



Grants Committee

MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Google Meet

In attendance:

Councilors: David Fakunle, Paige Hernandez, Greg Tucker, Chris Sloan, Albita Rivera, Lily Bengfort

Staff: David D. Mitchell, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Emily Sollenberger, Laura Weiss, Cathy Teixeira, Chad Buterbaugh, Alysha Suryah

David F. called the meeting to order approximately 11:09 am.

Paige moved to approve the May 30, 2023 minutes. Yolanda and Joel seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

CAD Funding Recommendations

- David M. provides an update on the CAD allocation:
 - Provides an overview of CAD funding formula.
 - Describes current and immediate past allocations and recommendations.
 - Describes CAD funding growth year over year.
 - Notes the commonness of change at county arts agencies and refers to current transitions in Baltimore County and City.
 - Notes leadership change in Charles County, due to passing of former Executive Director.

Paige moved to approve the CAD allocation. Lily seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

Discussion

- Steven:
 - Consider any conflict with individual counties or organizations; helpful to voice those conflicts for records, in case of board membership, other affiliation.



- Voice those now for CAD
 - No abstentions

Grants for Organizations Funding Recommendations

- Emily and Laura provide GFO recommendations and funding formula specifics:
 - Gives overview of GFO as a flagship program and the process for FY25 GFO cycle.
 - Notes organizations not recommended for funding
 - Covers organizations not reviewed for FY25 funding, and grantee recommendations to go into another On Year for FY26.
 - Gives overview of funding recommendations across all 309 organizations in FY25 program by discipline.
 - Notes new organizations recommended for funding
 - Frames recommendations in terms of funding tiers
 - Covers variables associated with funding formula
 - Notes pre-formula cap allocation realities
 - Describes strategies around funding changes per year, based on formula and tier
 - Shares breakdown of recommended funding per tier
 - Shares comparative grants and recommendation amount per year
 - Provides GFO recommended grant amounts.

Discussion

- The Councilors discuss the difference between general operating and arts program support for city grantees.
 - Emily provides examples of common city-based arts activities.

Albita moved to approve the GFO recommendations. Greg seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention; David F., Blacks in Wax Museum.

No New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.