



**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 3, 2023, via Zoom.

Directors in Attendance:

Tom Gregoire (Committee Chair), Josh Cox, Julie Ehemann, Keith Hochadel, David Matia, Greta Mayer, Jane Portman, Ilene Shapiro, Jeanette Wierzbicki

Non-Directors in Attendance:

Kathryn Whittington (Interim Executive Director), Claudia Herrold (Philanthropy Ohio), Jim Quinn (Chief Financial Officer) Mike Garcar (Callender Law Group), Deborah Matz (Summit County Executive’s Office)

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregoire at 10:01 a.m.

II. Welcome and Update from the Chair

Minutes from the previous Committee were sent out to all Committee members for review. The latest draft of the Grant Making Policy (the “Policy”) was sent to all members. A draft agenda was reviewed by Committee members.

III. Grantmaking Process

A discussion was had as to the language in the Policy regarding regional funding. Chairman Gregoire stated that he believes the draft Policy adequately addresses that the proposals approved by the regions will be approved by the Board as long as the proposal meets the grant funding requirements stated in the Organization’s Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”). All directors in attendance agreed.

A discussion on defining a “statewide project” was had. Director Wierzbicki stated that a statewide project should be one that impacts the entire State of Ohio and not just two or more regions. Director Portman agreed.

Director Matia asked whether the Board should give special consideration to proposals that involve collaboration between two or more regions. Director Portman stated she is not supportive of incentivizing regional collaboration because it is outside the scope of the Board’s role. Director Hochadel agreed.

Director Portman asked for clarification as to whether the Board has discretion in determining funding for each region. Director Matia stated the MOU gives the Board substantial discretion in deciding how much funding each region receives but that the proportionate share of funding for each region is stated in the MOU. Chairman Gregoire stated the Board is ultimately responsible for deciding what percentage of funds goes to regional projects, state projects, and the operations of the Organization.

Director Portman asked when the Organization is expected to receive funding from the lawsuits which created the Organization. Ms. Whittington stated that the Organization would likely receive funding in the next several months. Upon receiving funding, the Organization must pass a resolution within 90 days to determine the allocations for statewide grants, regional grants, and funding for the operations of the Organization. Before any proposals can be funded, the Board must approve the Policy and procure grant and accounting software.

Ms. Herrold stated that the Committee agreed that regions could collaborate and approve proposals that impact more than one region but that such collaboration will not lead to special consideration by the Board. All Directors in attendance agreed.

IV. Conflicts of Interest

Chairman Gregoire stated Section XII discusses conflicts of interest. Draft language was proposed to the Committee.

Director Matia recommended the language be amended so regional representatives could still respond to inquiries from other Directors to provide context on the proposal. Chairman Gregoire agreed.

Director Werzbicki asked if a Director would be required to recuse themselves from voting on a proposal submitted to the Board after being approved by the region the Director represents. Chairman Gregoire stated that based on the draft Policy, the Director would need to recuse themselves. Director Ehemann stated that the draft language is too broad.

Ms. Herrold suggested that the Policy mirror the Board's Conflict of Interest policy. Director Wierzbicki agreed. Chairman Gregoire agreed.

A discussion on how conflicts of interest pertaining to statewide projects should be addressed. Director Wierzbicki stated the Policy should default to the Board-adopted conflict of interest policy. All Directors in attendance agreed.

Chairman Gregoire asked whether the Policy could be approved at the March Board meeting. Ms. Whittington stated the Policy would be presented to the Board at the March Board meeting for discussion purposes. Then, if all goes well, the Board can vote on the Policy at the April meeting.

V. Post-Grant Compliance

Proposed language regarding post-grant compliance with comments from the last Committee meeting was presented to the Committee.

Chairman Gregoire stated the proposed language stated that the Committee may offer technical assistance and networking opportunities to the regions to promote collaboration and facilitate best practices. Director Wierzbicki agreed. Director Ehemann agreed.

Director Portman asked whether the Policy should state “collaboration” because it might suggest that regions should work together. Director Wierzbicki agreed and suggested changing the language to reflect information sharing among the regions. All Directors in attendance agreed.

Chairman Gregoire stated the proposed language would withhold future funding from a grantee who misuses funds. Ms. Matz stated it was her impression that the investigation into the misuse of funds would be conducted by an ad hoc committee determined by the Board, not the Committee. All Directors in attendance agreed.

VI. Open Discussion

Chairman Gregoire stated that the draft Policy would be shared with the entire Board at the March meeting. Director Cox stated the Committee should distribute the Policy to all Directors prior to the meeting.

Director Matia asked Ms. Herrold to distribute the draft grant application to Committee members.

Chairman Gregoire thanked all Directors for attending.


VII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet on March 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Gregoire adjourned the Meeting at 11:02 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 March 3, 2023, Board Meeting.



Signature

3/6/2023
Date