



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION  
GRANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 28, 2024**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Grant Making Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) held a meeting on February 28, 2024 (the “Meeting”).

**Directors in Attendance:**

Tom Gregoire (Committee Chairman), Bambi Baughn, Jeff Fix, Greta Mayer, Keith Hochadel, Scott Sylak, Jeannette Wierzbicki, Deborah Matz, Dawn Tyler Lee, Jane Portman, 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 Tom Gregoire at 9:35 a.m.

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

Gregoire welcomed directors, staff, and guests in attendance.

**III. Grant Lifecycle Update**

Executive Director Nelson reviewed the Grant Lifecycle Update (reference slideshow on video) and began by reviewing the meaning of the status indicators:

- a) White – Not Started
- b) Red – Off Target or Needs Support
- c) Yellow – Currently in Progress
- d) Green – Near Completion
- e) Checkmark – Complete

f) NEW – Added Since Last Update

Nelson reviewed the progress of the Grant Lifecycle since January 10, 2024. The foundation is not in the Apply & Review phase.

g) The foundation will continue working to resolve those items in the Red that are in the Pre-Award phase.

h) Gregoire encouraged committee members to ask questions, to give feedback, and to think critically about the various items in the lifecycle so that as many missteps can be avoided as possible.

#### **IV. Region Update**

Director of Partnership and Outreach Sarah Anstine reviewed the progress made on the Region Readiness Checklist.

a) The Grant Portal Build Out Survey Results as of 2/25 were shared.

- 18 Regions have completed the survey
- 11 of 17 regions have Funding Priorities
- 5 of 17 regions have a funding allocation

b) Next Steps for Regions:

- Submit name(s) and contact info. For Power User
- Attend region meetings

#### **V. Registration walk-thru**

- Nelson reviewed the questions in the registration portal
- It will be used as an introduction to the organizations that are interested in applying and will get us closer to compliance. This will launch on Monday along with a toolkit, sample media letters, that will help spread the news about the registration portal's rollout.

#### **VI. Application Question Review Start**

- Nelson said that the Committee will continue to review each of the six steps in the application process
- Application questions are almost built out by AkoyaGo
- April 2, 2024 – Once applicants complete registration and hit ‘Submit,’ they will be taken to the application. The registration portion will remain intact.
  - Nelson reviewed a spreadsheet containing all the application questions one section at a time
  - All the Regions 'questions that were submitted have been embedded in this application
  - An applicant who is applying for more than one Region then they must submit two separate applications, but there is the ability to copy and paste
  - OneOhio Summarized Abatement Strategies:

- The Team worked with the Expert Panel to create these categories which area as follows:

- **Treatment & Healthcare Services**
- **Intervention & Crisis Support**
- **Criminal Legal System**
- **Recovery Supports**
- **Prevention**
- **Harm Reduction**
- **Services for Impacted Children & Families**
- **Public Safety & First Responders**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Other**

- Ms. Nelson shared comments about the various categories.
- Gregoire asked how we will sort through ambiguities in assigning a funding request to the appropriate abatement category?

Nelson replied that the process is still being developed and some things cannot be anticipated prior to launch.

- Director Marcia Handru asked if a region does not submit enough funding requests to exhaust all the available funds, then what happens to the excess money?

Nelson said that the funds remain in the Region's bank account. Adding that, in all cases, the money stays with the Region.

- What if a funding request crosses multiple abatement categories?

The system forces applicants to identify a primary category.

- Gregoire said he is impressed by the capacity to link data and understand what is happening across the state. It is incredibly rich.
- Nelson shared that the team tried to connect each strategy with a tag that will help narrow down the funding priorities, primary and secondary goals.
- Applicants will be asked to include documents that support the evidence-based rationale behind the program proposal.
- The Expert Panel wants to encourage new or innovative ideas and to have applicants explain how what they are proposing is a novel approach.
- Director Greta Mayer commented that she loves how succinct it is.

## **VII. Grant Policy Next Steps**

Nelson will send the committee the current Grant Policy along with the draft Grant Policy with changes highlighted in red. The goal is to finalize at the meeting on March 13, 2024, so that the Grant Policy can be enacted prior to the application going live.

VIII. **Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:** March 13,2024 at 9:30 a.m.

IX. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Gregoire adjourned the Meeting at 10:54 a.m.

The undersigned being the Chairman of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Making Oversight Committee Meeting, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the February 28, 2024, Committee Meeting.

*Tom Gregoire*  
Tom Gregoire (May 2, 2024 09:00 EDT)

Signature

05/02/2024

Date