



Committee Minutes
Meeting: 11/19/2020 1:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Elithia Stanfield, Sara Gordils, Emery Ivery, Stacey Efaw, Bill Sturtevant

Committee Members Absent: Sallie Parks, Carl Lavender

Staff Support: Duggan Cooley, Brittany Baldwin and Dr. Barbara Morrison-Rodriguez

The meeting began at 1:00 PM, taking place by a publicly-streamed Zoom Webinar videoconference call. Elithia Stanfield led the meeting due to Sallie Parks' absence. Sallie Parks did not provide scores or comments for this meeting. Carl Lavender *did* provide scores and comments in his absence.

Five applications were reviewed with a total of \$611,793.10 being requested.

Recusals: n/a

A total of \$487,093.10 was recommended to fund 4 of the 5 requests that were brought before the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Awarded Grants

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
<p style="text-align: center;">In Touch with Communities Around The World, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$71,198.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$43,798.00</p>	<p>Personnel, material, and tech costs related to programming to increase the social-emotional well-being of young people across Pinellas County. Client service delivery consists of three components: artistic, therapeutic intervention, and empowerment workshops.</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on Reimbursement and clarification of the listed consultant fees requested as par of the reimbursement. Discussion ensued to determine how long the consultant worked for the organization as conflicting information was cause for concern with some of the committee members. Some committee members expressed concern about the mission of the organization not being in line with the request. Applicant explained in detail that what they are doing is not mission drift; however, they have had to modify what their doing to accommodate COVID-19 protocols and that they are currently active with over 100 students. Applicant clarified for the CMs that computer equipment being requested will be housed at the center and will have schedules for safe use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First motion was made by Sara Gordils to support reimbursement request less the consulting fees and to not approve any future programming fund requested. - Seconded by Bill Sturtevant <p>Further discussion was opened to the CMs as Sara explained the reason for her motion and expressed concern about this not seeming to fit under Behavioral Health. Dr. Morrison-Rodriguez explained to the committee why it is Behavioral Health and that the request is sound. This led both Sara and Bill to withdraw their initial motions. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stacey Efav motioned to approve request for future programming funding as well as the reimbursement minutes requested consulting fees leaving a final award for \$43,798.00. - Bill seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
PARC	\$207,417.77	\$207,417.77	"Virtual Arts" program to help PARC clients with COVID-19 isolation and behavioral health challenges	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on capital request timeline. The applicant explained that they were withdrawing that portion of the request, as they will not be able to secure building permits within the timeframe allowed for the fund. The applicant requested that the request be considered up to the same amount with the understanding that requested funds for capital be reallocated to spend on items and materials they will need inside the building. CMs and PCF Staff agreed to these changes. PCF CEO clarified that a new budget will need to be made by the applicant ASAP that outlines changes in the funding request. Justification of COVID-19 relation will also be needed for all materials and items that are now being requested. Further discussion regarding updated measurements and methodology was discussed by Dr. BMR and the applicant. This discussion led to an agreement that the projections outlined in the application were initially too high and will now be adjusted to 70%. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sara Gordils motioned to approve request up to the amount requested with the understanding that applicant will work with PCF Staff to rework budget and justify building items and materials in lieu of the capital improvement costs initially requested. - Emery Ivery seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.

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<p>Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay</p>	<p>\$193,229.13</p>	<p>\$193,229.13</p>	<p>Cover unexpected expenses in facilitating a COVID-19 program that meets the basic human needs of food and shelter, and support family's overall wellness</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on individuals receiving services from the Ronald McDonald House charities of Tampa Bay and whether or not they are residents of Pinellas County. Further discussion amongst the committee members included defining Pinellas County residency in relation to the rules of the CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund. It is understood that if awarded funds must be used for Pinellas County residents only; however, PCF CEO agreed to check with the legal department to determine specific rules regarding residency. Applicants explained that up to 75% of the people they will be serving are true Pinellas County residents and that all individuals staying in the Ronald McDonald must live within a 25-mile radius in order to stay residentially. Further clarification was provided to the applicant that if approved, all funding must go to Pinellas County residents only and the applicant confirmed that they can track that information and ensure that funding would only go to Pinellas County residents as defined by the legal team. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sara Gordils motioned to approve request with the understanding that fund will only go to Pinellas Co. Residents as defined by the legal team. - Emery Ivery seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
<p>Changing the Game for a New Generation, Inc.</p>	<p>\$42,383.00</p>	<p>\$42,383.00</p>	<p>Biweekly Zoom mental health counseling geared to support participants' positive mental and behavioral health, related to stressors exacerbated by COVID-19; targeted for families, also with individual counseling for adult family members</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on clarification of updated measures and methodology for the request and support of these changes were presented by Dr. BMR. Further discussion regarding the ability to complete this program in the timeframe was addressed and the applicant reassured the committee members that the program has been prepped and will be ready to begin execution as soon as possible if awarded. All staff has been determined and they are waiting on approval. Additional clarification was provided by the applicant regarding how much online sessions will take place versus in person activities as part of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bill Sturtevant motioned to approve request. - Stacey Efaw seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was not unanimous. Opposing members were Sara Gordils and Elithia Stanfield.
<p>TOTAL REQUESTED: \$514,227.90</p>				
<p>TOTAL AWARDED: \$486,827.90</p>				

Withdrawn Requests

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
Inner Explorer, Inc.	\$97,300.00	\$0.00	The project will provide Inner Explorer's (IE) audio-guided, daily mindfulness program to 121 Pinellas County schools and remote learning locations, including all homes. Approximately 100k students, 40k families and 17k educators in the district will have access.	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on concerns regarding amount of time to successful execute the program in Pinellas County Schools as well as the buy-in and usage from the school under a blanketed licensure. Committee initially motioned to consider approval of the request on a school by school basis; however, applicant stated that the program was a district wide implementation not school by school.</p> <p>After further discussion and consideration, Sara Gordils motioned to deny. The motion was never fully executed because applicant respectfully withdrew the request, stating it was not the right time for the grant request.</p>
TOTAL REQUESTED:		\$97,300.00		



Grant Request Overview

Committee Meeting Date: 11/19/20

Committee A



AGENDA

- I. Fund Status Update
- II. Past Request Updates
- III. Current Application Review
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

FUND STATUS

Amount Approved*: \$15,734,179.03

Amount Remaining: \$12,165,820.97



***This is how much funding has been approved by committee, NOT how much has been distributed.**



WEEKLY SUMMARY

Number of Requests This Week: 5

Total Amount Requested: \$611,793.10



CHANGING THE GAME FOR A NEW GENERATION, INC.

Requested Amount: \$42,383.00

Average Score: 74%

Reviewer Comments

87%	Have they already begun the program? Very innovative ideas. I liked the family cooking class.
91%	
64%	Request is equivalent to annual budget. Concerned about achieving targets and capacity to deliver services by December 30.
	Too many personnel for the number of clients being served. It seemed everyone was thrown in with no strategic focus. Based on the descriptions of duties there is some redundancy.
	If adults are in the same family with the children, why the need for a kindle and a laptop to deliver the Zoom Service?
66%	The applicant noted the location area is a WI-Fi desert, how will you coordinate those clients without service and access to your location?
	What are the hours of operation for the physical site?
	- Are there current clients, how many students/families typically served?
	- How will clients be enrolled - how maintain engagement?
62%	- financial oversight concerns based on agency budget and lack of audit
	- unclear what program provides - several coaches and speakers activities but limited time.
	- what services take place on zoom and what takes place at the center

IN TOUCH WITH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD, INC.

Requested Amount:\$71,298.00

Average Score: 79%

Reimbursement Request: \$45,314.00 (Reimbursement Amt. Included in Requested Amt. listed Above)

Reimbursement Vote:2 (Yes)/ 2 (No)

Reviewer Comments

88%	Can the organization explain services provided by consultant, Herbert Murphy. Do the students take the new Macbook home or does it stay in the center.
97%	
75%	
71%	While youth are experiencing stress due to Covid-19, I am having a hard time reconciling this proposal with the primary mission of the organization. Curious why the invoices from Business Advancement Solutions began specifying expenses were Covid-19 related beginning in July.
66%	- Explain program, is it ongoing? Would this be an additional service? What did the \$16,000 grant fund. - Ready for start-up? Concern is implementation of a 6 week program at this time. - where are laptops kept? - Role of each staff/service - Business Consultant, Zoom implementation, Project Coordinator, ED time - Business Consultant Costs are high and back up shows as payroll? Continued need for consultant

INNER EXPLORE, INC.

Requested Amount: \$97,300.00

Average Score: 76%

Reviewer Comments

72%	I still do not see where they have the other's school's buy in or support that they would use this program.
95%	Referring back to Ms Bakosh's reply to staff's letter of 11/6/2020, she did an excellent job of answering all question that concerned staff. I am still am extremely concerned that IE does not have a presence in Pinellas County.
76%	would like to better understand how this program is impacting students and families in low income communities and how it overcomes the digital divide.
70%	Not certain this proposal is Covid 19 related.
66%	- methodology still viable with shortened timeframe? - still concerned with individual schools and classrooms ability to incorporate the App into lesson plans. - Once Pinellas School Portal is open for access what is the plan to engage schools, principals, counselors, teachers?

PARC

Requested Amount: \$207,682.97

Average Score: 85%

Reimbursement Request: \$50,182.97 (Reimbursement Amt. Included in Requested Amt. listed Above)

Reimbursement Vote: 4 (Yes)/ 0 (No)

Reviewer Comments

87% Do they plan to add more online classes in addition to the art classes?
Any idea on when they can increase enrollment?

95%

85% Critical services provided to vulnerable population during this pandemic. Reasonable costs associated with request.

80% Your budget request includes the lowest of the 3 bids, however that vendor did not include permit and fees in its bid. Once those cost are included may this vendor cost the organization more?

- Concern with funding a capital improvement that would need to be complete by Dec 31.

77% - asphalt resurfacing how COVID related need?

- Virtual Arts Position

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES TAMPA BAY

Requested Amount: \$193,229.13

Average Score: 82%

Reimbursement Request: \$70,676.54 (Reimbursement Amt. Included in Requested Amt. listed Above)

Reimbursement Vote: 3 (Yes)/ 1 (No)

Reviewer Comments

88%	Is shelter an allowable expense? The rest of grant seems to fit within the guidelines. Sounds like a wonderful program.
95%	
72%	Unclear how reimbursement expenses are directly tied to COVID and different from normal operating expenses.
90%	
	- Some budget items seem high (laptop, printed materials, grocery delivery)
67%	- describe services and clients being served. Pinellas residents?
	- Transitional housing how/who is eligible?