

Advisory Information

Agenda Item:

Title: One Minneapolis Fund – Recommendations on 2016 Funding

Action Discussion Informational

Date: June 28, 2016

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Attachments:

Requested Action

The NCEC is requested to approve the funding recommendations from the One Minneapolis Fund Committee for submission to the City Council for final approval or to deny the recommendations and refer the review of applications back to the Committee.

Background

The One Minneapolis Fund was initiated in 2013 to provide grants to organizations serving cultural communities in Minneapolis for programs involving leadership development and broadening community engagement efforts. For the 2016 funding cycle \$182,000 is available for funding projects in two categories:

Group A Funding

Community or Cultural organizations should submit proposals for projects that develop leaders and engage communities and result in increased involvement in City leadership structures by diverse people. For the purpose of this RFP, “City leadership structures” refers to City of Minneapolis boards, commissions, neighborhood organizations, and other similar advisory or civic engagement groups.

Group A proposals may request a maximum of \$15,000.

Group B Funding

Community or Cultural organizations should submit proposals for projects that develop leaders and engage communities in specific targeted audiences. These leaders and communities will demonstrate their leadership and engagement by defining a specific community issue, and ways to address them through their program.

Preferred (but not limited to) target audiences:

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at 612-673-3737. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

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Youth (ages 12-24)
 Renters
 People experiencing

homelessness
 African-Americans
 American Indians

Process Followed

The application period for the 2016 grant cycle opened on February 9th. By the deadline of April 11th, 46 applications were received. The list of all the applications is attached.

The review committee was comprised of the following NCEC members: Chair Tessa Wetjen, Denis Houle, Ishmael Israel, Raya Esmaeili and Nasser Mussa

The committee rated each application on a set previously agreed upon criteria. The Committee then met on June 1st and further reviewed and discussed those applications with the highest scores which ultimately led to the recommendations below. For this funding cycle, the One Minneapolis Committee met three times since mid-2015 to finalize the request for proposals, develop the application review criteria and scoring matrix and finally to review the applications and recommend the projects to be funded.

Recommendation

On June 1st the One Minneapolis Fund review committee unanimously recommended the following projects for funding in 2016.

<u>Applicant/ Project</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
African Chamber of Commerce – Community engagement and financial literacy training for East African residents.	\$25,000	\$25,000
Anyah – Leadership development for Minneapolis college students.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Circle of Discipline – Civic Engagement and leadership development among underrepresented youth.	\$25,000	\$25,000
From Death to Life – Conduct leadership development and focus groups among mothers who have lost loved ones to gun violence.	\$23,300	\$20,000
The Dial Group – Leadership development among artists from communities of color.	\$25,000	\$15,000
Emerge Community Development – Fund Vista volunteers recruited from non-traditional groups to work on housing, employment, financial literacy, and education services.	\$25,000	\$25,000
Givens Foundation – Using the arts to promote equity in economic, artistic and civic leadership.	\$25,000	\$17,000
Lake Street Council – Train minority business owners in civic engagement.	\$13,000	\$10,000
LVY Foundation – Youth leadership development	\$25,000	\$19,000
	Total	\$182,000

List of Submitted Proposals Not Recommended for Funding

A large number of excellent projects were submitted for funding. The 46 applications totaled over \$1 million in requested funding. This led to difficult decisions in making recommendations for the \$182,000 available for funding. The following is a list of organizations submitting applications not recommended for funding:

Organization Name	Amount Requested
Academic Leadership for International Families (ALIF) Center	\$15,000
Asian Media Access	\$25,000
Augsburg College	\$15,000
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR_MN)	\$15,000
Cedar Cultural Center	\$25,000
Conflict Resolution Center	\$12,500
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Gateway Institute	\$25,000
Hope Community, Inc.	\$25,000
Inquilinxs Unidxs Por Justica	\$15,000
Juxtaposition Arts	\$25,000
KIPP Minnesota	\$24,800
LearningWorks at Blake	\$15,000
Lutheran Social Services	\$25,000
Minnesota Transgender Health Coalition	\$25,000
No Start No Finish	\$25,000
One Family One Minneapolis/MICAH	\$25,000
Oromo Cultural Institute of Minnesota	25,000
Outfront Minnesota-Neighborhoods Organizing for Change	\$25,000
Pangea World Theater	\$25,000
Pillsbury United Communities	\$25,000
Project for Pride in Living	\$25,000
Project Sweetie Pie	\$25,000
RARE Productions	\$25,000
Redeemer Center for Life	\$25,000
St. Stephens Human Services	\$20,820
Students Today Leaders Forever	\$15,000
Twin Cities Media Alliance	\$25,000
Urban Homeworks	\$15,000
Urban Jerusalem School of The Arts	\$25,000
Walker Art Center	\$15,600
We Win Institute	\$25,000
West Bank Athletic Club	\$25,000
West Bank Community Development Corporation	\$25,000
YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities	\$25,000
YOUTHPRISE	\$25,000
New American Youth Soccer	\$25,000