



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION
GRANT MAKING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Grant Making Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) held a meeting on March 27, 2023, via Zoom (the “Meeting”).

Directors in Attendance:

Tom Gregoire (Committee Chair), Josh Cox, Denise Direhaus, Jeff Fix, Keith Hochadel, Julie Ehemann, David Matia, Greta Mayer, Jane Portman, Jeff Simmons, Jeanette Wierzbicki

Non-Directors in Attendance:

Claudia Herrold (Philanthropy Ohio), Jim Quinn (Chief Financial Officer) Mike Garcar (Callender Law Group)

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregoire at 2:30 p.m.

II. Welcome and Update from the Chair

Chairman Gregoire stated that Ms. Herrold will no longer be working with the Organization effecting April 1st and thanked her for the contributions she has made. The Organization will be hiring a grants manager in the new future.

III. Revised Application Draft

Ms. Herrold reviewed changes made to the draft Application since the Committee’s last meeting. Character limits were added for each question.

Demographics were discussed. Director Mayer has proposed demographic information be added regarding the population served and social determinants of health. Director Ehemann commented that “social determinant of health” might disqualify some grantees and recommended that the language be amended so that “social determinants of health” be discussed by an applicant only if applicable to the proposal. Chairman Gregoire agreed. Director Hochadel stated that most applicants would likely include this information in their application whether the Organization asks for it or not.

Director Matia asked who would be using the application. Director Ehemann stated that a uniform application will be used, and then all submitted applications will be sent to the proper regions for review. Director Driehaus stated her region has already developed an application. Director Ehemann stated that at the last Committee meeting the Committee discussed and determined that a common application should be used. Ms. Herrold stated that the grant process will include regions making recommendations to the Board of Directors of which projects they want funded. The Expert Panel will review the region-approved applications to ensure that each is evidence-based and meets the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). Once done, the Board will formally approve the application, and funding will be released. A region could include additional questions in its application which exceed that of the common application.

Director Matia stated he is concerned that this approach will limit a region’s ability to create a comprehensive plan in each region. Ms. Herrold stated that the region ultimately retains the authority to recommend grants. Each region can determine what priorities they want to use.

Ms. Herrold stated the grant software will permit this. Chairman Gregoire stated that the application for each region could be customized. Director Wierzbicki stated that this application would be the minimum and that each region could customize the information it requests from applicants.

An authorized signatory was discussed. Chairman Gregoire stated he did not see the need for an applicant to upload a copy of a resolution or a non-profit board of directors’ letter stating that the application was authorized.

Director Matia asked what would happen if a region only awarded some money for a funding cycle that it was allocated. Ms. Herrold stated that the Organization would hold those funds for the benefit of that region in the future.

IV. Request for Proposal

Ms. Herrold reviewed the draft Request for Proposal (“RFP”). Director Ehemann requested that the “Funding Priorities” be amended to reflect the same language as in the MOU. Director Driehaus stated that her region created a region RFP. Ms. Herrold stated that each region could create their own MOU. The draft RFP was developed in an effort to save resources at the regional level. Director Cox recommended that the language around “past expenditures” be amended to provide greater clarity.

Chairman Gregoire stated that he spoke with Ms. Whittington and that the Executive Committee has not made any decisions on the questions posed by the Committee from a previous meeting.

Director Ehemann asked if the grant software had been selected. Mr. Quinn stated that the Organization would need to designate a committee to select the vendor officially. Mr. Quinn said it would take at least four (4) weeks to build the software before it could be used to accept applications. Chairman Gregoire stated that the decision on grant software is likely outside of the Committee member's expertise and that he would like Mr. Quinn to recommend what software to use.

Chairman Gregoire stated he would ask the Executive Committee to propose a process for evaluating software. Ms. Herrold stated it has been her experience that picking a grant software is typically done by a staff member, and then the foundation board approves the expenditure.

V. Best Practices

Communicating with regions regarding best practices was discussed. Chairman Gregoire stated that he would like to send out questions to the regions to garner feedback on where they are in the organizational process. Director Matia recommended the Committee ask, "What is your planning process?" Ms. Herrold suggested the Committee ask, "What help from the Organization do you need?" Director Wierzbicki recommended the Committee ask, "How will you score applications?" Director Driehaus recommended the Committee ask, "How long will it take each region to review and select applications for funding?"

Chairman Gregoire stated Ms. Whittington and the communications team would distribute a document containing these questions to all regions.


VI. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

At the call of the Committee Chair.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Gregoire adjourned the Meeting at 3:34 p.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 March 27, 2023, Board Meeting.



Signature

3/30/2023

Date

