



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION  
GRANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 10, 2024**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Grant Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) held a meeting on January 10, 2024 (the “Meeting”).

**Directors in Attendance:**

Tom Gregoire (Committee Chairperson), Bambi Baughn, Jeff Fix, Greta Mayer, Keith Hochadel, Scott Sylak, Jeannette Wierzbicki, Deborah Matz, Dawn Tyler Lee, Jane Portman, Denise Driehaus, Kathryn Whittington, and Mircea Handru.

**Non-Directors in Attendance:**

Alisha Nelson, Jim Quinn, Sarah Anstine, Connie Luck

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gregoire at 10:33 a.m.

**II. Welcome and Updates from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Tom Gregoire welcomed directors, staff, and guests.

The dates and times of future committee meetings were discussed. Gregoire proposed that the Committee meet before every board meeting at 9:30 a.m. and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. via electronic communication. There were no objections from any directors regarding the proposed schedule.

A grant lifecycle update was given. The Organization is still in the pre-award phase. Regional readiness is underway, and the grant software is finalizing the development and completion. There is a difference in readiness among regions. The goal for the next meeting is to review the RFP and receive feedback.

**III. Regional Update**

Director of Partnership and Outreach Sarah Anstine gave a regional update. Since the last meeting staff have attended 15 meetings with regional boards. Based on feedback, regions will submit the names and contact information for Grant Reviewers.

The regional readiness checklist was discussed. Director Jeff Fix asked if updates regarding the status of each region's progress can be shared with the board representative for that region so that they can be informed and assist regions in getting tasks completed. Gregoire stated that this should be regular practice.

Director Greta Mayer asked how the Grant Reviewers process will be operationalized with an emphasis on confidentiality. Nelson stated that she wants to come to the board with a recommendation. This process is unprecedented, and the organization is asking the regions to subcontract our grant review process. The organization will consult with legal and return to the committee with a recommendation.

#### IV. **Grant Policy Overview**

Nelson reviewed the Grant Policy and proposed new language for *Eligible Entities*. The language leaves the option to modify the Request for Proposals for each grant cycle, including the possibility of targeting certain organization categories. Fix expressed concern about pushback from regions regarding the board making the decision to target certain priorities. Director Mircea Handru stated that the language in the second part of the paragraph creates less flexibility. Several Directors expressed that the language should leave decision-making regarding funding priorities to the regions. Nelson said this will be revisited at the next meeting and the new language presented to the committee.

#### V. **RFP Review**

Nelson reviewed the current RFP language with the committee, stating that the language for *Eligible Entities* during this round is intentionally broad to encourage as many applicants as possible. The Committee will review a full draft of the RFP and can evaluate and make suggestions regarding the language.

Nelson presented the *Unallowable Uses* section of the RFP. She will attend a national meeting sponsored by Colorado and will gather information regarding how other states are approaching these issues. Several questions followed:

- Gregoire asked specifically about the difference between lobbying and advocacy and what will be allowable?
- Director Bambi Baughn inquired about staff benefit items
- Fix inquired about paid leave and sub-grants
- Director Dawn Tyler Lee suggested adding language about "sponsorships" to the line for fundraising events
- Director Greta Mayer suggested adding language about medical marijuana as a treatment
- Gregoire asked about supplantation of funds

- Director Deborah Matz stated that most organizations in the regions are familiar with the supplantation language and an attestation statement may be appropriate

Nelson said all feedback will be considered and reviewed as the process continues.

Nelson reviewed the *Certification and Accreditation* section of the RFP. The section includes a table that shows specific types of certifications and accreditations that will be considered for applicants. Applicants will also have a chance to justify why they are not certified and/or accredited. The goal is not to be restrictive but can be used to help create some standards for program or organizational quality. The information is to be informative for the benefit of the grant reviewers, not a requirement for the applicants.

Gregoire concluded the meeting by emphasizing that, while it will be important to support existing initiatives, there is a need to encourage innovative approaches.

VI. **Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:** January 24, 2024, at 3 p.m.

VII. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Gregoire adjourned the Meeting at 11:29 a.m.

The undersigned being the Chairperson of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Oversight Committee Meeting, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the January 10, 2024, Committee Meeting.

Tom Gregoire  
Tom Gregoire (May 2, 2024 08:59 EDT)

Signature

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Date