

Creating Safe, Equitable & Thriving Communities Fund Policy Committee

June 26, 2019 12-1:30

Voting Members Present: Anne Carter, Brad Hart, Nancy Humbles, Lemi Tilahun, Dale Todd, Brad Buck, Leslie Wright, Mary Wilcynski

Community Foundation staff: Les Garner, Rachel Rockwell, Karla Twedt-Ball

Excused: Ashley Balius, Okpara Rice, Stacey Walker

| AGENDA | PURPOSE |
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| Welcome | |
| Program Officer Update / National Network for Safe Communities Conference | Rachel shared a report on the National Network for Safe Communities Conference. Eight people attended: Rachel Rockwell from Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, Monica Slaughter from the Linn County Attorney’s Office, Hesham Alsafi from McKinley Middle School, John Cline from Washington High school, Dan Devore from Metro High School, Circe Stumbo from West Wind Education Policy, Amanda Grieder from Safe CR/CRPD, and Ashley Balius from Linn County Community Services. They held the first follow-up conversation on June 25 to reflect on what they learned and consider options to share information and potentially take action on ideas. Rachel handed out copies of the Group Violence Intervention overview, which was a key focus of the conference. The document can be found online https://nnscommunities.org/guides/group-violence-intervention-an-implementation-guide-2/ |
| Recent community events | <p>The group discussed the May shootings and the need to keep a results-oriented framework at the forefront of the work. The summer cycle is focused on learning ways to engage youth and young adults who are at disproportionately high risk for violence, while the fall cycle is focused on funding projects that will be informed by research and evidenced-based practice to move forward the overall goal of “improving community safety by strengthening economic, social and academic conditions for youth and neighborhoods.”</p> <p>The group discussed other efforts that are underway as well. For instance, the City of Cedar Rapids is compiling a list of all programming options for youth and young adults.</p> |
| Budget Review | Karla shared a 6-26-2019 Creating SET Communities Fund financial report, which confirmed that the fall grant cycle will have a minimum of \$120,000 available for grants. |
| Fall grant cycle application | The committee reviewed the final draft of the materials for the October 10 grant cycle, and voted unanimously to approve. The communications |

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| | materials will be released over the next several business days, starting tomorrow (June 27). Rachel will hold three workshop sessions to help people consider application ideas, collaboration, and seek assistance. |
| Metrics | Karla met with Amy Hockett, Linn County Public Health Epidemiologist, on May 15 to consider metrics that could help track community progress toward the goal over community safety, as well as the intersectional issues that are important to the SET work. Amy has been tracking the key indicators, and will begin sharing that information with SET. |
| Supporting SET-related initiatives | One of the goals of the Creating SET Communities Fund, in addition to grantmaking, is to support a community ecosystem working toward an intersectional approach to community safety. As part of that, Karla is drafting some protocols for how the Community Foundation staff can help support related initiatives in a manner that maintains the level of fairness and transparency that is fundamental to the longstanding approach of the Community Foundation. She shared a draft of the protocol that would provide guidance for promoting and supporting grant proposals to geographically external funders. |
| Adjourn | |

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