



Special Meeting of the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth Oversight Board of the City of Richmond

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Zoom Webinar Meeting

MINUTES

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 P.M. by Co-Chair Guadalupe Enllana.

Present: Diego Castro Curry, Khaliaghya Dandie-Evans, Devin Dinh, Guadalupe Enllana, Carol Hegstrom, Madiha Qader, Stephanie Sequeira

Absent: Geselle Alvarado, Teyona Galloway, Zeonta Johnson, Katherine Lee

Vacancies: 3 Vacancies

Staff

Liaison: Patrick Seals and Guadalupe Morales – Present

B. Agenda Review and Modifications

None.

C. Report from the Director

Department Director LaShonda White reported two announcements to the Board Members. She informed the Board that today was the grand re-opening of the MLK Turf Field after completing renovations and the community was already enjoying it. She also mentioned that the upcoming Saturday, May 21, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., is the Willie Mays Day event where two baseball fields at Nicholl Field will be renamed after Willie Mays. She encouraged the Board to partake in the celebration.

D. Public Forum

1. Cordell Hindler sent in a written comment that was subsequently read by Staff Liaison Patrick Seals (attached). Mr. Hindler invited the Oversight Board to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Spring Celebration and Mixer from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Berkeley Country Club. He noted it is \$40 per person. He also noted that he will speak with the Youth Council to help fill the remaining vacancies.

E. Consent Calendar

None.

F. Oversight Board as a whole

F-1. APPROVE a final recommendation to the Richmond City Council from the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth (RFCY) Oversight Board to award 19 RFCY grants to youth-serving public and nonprofit organizations in a total amount not to exceed \$1,434,317, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 (LaShonda White/Patrick Seals/Guadalupe Morales 620-6512).

Staff Liaison Patrick Seals presented this agenda item to the Board. He provided a brief overview of how the Fund for Children and Youth works, how its funding percentages and increases are based on the General Fund formula and Charter and reminded the Board of the results of the Community Needs Assessment (CNA) and the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) that created the six funding priority areas. He noted that there were twenty-three eligible applications totaling \$1.74 million in funding requests. He brought forth the proposed funding allocation recommendation that totals in \$1.43 million in grant awards to nineteen applicants. There is a balance of \$185,000 that staff will come back to the Board at a later date to decide how to best spend those remaining funds.

For Priority Area #1 (Mental Health), he recommends funding all three applicants for a total of \$309,588 in grant allocations with Mindful Life receiving \$60,000, New Life Movement receiving \$100,000, and Bay Area Community Resources receiving \$149,588 in grant funds. He briefly went over the organizations' program summaries and proposed target demographics.

For Priority Area #2 (Education Support and Employment Training/Support), he recommends funding all three applicants for a total of \$170,000 in grant allocations with the Richmond Art Center receiving \$40,000, The Watershed Project receiving \$100,000, and Things That Creep receiving \$30,000 in grant funds. He briefly went over the organizations' program summaries and proposed target demographics.

For Priority Area #3 (Out of School Time, Afterschool Sports, and Enrichment Programming), he recommends funding eight out of eleven applicants for a total of \$671,250 in grant allocations with The Watershed Project receiving \$50,000, Scientific Adventures for Girls receiving \$65,000, The Practice Space receiving \$100,000, Pogo Park receiving \$150,000, Aim High for High School receiving \$150,000, the Rosie the Riveter Trust receiving \$86,250, D.R.E.A.M. Financial Academy in collaboration with Just Imagine Kidz receiving \$40,000, and Oshiana Unique Thompkins Foundation (Small and Emerging) receiving \$30,000 in grant funds. He briefly went over the organizations' program summaries and proposed target demographics.

For Priority Area #4 (Violence Prevention), he recommends funding the sole applicant for a total of \$65,475 in grant allocations with Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc. receiving \$65,475. He briefly went over the organization's program summary and proposed target demographics.

For Priority Area #5 (Information, Guidance, and Case Management), he recommends funding all two applicants for a total of \$118,004 in grant allocations with Fresh Approach receiving \$68,004, and Greater Richmond Interfaith Program receiving \$50,000 in grant funds. He briefly went over the organizations' program summaries and proposed target demographics.

For Priority Area #6 (Basic Needs), he recommends funding all two applicants for a total of \$100,000 in grant allocations with the Contra Costa Youth Service Bureau receiving \$80,000, and Greater Richmond Interfaith Program receiving \$20,000 in grant funds. He briefly went over the organizations' program summaries and proposed target demographics.

He briefed the Board on next steps which are to get the Board's approval to bring the grantee recommendations before the City Council, commence executing contracts in June, and reopen the RFP process for the FY 2023-2024 grant cycle. He thanked Board Members Castro Curry, Dinh, Hegstrom, and Galloway for serving as reviewers for the RFP process. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Cordell Hindler thanked Staff Liaison Seals for the presentation and stated all the organizations deserve some funding. He recommends someone makes a motion to take the recommendations to the City Council.

A motion was made by Board member Castro Curry, seconded by Board member Hegstrom, to approve the final recommendation to the Richmond City Council to award 19

RFCY grants to youth-serving public and nonprofit organizations in a total amount not to exceed \$1,434,317; the motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Diego Castro Curry, Khaliaghya Dandie-Evans, Devin Dinh, Guadalupe Enllana, Carol Hegstrom, Madiha Qader, Stephanie Sequeira

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absences: Geselle Alvarado, Teyona Galloway, Zeonta Johnson, Katherine Lee

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, Co-Chair Guadalupe Enllana adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Staff Liaison

Approved:

Zeonta Johnson, Co-Chair

Guadalupe Enllana, Co-Chair