

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Al Whitesides, Brandy Bowman, Carol Steed, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kit Cramer, Leslie Anderson, Linda McDaniel, Marsha Davis (virtual), Martin Moore, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher (virtual), Susan Mims, Wendy Wieber

Absent: Mark Taft, Rich Johnston

County staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Sara Joss, Angelica Tyler, Angelyn Johnson, Michael Frue, Burnett Walz, Matt Baker

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Minutes

Susan Mims made a motion to approve the minutes from December 6. Martin Moore seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- There was no old business

New Business

- Kindergarten readiness data presentation
 - Staff from the County's Strategy and Innovation Department presented kindergarten readiness data for Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools. The presentation was included in the meeting packet.
 - Committee members would like staff to research if charter schools are required to use NC ELI assessments? If so, is that data publicly available? During the meeting, Steve from Buncombe County Schools verified that charter schools may opt-in but they are not required. The committee would like to advocate for them to use it. And, they would like to find out if the data is publicly available.
 - Committee members would like to follow-up with other communities that we consulted with previously in order to see what their current data shows.
- Grant review planning
 - Scoring Tool: Staff reviewed the scoring tool for this year.
 - Software Instructions: Staff reviewed the instructions for scoring the applications in the software. The only change for this year is that committee members will see a new question on the evaluation that asks, "Do you recommend this project for multi-year funding (if applicable)".
 - Methodology for recommendations: Staff reviewed the methodology used last year. A handout that outlines the methodology was included as part of the meeting packet.
 - Staff provided committee members with a list of existing multi-year grants, a list of all grants for each year and a list of unspent funding per year.
- Timeline reminder:
 - 2/10 at 5:00 pm – application deadline
 - 3/7 at 1:00 pm – Committee meeting
 - 3/13 at 8:00 am – deadline for committee member to submit questions for applicants
 - 3/20 at 5:00 pm – deadline for applicants to submit responses to committee questions

- 4/3 at 8:00 am – deadline for committee members to submit final scores for applications
- 4/4 at 1:00 pm – Committee meeting
- 4/18 at 1:00 pm – Committee meeting
- 4/25 at 1:00 pm – Committee meeting (if needed)
- 4/28 – Grant recommendations due to County Budget Office

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Public Comment

- Brian Repass participated in public comment.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is March 7, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Ground Floor Conference Room at 200 College St.