denizens)