



Citizens Grant Review Board

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 03, 2022

10:00 AM

130 Kearns Road

Snowmass Town Hall, Small Conference Room

Start Time: 10am

Meeting was called to order at 10:10am

Roll Call

Present: Sally Sparhawk, Judith Clauson, Tammy Baar, Cara Haugan, Teri Hooper

Virtually Present: Vega Brhely, Tammy Baar

Absent: Cindy Lamar

Staff Present: Clint Kinney & Megan Boucher

DISCUSSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Clauson opened the meeting and described the responsibility of this board and its members to responsibly recommend deserving applicants to receive the Snowmass Village Community Grant. She continued by reminding the members of the criteria to consider and the fact that the grant is funded by tax payers, thus the citizens of Snowmass Village need to be at the forefront of the discussion.

Clauson led the discussion. The board went through the applicants one by one, making their recommendations for allocating the moneys. Each present member had input. Lamar sent her comments and recommendations in before the meeting and those were read out loud.

The following are some comments or questions regarding the applicants:

Alpine Legal Services:

Req \$10,000 Recommendation: \$7,000

Anderson Ranch Arts Center: In favor of supporting scholarships for children to attend a summer workshop. Less favorable for adults.

Req \$10,000 Recommendation: \$5,000

Aspen Camp of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Pilot program that members were not sure about. Decided to support organization but not this specific program.

Req \$2,500 Recommendation: \$500

Aspen High School Project Graduation:

Req: \$500 Recommendation \$500

Aspen Hope Center: Members emphasized mental health as one of their focuses for this grant.

Req: \$7,500 Recommendation: \$7,500

Aspen Public Radio: Recognized the organization but felt not specific to this grant

Req: \$5,000 Recommendation: \$1,500

Aspen Skating Club: Hooper recused herself. Members want to support organization but recommends the grant be more focused on children and offsetting the costs to local SMV participants. Recommendation that they approach TOSV Tourism department to possible assist with ice time costs at Base Village rink for their event and free lessons.

Req: \$2,000 Recommendation: \$2,000

Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club:

Req: \$10,000 Recommendation \$9,000

Aspen Youth Center:

Req: \$11,000 Recommendation: \$10,000

Bridging Bionics Foundation: Relatively new, doing very innovative programming at no or low cost to recipients.

Req: \$5,000 Recommendation \$2,500

Callies Backyard Foundation: New program to our area but established in Denver.

Resources for troubled youth.

Req: \$10,000 Recommendation: \$1,000

Challenge Aspen:

Req: \$4,000 Recommendation: \$2,000

Colorado Wild Public Lands (COWPL): Members felt this program did not fit the scope of the criteria.

Req: \$3,500 Recommendation: \$0

Community Health Services, Inc: Members felt strongly to support.

Req: \$18,500 Recommendation \$18,500

Harvest for Hunger: Volunteer driven and doing a lot with so little.

Req: \$4,500 Recommendation: \$4,500

HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley: Very important to support but large ask. Decided to match last year.

Req: \$17,000 Recommended: \$13,500

Inspire Aspen Foundation: New but has interesting focus. Support youth.

Req: \$5,000 Recommendation \$1,000

Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley:

Req: \$5,000 Recommended: \$500

Pathfinders: Important during this time.

Req: \$5,000 Recommended: \$3,500

Pitkin County Senior Services: Important but discussion about govt giving to govt.

Suggested that there is a better avenue for TOSV to support Pitkin Cty Service.

Req: \$2,000 Recommendation \$1,000

Raising A Reader Aspen to Parachute:

Req: \$1,500 Recommended: \$1,500

Response: Important to support and good resource in valley. Well connected with Law Enforcement.

Req: \$3,000 Recommended: \$3,000

River Bridge Regional Center: Provided victim services to child vm and family. Well connected with Law Enforcement.

Req: \$ 1,500 Recommended: \$1,500

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers: Very volunteer driven. Help emphasis care for our trails. Work is seen and enjoyed by many.

Req: \$5,000 Recommended: \$3,000

Snowmass Chapel's Camp Smashbox: SMV program helping SMV kids and teen.

Req: \$6,000 Recommended: \$6,000

Snowmass Community Outreach Fund: Helping our community when outlier need happens. Important during this time.

Req: \$ 5,000 Recommended: \$5,000

The Buddy Program: Good program with other funding resources. Important to support but at lower level then ask.

Req: \$7,5000 Recommendation: \$5,000

The Farm Collaborative: Larger organization but funding to support more local programing.

Req: \$10,000 Recommended: \$3,000

WindWalkers Equine Assisted Learning & Therapy: Support scholarships but ask them to track SMV recipients of support.

Req: \$5,000 Recommended: \$2,000

YouthZone: Supporting youth in crisis usually when law enforcement is involved. Well connected and good resource in the valley.

Req: \$4,000 Recommended: \$4,000

General discussion

Members asked for grant application to be adjusted to be sure to ask for specifically how many SMV residence the program/organization services. They further requested that a question be added that could help the members identify results from the funding. Noting if the program/organization had received CGRB money before then how have measured success and if not, how will they.

Members of the CGRB will go before the Snowmass Village Town Council on March 7th to present their recommendations.

Next year's review meeting will be the first Monday in February at 10 am.

ADJOURNMENT

11:41pm