

# Creating Safe, Equitable & Thriving Communities Fund Policy Committee

May 15, 2019 12-1:30

AGENDA	PURPOSE
Welcome & Announcements	The next Not Without Me forum will take place on June 23 at the African American Museum of Iowa. The Community Foundation is holding a learning event on Economic Inclusion on May 29 at noon. RSVP to <a href="mailto:info@gcrcef.org">info@gcrcef.org</a>
Program Officer Update	<p>Rachel contacted every summer cycle S.E.T. grant applicant to follow-up after the board approved the funding recommendations on April 24. She offered to meet with the applicants that did not receive funding to share feedback and information about how the Community Foundation can assist their efforts toward future grant applications. She has already met with several of them.</p> <p>Rachel also shared research she is doing about evidenced-based violence reduction strategies that have been implemented in other communities. She prefaced this by reflecting on the Policy Committee directives over the past several months to focus on outcome-based approaches to reduce violence, balanced with the need to engage new local and grassroots groups in implementing intersectional violence-prevention strategies in the community. One of the promising models she has found is detailed here: <a href="https://nnscommunities.org/strategies/group-violence-intervention/">https://nnscommunities.org/strategies/group-violence-intervention/</a></p>
Fall grant cycle draft & timeline	<p>Karla and Rachel shared a high level outline of the Fall 2019 grant cycle guidelines. The Policy Committee voiced approval to fund 5-10 projects/programs that address the goals and priorities of the fund as articulated at the April meeting, with grant awards generally not to exceed \$30,000. Grant awards will generally be single year awards; two-year requests must not exceed \$20,000 total, with a compelling reason why a two-year request is necessary for the success of the project.</p> <p>The goal will be to release and widely publicize the grant guidelines and application in early July. Rachel will hold three informational/learning sessions July-August, and hold office hours for organizations interested in feedback on their proposal ideas. The application deadline will be October 10.</p>
Annual/recurring grant cycle	The Policy Committee discussed possible timelines for a grant cycle related to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of funding from the City, the County and the School District.

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	A decision will depend on what we learn from the summer grants, the fall applications, the research into evidenced-based practices, and any urgent community needs that may arise.
Community Health Improvement Plan Safety Update	The Together! Healthy Linn planning process continues, with the Safety subcommittee having met on May 7 to discuss the “Align Community Partnerships” strategy. Karla, Rachel and Ashley will participate in the action item related to identifying and piloting evidenced-based initiatives.
Other funding opportunities	As national funders and federal agencies release funding opportunities that could support S.E.T.-related work, Karla and Rachel will share with the Policy Committee to consider local partners that could potentially submit promising applications. There is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation opportunity available to expand and promote the health and well-being of boys and young men of color.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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