

City of Bloomington Common Council

2020 Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee Debriefing Session

Inclusive of agenda and 2019 survey results

**AGENDA
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL
JACK HOPKINS SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING COMMITTEE
11 JUNE 2020 - 6:00 PM**

Per Executive Orders issued by the Governor, this meeting will be conducted electronically. The public may access the meeting at the following link:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/99387977115>

I. BRIEF REVIEW OF THE 2020 PROCESS

Applications: 37 timely applications, totaling \$822,970.96; 3 late applications.

Criteria:

- A. Operational Funds – Continuation of General Operational Requests
- In 2016, the Committee agreed to run this allowance for 3-4 years and assess its efficacy at the end of that period. This is the fourth year of this allowance.

Operational Breakdown To Date:

2016: 11 agencies requested operational funds; 6 were under the new allowance.

2017: 11 agencies requested operational funds; 9 were under the new allowance

2018: 12 agencies requested operational funds, 6 were under the new allowance

2019: 13 agencies requested operational funds, approximately 7 were under the new allowance.

2020: 20 agencies requested operational funds, approximately 7 were under the new allowance. **Due to COVID-19, 20 of the 37 applicants saw a significant drop in fundraising or an increase in need; those requests could be considered requests for bridge funding.*

B. Other

→ Any observations/changes?

If so, MOTION to forward to the 2021 Committee.

Solicitation:

- Solicitations Issued: 02 March; applications were initially due by 20 March. However, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Committee Chair, after consultation with Committee members, extended the application deadline to 13 April.
- Outreach: web; direct e-mail to BVN list; United Way, NPA Newsletter; press release; Administration featured on City social media.

Technical Assistance: [The Technical Assistance meeting was cancelled on 17 March and a video presentation was posted online for agencies to view.] Approximately 10 agency representatives submitted questions about the application process this year, with many inquiring about an extension of the deadline or adjustments to the process due to COVID-19.

- Staff suggests the Committee think about incorporating Zoom meetings/presentations in the future.

→ Any changes from the Committee?

If so, MOTION to forward to 2021 Committee.

Committee Deliberations:

- First Review of Applications & Development of Questions [04 May, 7 agencies cut from further consideration; 3 hr, 4 minutes]
- Presentation Hearing was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19 emergency. Instead, questions were submitted to 30 agencies and 29 agencies responded. The non-responsive agency chose to withdraw from consideration.
- Pre-Allocation Hearing [21 May; 2hr, 16 minutes]
- Allocation Hearing [26 May; ~25 minutes]
 - Any observations? Changes?
 - If so, MOTION to forward to 2021 Committee.

II. ANY OTHER SUGGESTED CHANGES GOING FORWARD?

- Staff suggests:
 - Due to COVID-19, agency presentations were cancelled and questions and answers were submitted in writing. The Committee might want to discuss whether the lack of presentations impacted its ability to effectively deliberate, or whether the written questions/answers were an effective way of getting necessary information.
 - MOTION, if any, to forward recommendation to 2021 Committee.
- Committee composition – currently 5 council members, 2 members of the public – any recommended changes?

III. SURVEY (2019 Results Attached) -- TO BE ISSUED in JUNE

→ Any recommended changes? If so, MOTION needed.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

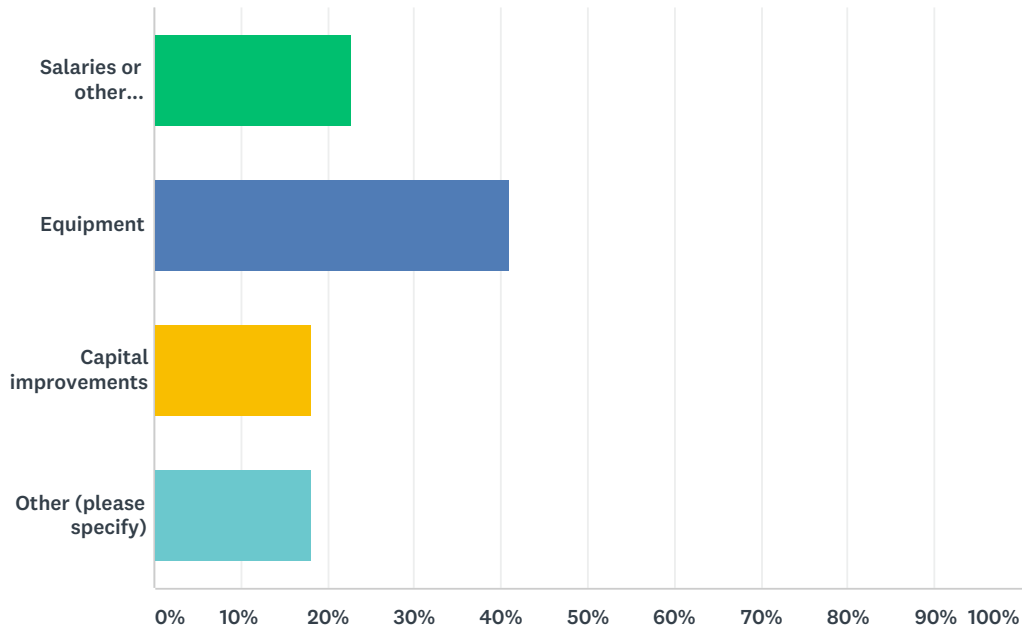
V. COUNCIL ACTION ON 17 JUNE 2020

- Report – *signatures needed from majority of Committee members*
- Resolution

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Q1 Your agency sought funds for:

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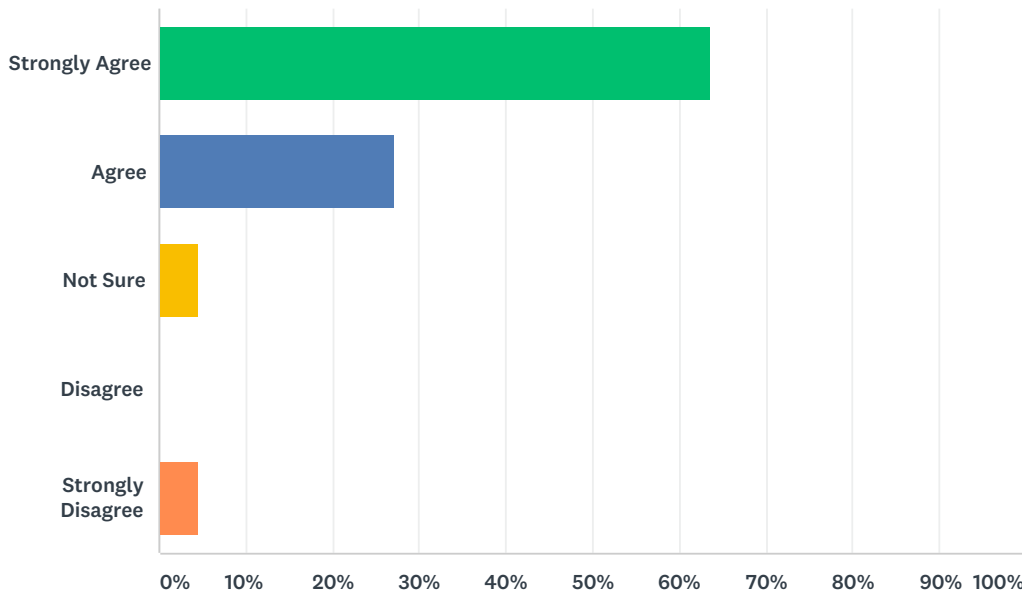


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Salaries or other operational expenses	22.73% 5
Equipment	40.91% 9
Capital improvements	18.18% 4
Other (please specify)	18.18% 4
Total Respondents: 22	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Program support	7/15/2019 9:55 AM
2	Rent Scholarship Fund	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
3	start up of a new program	7/1/2019 2:56 PM
4	Vehicle repair assistance.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM

Q2 Under the current guidelines, to be eligible for consideration, any agency application must: - Address a previously-identified priority for social services funding; - Function as a one-time investment; - Leverage matching funds or other fiscal mechanisms; and- Make a broad and long-lasting contribution to our community. These criteria for funding provide clear guidance.

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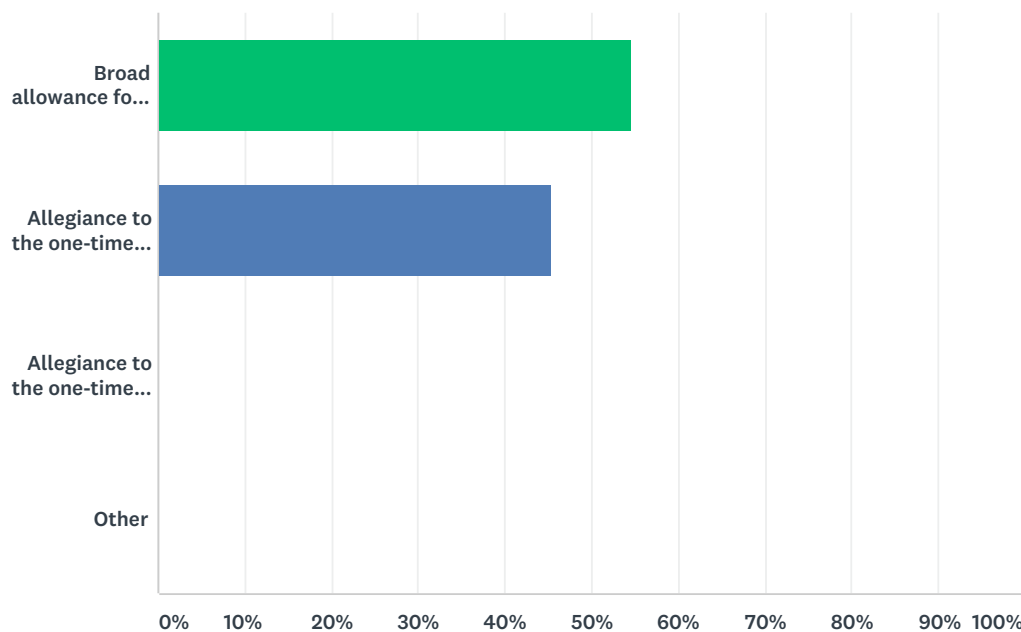


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	63.64% 14
Agree	27.27% 6
Not Sure	4.55% 1
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	4.55% 1
TOTAL	22

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	I believe we did what the grant asked for/new program/and we were told it was too vague.	7/1/2019 2:56 PM

Q3 Hopkins grants were originally intended to be a one-time investment. This guideline was meant to encourage innovative projects and to discourage reliance of an agency on Hopkins monies to meet on-going operational costs. Over time, the Committee has allowed exceptions to this one-time funding rule by providing operational funding in the following contexts: for pilot projects; to bridge the gap left by a loss of other funding; and, to incent collaborative initiatives. In response to agency feedback, for the last four years, the Committee has accepted requests for operational funds that do not fit into one of the aforementioned exceptions. The Committee may or may not continue with this allowance next year. Do you think that new allowance for requests for operational funding is a better way to help agencies realize their goals or do you think it is best for the Committee to stick to its commitment to one-time funding? Please explain.

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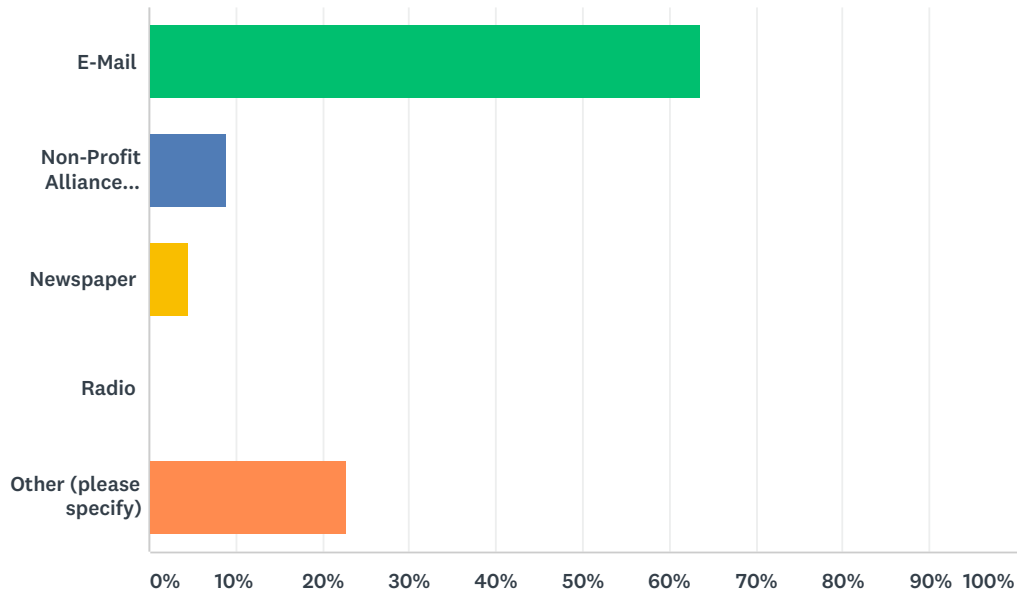


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Broad allowance for requests for operational funds	54.55%	12
Allegiance to the one-time funding rule, with exceptions for pilot, bridge, and collaborative operational funding	45.45%	10
Allegiance to the one-time funding rule, no exceptions	0.00%	0
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		22

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN.	DATE
1	Funding a non-profit is hard, full stop. If the city has the ability to make this easier for the organizations who serve the most vulnerable members of our community, they should absolutely do it.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
2	Funding for "innovation" is useless if agencies can't meet their regular expenses. JH funding criteria should be broad enough for agencies to make the case for operational funding and have that case evaluated on its merits.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
3	Operational funding is essential for small non-profits in the community.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
4	Every dollar we spend is important, whether operational or one-time investments. But I understand that the former might encourage a relaxing of financial vigilance and even fundraising efforts.	7/9/2019 2:42 PM
5	I think operational costs are something nonprofits need to figure out how to fund outside of grants. Otherwise you will have salaries for one year and then if there isn't a grant to fund it for the next year that staff position just goes away. That doesn't make for a very stable nonprofit.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
6	This is the ONLY grant that allows for operational funding. It is critical to the sustainability of local small nonprofits. However, in the spirit of not having organizations become dependent on JH funding I recommend that an agency cannot apply for the same purpose a second year.	7/1/2019 11:37 AM
7	I believe having the exceptions can allow small not for profits to grow and maintain programs during challenging times.	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
8	In a perfect world, agencies would not need help with operational funds. Our particular program is based on addressing a material need of the poorest in our community, and by definition will always have that need.	6/27/2019 4:06 PM
9	While I understand the desire to make one-time investments with a big impact, there are many ongoing operational needs in the community that have no where else to turn for funding. Through Jack Hopkins, you have the opportunity to give local support to pressing local needs by allowing operational requests.	6/27/2019 3:15 PM
10	I've received feedback from a committee member that broad allowance may not be as broad as stated and that there may be unwritten rules for multi-year application for the same operational funding. If that's true, those should be made public so applicants know how best to deal with that.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
11	I think that many agencies face points in time where gap funding is crucial, and a one-time investment through Jack Hopkins will allow them to reconfigure their funding structures to be sustainable without limiting their services offered.	6/27/2019 1:38 PM
12	While I do understand the committee has priorities and doesn't want agencies to become reliant on funding, sometimes operational support has the greatest impact. Take Human Services for example, people serving people...the staff are the most needed resource, and we can be more effective if we just continue to put our time and resources into what we do best. Our organization generally does have capital type needs that vary each year, but if we didn't, we would still need help with operations and sometimes the ONLY way to do that is through fundraising. I don't think grantors should necessarily shy away from funding operations, but I do understand the desire to ensure that the funding would be used efficiently and to a program that will be sustainable long term.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM

Q4 How did you learn about the Jack Hopkins Funding program?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
E-Mail	63.64%	14
Non-Profit Alliance Newsletter	9.09%	2
Newspaper	4.55%	1
Radio	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	22.73%	5
TOTAL		22

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Grant research	7/15/2019 9:55 AM
2	Not sure how Habitat first learned of the grant	7/9/2019 2:42 PM
3	I am in charge of Nonprofit Central at MCPL so are aware of local grants.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
4	I think a community member referred us originally	6/27/2019 3:15 PM
5	From my predecessor	6/27/2019 1:39 PM

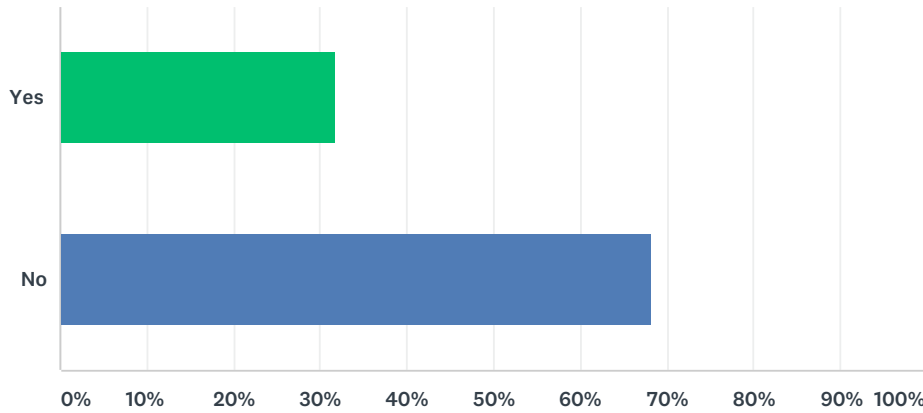
Q5 The Committee strives to make the application process as simple and convenient as possible. Please let us know what you think about the application process and how we might improve it.

Answered: 20 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The process is simple and clear. No complaints.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
2	The process is clear, fair and understandable.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
3	After doing it once it is pretty transparent.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
4	I liked the process and can't think of any improvements.	7/9/2019 2:42 PM
5	It was a bit unclear that the grant must be spent by December of this year. So instead of a year funding it is really six months worth of funding. That is not really explained in the grant as far as I can tell. Only because I work with other nonprofits and know others who have gotten funding did I realize this. That makes a difference when asking for funding in terms of what you might spend in six months as opposed to one year. I think this could be made clearer from the start especially for those who have never applied for a grant from Jack Hopkins before. Most grants are to be used within a year so this is a change some nonprofits might not be used to.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
6	The JHSS Grant process has always been very positive. Time keeping is fair, questions shared ahead of time are appropriate, and committee members are professional and gracious.	7/1/2019 8:47 PM
7	I believe that there needs to be an opportunity to share in person all applicants and there needs to be a variety of recipients instead of the same group receiving grant funds each year.	7/1/2019 2:56 PM
8	I think it's fantastic - very clear, user-friendly, and manageable. Very much appreciate the well thought out approach to get to important information without allowing for frivolous text.	7/1/2019 11:37 AM
9	I am pleased with the application process.	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
10	Online submission is easiest for our agency.	6/29/2019 11:46 AM
11	It was user friendly.	6/28/2019 1:27 AM
12	This was my first year taking part in the process and found it to be clear & well-communicated.	6/27/2019 4:06 PM
13	The application process is easy and straightforward!	6/27/2019 3:15 PM
14	It's maybe the best grant application process I'm aware of. Very straightforward. No fluff or repetition required.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
15	I think the process is simple and straightforward as is.	6/27/2019 1:38 PM
16	The application process is straight-forward and convenient.	6/27/2019 12:12 PM
17	Procedure was clear and no changes would be required.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
18	I think the application process is simple, straightforward and appropriate in length.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
19	It is pretty simple and convenient. I didn't really have any issues with it. If anything I felt there perhaps wasn't enough space to give some information we felt was important but it didn't seem to fit within the answers of specific questions.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM
20	Compared to other applications, the Hopkins grant is easy to complete.	6/27/2019 10:46 AM

Q6 Did your agency attend the Council Office Technical Assistance Meeting?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.82%	7
No	68.18%	15
TOTAL		22

Q7 If you attended the Council Office Technical Assistance Meeting, what were the most helpful aspects of the meeting? What would you like to see addressed in the future?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I didn't attend personally, but had a co-worker go.	7/9/2019 2:42 PM
2	For agencies that have been previously funded, the primary help is in highlighting what has changed. Dan has done a fantastic job over the years managing the grant funding and providing timely assistance as needed. He will be missed!	7/1/2019 11:37 AM
3	The staff member who attended found the meeting very useful for understand our obligations to the grant.	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
4	It was a thorough and efficient meeting. The way in which the time of those attending was valued was greatly appreciated.	6/27/2019 12:12 PM
5	No changes.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
6	I thought it was fine, and covered basic information. It was nice to be able to have access to forms needed for submission right there, and verify answers to questions about which forms specifically were needed for your agency.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM

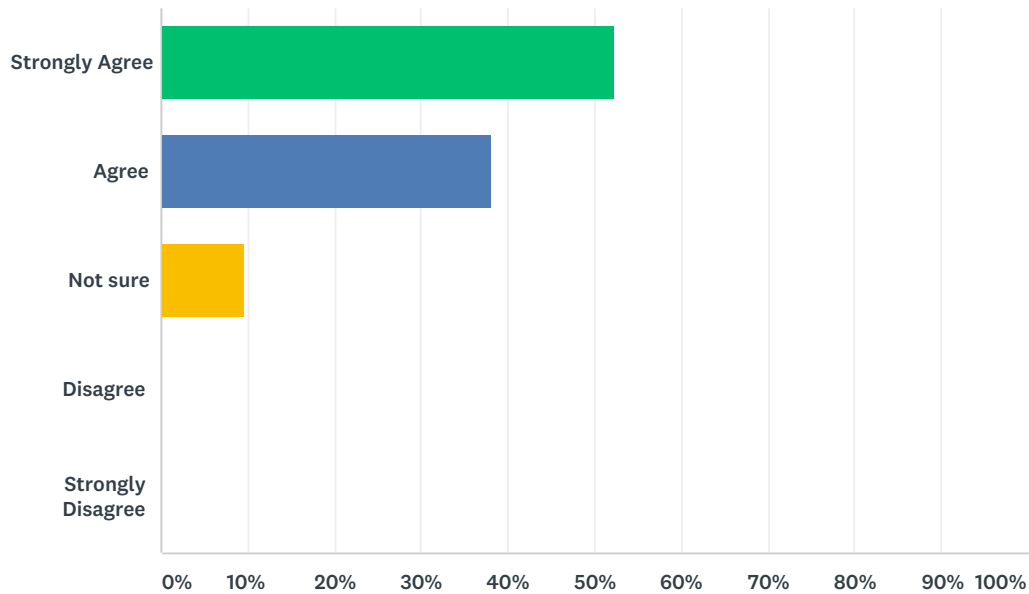
**Q8 If you did not attend the Technical Assistance meeting, is there a change to the meeting -- including, but not limited to, matters such as time, place, or content -- that might encourage you to attend next year?
Any feedback is appreciated.**

Answered: 13 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We serve the entire state but our headquarters are in DeKalb County so distance and cost of travel are issues.	7/15/2019 9:55 AM
2	No, our organization has applied many years and did not need assistance with the application at the time. No complaints.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
3	Not really. We would likely only attend if we had questions about reporting or claiming for our project - otherwise we are pretty familiar with the process.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
4	I attended the meeting the previous year and was unavailable for this year's meeting. Last year's was very useful.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
5	The time was fine. The person going got sick suddenly and the other board members were already working that day so couldn't change their schedule. I don't think you need to change the date, time or place of the meeting.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
6	Having been fortunate to receive funding over many years, we have not felt the need to attend. However, we would be more than open to attending every year if there is new information that would be part of the presentation.	7/1/2019 8:47 PM
7	we were not invited to this meeting.	7/1/2019 2:56 PM
8	NA	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
9	We were not available to come and have participated in years past.	6/28/2019 1:27 AM
10	I've been too many. I would attend if there was a substantive change in content.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
11	No. I've been doing this application for over 15 years. Unless something major about the process changes, it wouldn't be useful for me.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
12	Anytime I have to pay for parking to attend a meeting it's frustrating for me, because it essentially comes out of my personal budget/expenses, because work doesn't reimburse for stuff like that...and we're all non-profits after all. I would say providing free parking to a meeting like this would be nice, but it's not going to prevent me from coming to the meeting.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM
13	Girls Inc. received funding in the past. The meeting is a review of the technical requirements for requesting funds. Since that process doesn't change year-over-year we don't see a need to attend.	6/27/2019 10:46 AM

Q9 During Agency Presentations, agencies were provided five minutes to explain their proposal and to answer questions raised in advance by the Committee. This was enough time to explain your proposal and answer questions.

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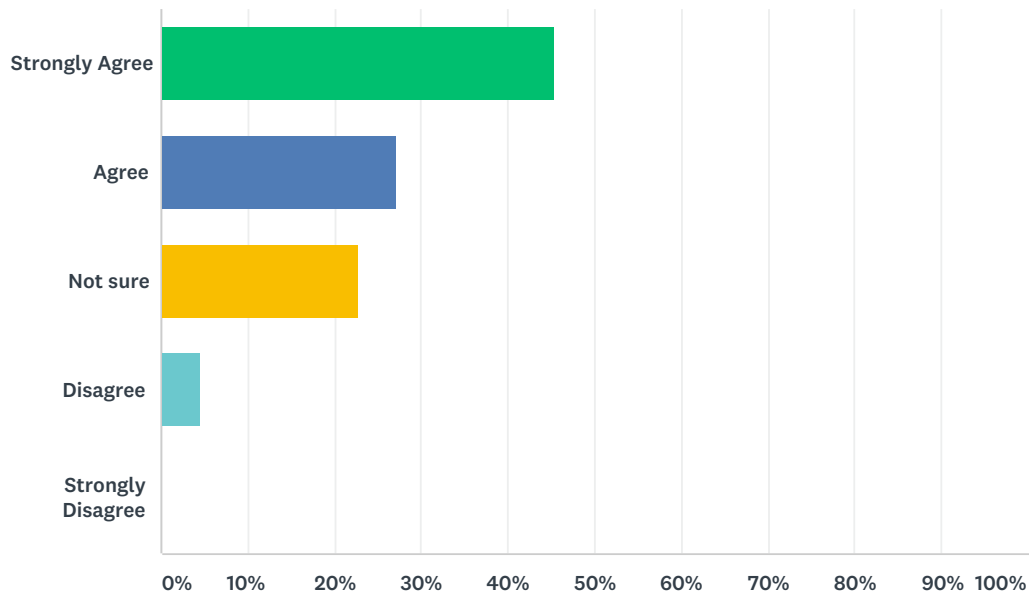


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	52.38% 11
Agree	38.10% 8
Not sure	9.52% 2
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
TOTAL	21

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Did not attend	7/15/2019 9:55 AM
2	We were not a part of this	7/1/2019 2:56 PM
3	Five minutes is plenty. Honestly, I find the application itself more than sufficient and view the presentation time as primarily an opportunity to address questions of the committee.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM

Q10 During Agency Presentations, the Committee treated agencies in a fair and equitable manner.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	45.45% 10
Agree	27.27% 6
Not sure	22.73% 5
Disagree	4.55% 1
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
TOTAL	22

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Did not attend	7/15/2019 9:55 AM
2	I think everyone is given the same chance although I am wondering if committee members who have strong ties with a certain agency should recuse themselves. I know one committee member did so but perhaps there were other members that may have had strong ties with one of the presenting agencies and should have also stepped away from the process during their presentation. It's okay to be enthusiastic about a presentation but it can come across as bias when watching the meeting. But overall I think the agencies are treated fairly.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
3	We were not asked to attend this	7/1/2019 2:56 PM
4	We weren't invited to attend this year.	6/27/2019 3:15 PM
5	I saw nothing to suggest that anyone was treated unfairly.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
6	While my agency is not in the middle alphabetically, I think the practice of presenting in alphabetical order one year and reverse the following year, is unfair to the middle alphabet folks. They can never be near the top of bottom. They're always smack dab in the middle. Seems unfair to them.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM

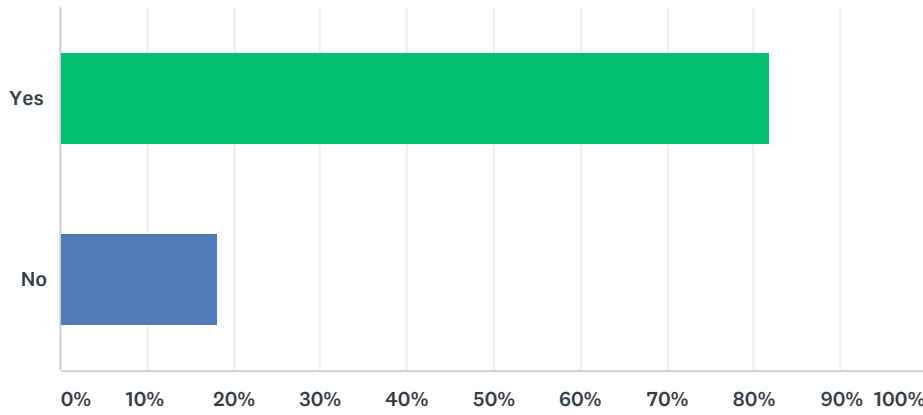
Q11 How can the allocation process be more effective in meeting community needs?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	1. Less restrictions on application requests. 2. A more informed committee- If members were better informed about the restrictions that nonprofits face in funding, they may possibly have an easier time making decisions.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
2	Perhaps a portion of funding could be set aside for operational grants.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
3	I can't think of anything.	7/9/2019 2:42 PM
4	I think the process is pretty effective at meeting community needs. Seems to be a good cross section of different agencies serving different parts of our community.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
5	This has become a well-oiled machine	7/1/2019 8:47 PM
6	We need to focus on prevention instead of immediate service needs	7/1/2019 2:56 PM
7	i can't think of anything to recommend.	7/1/2019 11:37 AM
8	I am satisfied with the process.	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
9	Greater understanding of how non-profits function and work within the community. The committee tend to not have a clear understanding of this.	6/29/2019 11:46 AM
10	I'm not sure.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
11	No suggestions.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
12	I'm not sure...I'm not sure exactly what the allocation process is for determining which requests are fully granted and which ones aren't.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM
13	I appreciate the way the city continues to review funding proposals. Girls Inc. benefits greatly from the grants since most other funders will not cover any operational expenses for new programs or capital improvement expenses.	6/27/2019 10:46 AM

Q12 Did your agency receive funding in 2019?

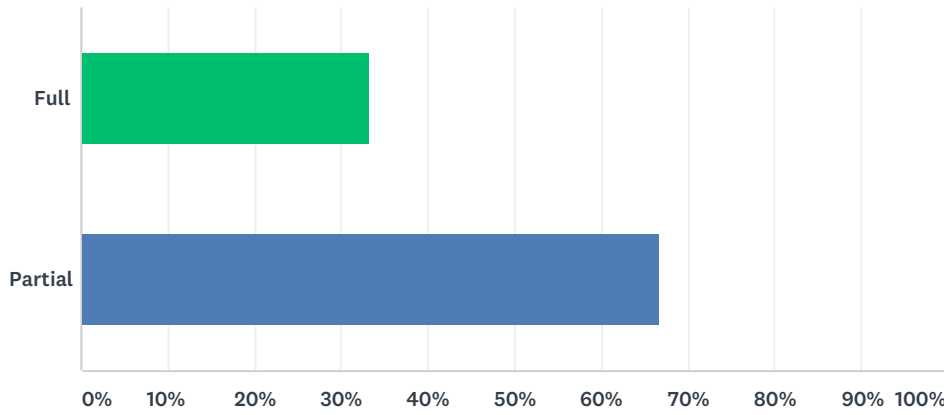
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.82%	18
No	18.18%	4
TOTAL		22

Q13 If yes, did your agency receive full or partial funding?

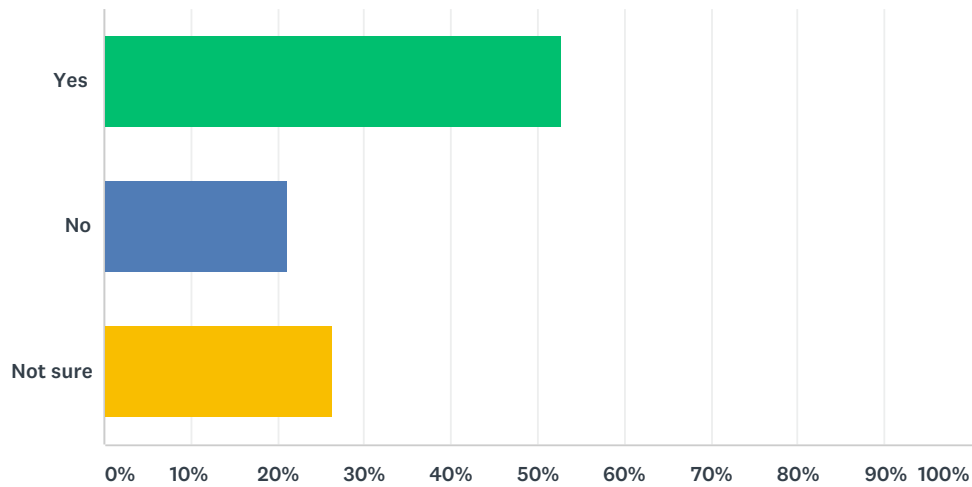
Answered: 18 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full	33.33%	6
Partial	66.67%	12
TOTAL		18

Q14 Did receipt of Jack Hopkins funding this year help you leverage funds from other sources? Please explain.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	52.63% 10
No	21.05% 4
Not sure	26.32% 5
TOTAL	19

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN.	DATE
1	Funds were matched.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
2	We rely on multiple sources of funding and we used those sources to leverage the Jack Hopkins grant to improve our capabilities.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
3	We applied for another grant for the same program and mentioned receiving funding from Jack Hopkins. We haven't heard back from the funders yet.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
4	Always. It is powerful to share that the City is partnering and showing their stamp of approval for the project	7/1/2019 8:47 PM
5	Partial funding was a challenge for our agency. Now we have requirements for JH and 50% that we additionally need to fund. We may not be able to implement our project and be forced to return our JH reward.	6/29/2019 11:46 AM
6	Yes, the Jack Hopkins funding combined with money raised from a local fundraiser allows us to carry out a project that the fundraising proceeds alone would not have covered.	6/27/2019 1:38 PM
7	Combined with receiving grants from Psi lot Xi and Smithville Grants.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
8	When we can use grant monies for one time expenses, we can leverage our regular donor dollars for operating expenses.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
9	We were able to get a grant from Smithville Foundation as well, and may get a smaller grant from Owen County Foundation. If we weren't able to get both sources of funding, we wouldn't have been able to make this purchase, and then wouldn't have been able to take advantage of the government bid discount option that Ford offers.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM
10	Possibly. We're still waiting to hear from other funders.	6/27/2019 10:46 AM

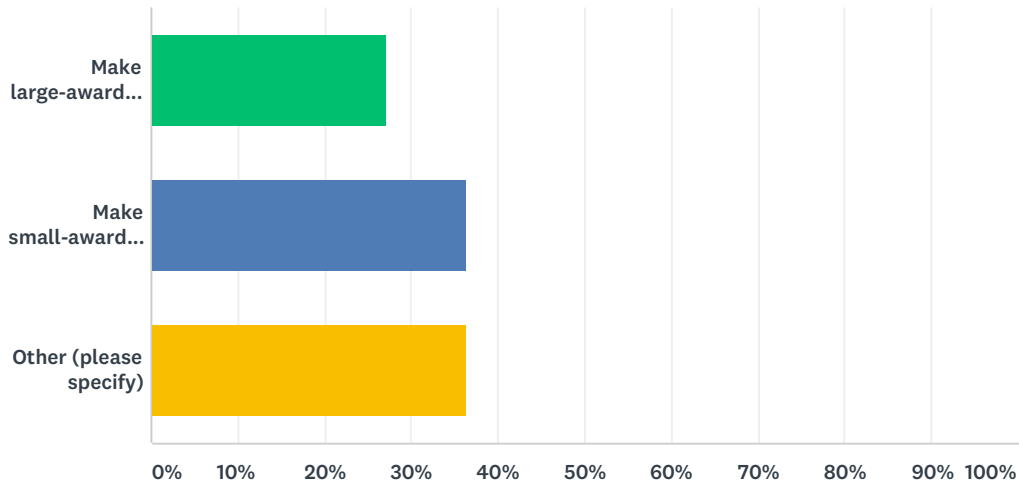
Q15 For the last number of years, the Committee has accepted as many as two applications from agencies -- one on behalf of the individual agency and one as a participant in a collaborative project. The request for collaborative applications is intended to encourage innovation and to encourage agencies to more efficiently meet the needs of their organizations and their clients. Do you have any observations about this collaborative initiative?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's good. Thanks for allowing it to happen.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
2	I believe agencies should be limited to one application, collaborative or otherwise.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
3	No	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
4	In principle, I like it. But we haven't yet taken advantage of it.	7/9/2019 2:42 PM
5	I am always encouraging nonprofits to collaborate. I think it is important that nonprofits are willing to seek grants together. I am not sure if awarding a grant to the same agency--one for them individually and one for them collaboratively is that fair. I am also not sure if the agencies collaborating are doing so because in the past they got turned down for the same program so decided to collaborate so they could get the funding this year. Coming up with programs and collaborations in order to get funding for something that wasn't deemed to be a good idea in the past doesn't seem to be in the spirit of what collaboration is about.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
6	Love this concept. Stay the course!	7/1/2019 8:47 PM
7	I think collaborative applications should be continued and encouraged.	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
8	Collaboration is particularly challenging especially when it involves funding. Not to say that it isn't possible, but non-profits have limited resources especially as it relates to staffing and time. Collaborative processes typically require additional work and fiscal organizing that exceeds agency time.	6/29/2019 11:46 AM
9	I appreciate it.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
10	I feel that many of these collaborative programs are innovative and an effective use of resources and should continue to be encouraged. However, some agencies may not be in a position to collaborate and should not be given less priority.	6/27/2019 1:38 PM
11	No.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
12	Not particularly. Everyone likes the idea of collaboration, but it's not always easier. I think most agencies would agree that we should collaborate where we can, and allowing for multiple requests on that basis does encourage collaboration. However, I don't think collaboration should be "forced" funding only available to or prioritized to collaborative projects. I think projects should be reviewed based on their capacity to help the people of Bloomington and meet unmet needs.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM
13	Please keep it going! We have so many nonprofits in Bloomington that funds are not available for everyone. Funding for collaborative efforts encourages cooperation and reduces program overlap.	6/27/2019 10:46 AM

Q16 In your opinion, is it better to:

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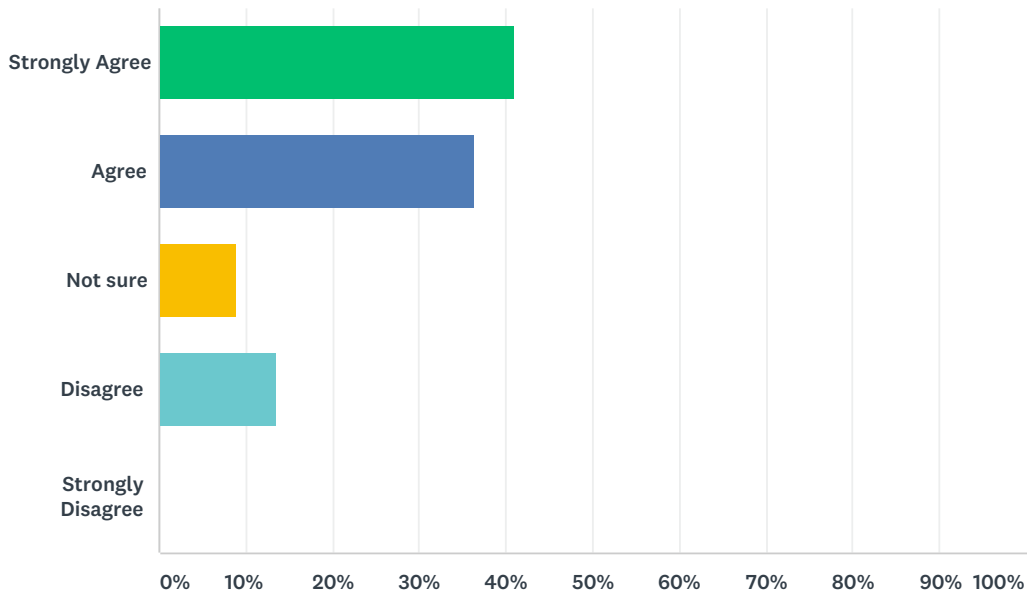


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Make large-award grants to a handful of agencies	27.27% 6
Make small-award grants to many agencies	36.36% 8
Other (please specify)	36.36% 8
TOTAL	22

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	This is too difficult for me to answer... I don't know which is better.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
2	The current structure seems to allow for a little of both and that's a good thing.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
3	I would try to make a mix between these two options. It makes sense to fund some larger efforts to a greater extent.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
4	I think the way you are awarding grants now is a good mix. Some bigger grants for bigger projects and then some smaller grants for smaller projects.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
5	I feel like you all have struck the right balance on this.	6/27/2019 3:15 PM
6	I think the rationale varies year to year, depending on the projects and community needs.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
7	Honestly I'm not sure...there are all sizes of projects and things that need funded and they're all important. I think that decision is best left to the committee on a case by case basis. I don't like the idea of ruling out projects based on the size of their request. There aren't that many funding opportunities out there, and you should focus on what you think the city needs regardless of how large or small the request/initiative.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM
8	Small awards are obviously appreciated, but most of the programs the community needs (especially for pilot programs) require significant funding to get them off the ground.	6/27/2019 10:46 AM

Q17 The Hopkins process begins with a call for applications in March and final approval of grants in June. Agencies typically have from mid-June to December of the grant year to seek reimbursement. This time frame serves your agency's needs.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	40.91% 9
Agree	36.36% 8
Not sure	9.09% 2
Disagree	13.64% 3
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
TOTAL	22

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Allowing more time to complete projects would be helpful. Six months is a short window to have to claim all funds.	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
2	The spending timetable is a hassle. It would be better if the grant would fund activities over a 12 month period.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
3	As I mentioned above I think a year fits most agencies better. Most are used to a year long grant cycle. Not that we can't spend the money in six months because we can. But it makes it a bit more difficult to make sure the funds are spent in that time frame when needs are there year long. I hear from other agencies they perhaps buy things early because they have to get the funds spent by December. I think that can sometimes lead to agencies not using the grant monies in the most efficient way possible.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
4	6 month spending is a very particular and short window, especially for large projects. More time would be better.	6/29/2019 11:46 AM
5	Mostly. Sometimes, the 6 month time frame is limiting.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM

6 Especially for capital or one time expenditure projects this is very reasonable.

6/27/2019 10:58 AM

Q18 Please let us know of any further comments, concerns or suggestions.

Answered: 11 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you for your ongoing support of the community.	7/12/2019 3:14 PM
2	JH Funding makes an ENORMOUS difference in the community. Thank you!!	7/12/2019 3:12 PM
3	Thank you for the important work that you do.	7/11/2019 2:27 PM
4	Thank you for this survey. I appreciate being able to leave comments.	7/2/2019 10:39 AM
5	Thank you for a smooth and efficient process.	7/1/2019 11:37 AM
6	Thank you for bring this opportunity to organizations in the community.It is a wonderful resource that supports a considerable amount of work for our residents.	6/30/2019 8:41 AM
7	We understand that many committee members volunteer their time for this, and it is appreciated. It should be important that members are non-biased without an agenda to participate on such committee. There should also be a greater understanding of social impact with an emphasis of quality over quantity. More clearly asking about partial funding, if it could or would be accepted, minimum or maximum request, and how funds will be used.	6/29/2019 11:46 AM
8	Thank you for your past support! We will be thinking about different requests we could make in the future that are more one-time investments.	6/27/2019 3:15 PM
9	I would encourage the committee to be wary of nonprofit organizations that don't have an external audit of their finances. The potential for fraud seems high without adequate financial checks.	6/27/2019 1:39 PM
10	None at this time.	6/27/2019 12:02 PM
11	Thank you for providing this opportunity to the community. It does help a lot of people every year.	6/27/2019 10:58 AM