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