

Creating Safe, Equitable & Thriving Communities Fund Policy Committee

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Voting Members Present: Ashley Balius, Anne Carter, Brad Hart, Nancy Humbles, Okpara Rice, Dale Todd, Stacey Walker, Brad Buck, Leslie Wright

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

Excused: Mary Wilcynski, Lemi Tilahun

AGENDA	PURPOSE
Welcome	
Transforming Safety Colorado	Karla shared a public safety grant program in Colorado that has some similarities to the S.E.T. Task Force process. More information is available here: https://transformingsafety.org/ and here: http://www.denverfoundation.org/Nonprofits/Grants-What-We-Fund/Other-Grant-Programs/Transforming-Safety
Together! Healthy Linn Safety Subcommittee report	Kaitlin Emrich from Linn County Public Health briefed the group on the planning process for the Community Health Improvement Plan. The top three health issues identified in the plan are mental health, obesity, and safety. Groups are meeting to create action plans for each area. The safety meeting will be Tuesday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m., at the Linn County Administrative Office, 935 Second Street SW. Meetings are open to everyone; RSVP to Kaitlin.Emrich@linncounty.org .
Funding goal & priorities	<p>A subcommittee met three times over the last 2 months and presented a proposal of goals, grant program areas and grant priorities for consideration. The Policy Committee agreed that this proposal would provide a good basis for the development of a grant application, guidelines, scoring and communications for a fall grant cycle.</p> <p>The Policy Committee reiterated the importance of making the application process accessible to experienced and new applicants alike. This also means that funded applications will span the continuum of those that are informed by research and evidenced-based practices, and those that are grassroots and resonate in local communities. The Program Officer will help facilitate logical partnerships among applicants in situations when both priorities can be accomplished simultaneously.</p> <p>The Policy Committee also wants the grant committee to feel comfortable taking a degree or risk in funding applications, when a potential outcome</p>

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	<p>warrants taking a chance on a new organization/partnership or a new/untested idea.</p> <p>Finally, the funding goals and priorities will lead to some options for tracking metrics, which will be addressed in future meetings.</p>
Report from first grant cycle	<p>The grant committee met earlier in the day to review the first round of grant applications, and the Program Officer presented their recommendations. These will go to the Community Foundation Board of Directors on April 24. The grant committee recommended 8 applications for a total of \$40,000 in grants. The applications represented a good mix of age groups, geographic reach, and approach. In addition, the pool of applicants drew in some newer organizations, and the program officer will follow-up to learn more and offer support for future grant cycles.</p>
Upcoming meeting agendas	<p>The meeting marked a pivot from a primary focus on establishing grant programs, to being able to think more broadly about moving the overall vision of the S.E.T. Task Force forward. The committee brainstormed agenda options for future meetings, including potential speakers and the examination of metrics and model programs.</p>
Adjourn	

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