

Creating Safe, Equitable & Thriving Communities Fund Policy Committee

February 6, 2019 12-1:30

Voting Members Present: Ashley Balias, Anne Carter, Brad Hart, Nancy Humbles, Okpara Rice, Dale Todd, Stacey Walker, Mary Wilcynski (by phone), Leslie Wright

Community Foundation staff: Jenny Becker, Les Garner, Karla Twedt-Ball

Excused: Brad Buck

AGENDA	PURPOSE
Welcome/Announcements	<p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy Humbles shared the “Not Without Me!” community forum series organized by the NAACP to be held at the African American Museum of Iowa. Purpose is to address obstacles & involvement in the education of children. Okpara Rice shared that Adam Foss, a leading voice on improving the justice system, will speak at Coe College Sinclair Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 15. On Saturday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m. in Coe College Hickok Hall, there will be a screening and discussion of the documentary Uncommon Allies. <p>Details on both are attached.</p>
Policy Committee membership	Lemi Tilahun will join the Policy Committee as of the next meeting.
Program Officer Hiring	Karla briefed the committee on the hiring process, and let them know that she hopes to have an announcement soon.
Grant Committee	The committee reviewed a slate of committee members and approved the nominees and alternates. The program officer will review to offer final suggestions/approval prior to inviting participation.
Summer grant cycle	<p>At the last meeting, the group identified the importance of a small summer grant cycle that would target summer programming for youth and young adults who might not have constructive options for activity and relationship-building. The cycle will focus on new programming that addresses gaps in existing programming (such as age range, time of day, location, etc.) The Community Foundation grants team is working on guidelines, application, scoring tool and final report form, and will share these with the Policy Committee via email. The committee discussed the importance of learning from this grant cycle, and the Community Foundation shared that they plan to convene the grantees to share observations and help identify additional connections, learnings, and potential next steps. In addition, the Community Foundation uses a</p>

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	<p>learning lens on grant reports, with the emphasis on looking forward to what can be learned for the future, and not backward on compliance issues.</p> <p>The committee suggested a pre-grant gathering that would allow people to share ideas, and identify potential partnerships for the summer. A small group will meet to discuss.</p>
Funding Priorities & Desired Outcomes	<p>The group worked on identifying goals and priorities to share with a grant committee. Policy Committee members completed an activity using post-it notes to reflect their ideas about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GOALS – What is success? What do we want our grants to accomplish? Consider short, mid, and long-term horizons. 2. METRICS – How will we know if we are successful? <p>A small group will meet between meetings to bring a proposal back for consideration at the next meeting.</p>
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