



Community Impact Grants Committee
AGENDA
October 18, 2022 – 2:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

Yvonne McBride District 3	Paul Livingston District 4	Gretchen Barron District 7	Jesica Mackey District 9	Cheryl English District 10
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- 1. **Call to Order** The Honorable Paul Livingston

- 2. **Adoption of Agenda** The Honorable Paul Livingston

- 3. **Election of Chair**

- 4. **Items for Discussion:**
 - a. **Community Impact Grant Committee Purpose**
 - 1. **To rename the Discretionary Grants Committee to the Community Impact Grant Committee, and add additional Council members to the committee. This comes from Council’s recent budget motion to allocate an additional \$300,000 to the committee and develop a process that creates accountability and transparency**

 - b. **FY23 Lump Sum/Discretionary Grant Allocations [PAGE 2]**

 - c. **Current Discretionary Grant Policy [PAGES 3-7]**

- 5. **Items for Action:**
 - a. **Criteria, Application and Schedule for CIG Funds [PAGES 8-17]**

- 6. **Adjournment**

FY2022-23 Lump Sum and/or Discretionary Allocations			
Type of Allocation	Type of Fund	Name of Agency	Amount
Contractual & Statutory	General Fund	Central Midlands COG	\$ 200,826
Contractual & Statutory	General Fund	City Center Partnership	\$ 47,500
Contractual & Statutory	General Fund	LRADAC	\$ 600,000
Lump Sum	General Fund	Therapy Place	\$ 20,000
Lump Sum	General Fund	Communities in Schools	\$ 81,000
Lump Sum	General Fund	Antioch Senior Center	\$ 40,000
Lump Sum	General Fund	Greenview Swim Team	\$ 20,000
Lump Sum	General Fund	St. John CDC	\$ 75,000
Lump Sum	General Fund	Wiley Kennedy Foundation	\$ 75,000
Lump Sum	ARPA	Lourie Center	\$ 180,000
Lump Sum	ARPA	Columbia Urban League	\$ 100,000
Lump Sum	ARPA	Senior Resources	\$ 548,046
Lump Sum	ARPA	Transitions Homeless Center	\$ 200,000
Lump Sum	ARPA	Greater Columbia Community Relations	\$ 95,250
Lump Sum	ARPA	Palmetto AIDS Life Support	\$ 90,000
Lump Sum	Enterprise Fund	Keep the Midlands Beautiful	\$ 42,900
Discretionary	General Fund	Harvest Hope Food Bank	\$ 5,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Benedict College	\$ 30,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Home Works of America	\$ 15,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Midlands Edu Bus Alliance	\$ 7,500
Discretionary	General Fund	Camp Discovery at His Acres	\$ 9,100
Discretionary	General Fund	Olympia Granby Historical Fou	\$ 5,000
Discretionary	General Fund	LR Veteran's Association	\$ 15,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Heroes in Blue - Serve/Connect	\$ 15,000
Discretionary	General Fund	United Way of the Midlands	\$ 15,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Able South Carolina	\$ 15,000
Discretionary	General Fund	CAPTAIN' S HOPE INC	\$ 10,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Washington Street United MC	\$ 5,000
Discretionary	General Fund	James M. Hinton Foundation	\$ 6,000
Discretionary	General Fund	JBStar Productions	\$ 10,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Leeza's Care Connect	\$ 10,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Oliver Gospel Mission	\$ 10,000
Discretionary	General Fund	Project NAS	\$ 7,400
Discretionary	General Fund	Turning Pages	\$ 10,000



DISCRETIONARY GRANT GUIDELINES

FY2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Grant Cycle will open December 1, 2021

Application must be submitted in ZoomGrants

Grant Due Date: February 6, 2022, by 11:59 PM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Pending budget approval, Richland County Council sets aside \$200,000 of the General Operating Fund for the Discretionary Grant Fund. This program is designed to provide financial support to organizations and agencies that carry out community-based programs and/or services throughout Richland County. In keeping with the mission of Richland County Government, this program attempts to encourage organizations to continue to offer innovative and much needed services that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of this County.

DISCRETIONARY GRANT TIMELINE

Request for Applications:	December 1, - February 6, 2022
Application Due Date:	February 6, 2022, 11:59 pm
Discretionary Grant Committee Meeting	February/March 2022 (Date TBA)
County Budget Process:	April - June 2022
Budget Public Hearing	June 2022 (Date subject to change)
Grant Award Notifications:	Late June 2022
Mid-Year Reports:	Due by January 31, 2023 (if awarded)
Final Reports:	Due by July 31, 2023 (if awarded)

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND DESIGN

Organizations that are determined as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and nonprofit organizations registered as a charity with the Secretary of State. **Richland County will not award grants to individuals, fraternal organizations and organizations that support and/or endorse political campaigns.**

Religious organizations may receive funding; however, Richland County may not sponsor nor provide financial support to a religious organization in a manner which would actively involve it in a religious activity (i.e. public funds must not be used for a religious purpose). Thus, any funds provided must be solely utilized for secular purposes and the principal or primary goal of the sponsored activity must not be to advance religion.

The program fund is set up into two categories: (Make sure you select one on your application.)

1. One Year Funding - Organizations can apply for funding up to \$15,000. **If the organization is funded, the organization must wait one fiscal year before applying again.** If you received One-Year funding in FY22, you may not apply in FY23.
2. Multiple Year Funding - An organization with a startup program* or an organization requesting funds for a one-time capital project can apply for funding up to three years with the understanding that, if funded, the organization would receive funding in equal annual appropriations. After the final year, the organization will follow the one-year funding rule. The amount that can be applied for is up to \$30,000 meaning that if awarded, the organization will receive up to \$10,000 per year for up to three years. This allows Richland County to provide financial assistance to more local organizations throughout the County over a period of time. Please note that allocations are distributed as budgeted and organizations will not receive all multi-year funds up front.

If an organization is awarded a multiple year grant, the organization must re-submit a continuation application each year of appropriation. (*A startup program is a program that has been in existence 5 years or less.)

Grantee organizations may not re-grant or sub-granting County funds to other organizations. All funds must be spent on direct program expenditures by the organization who is granted the allocation.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Organizations must apply to be considered for funding each year.
- Organizations must apply for either a one, two or three year funding option.
- Organizations receiving Accommodation Tax funds will not be considered for funding, unless waived by majority vote of Council.
- Richland County Council shall make all awards pursuant to this grant program.

PROGRAM CRITERIA (proposed request must address one of the following)

- The activity meets service-type activities outlined in the organization's mission, long-range plans, goals and objectives.
- The activity, in whole or in part, provides opportunities for underserved populations in Richland County.
- The activity provides solutions by way of systems or approaches that can prevent, mitigate or resolve individual, family, or community problems.

THE PROGRAM WILL NOT FUND (however, not limited to):

- Fundraising Projects
- Debt Reduction
- Endowment Development
- Medical Research/Health Related Issues
- Conference Travel
- Conference Underwriting or Sponsorship
- Gift Cards

GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application must be submitted in ZoomGrants through Richland County's website. Make sure all fields are completed as incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Committee. Contact the Grants Manager if you have any difficulties completing the application. Once complete, save a copy and print for your records.

If you cut and paste information from Word, make sure your information is not cut off. The application components are as follows:

- Mission Statement – Include the organization's mission statement as found in your bylaws. You may also include any long-range plans and goals for your agency as a whole.
- Organization Background – Demonstration of recent accomplishments and success with programs similar to the one in your application.
- Project Description – This is the "meat" of the application where you describe your project – who, when, what, why and where.
- Benefit to the Community – Detail who is being served by your project, geographic location of your audience, how the project impacts the community.
- Collaborative Partners/Efforts – Describe how your organization will work with others on this project. What are partner's roles and are they on board?
- Outcomes – Share what result do you want to achieve and how will you measure success?

PROGRAM BUDGET

A budget section is provided for you as part of the application. This section applies only to the project outlined in the application. Please note that all grant funds must be expended by the recipient organization. Re-granting or sub-granting of funds is not allowed.

Expenditures must be consistent with the application budget. Only goods and services that comply with the Discretionary Guidelines are permitted. The budget should reflect in financial terms the actual costs of achieving the objectives of the project(s) you propose in your application.

Amounts listed in the Discretionary Grant Request column should total the amount of funds requested in the application. Please make sure that all expenses in Discretionary Grant column relate to the proposed project outlined in the Project Description.

Note that there are blank spaces in the budget section of the application to provide additional expense categories as all budgets are not the same. Feel free to use these additional blank expense spaces for other categories not listed. For example, your project may have a transportation component. You can add a budget category these types of expenses.

Under project revenues, list known and anticipated funding sources, including any that are pending. Also include any in-kind contributions under project revenues. This section shows the Committee if your organization or others are contributing to the project outlined in the application. Attach copies of pending grants documentation (grant award letters) in the documents section of the grant application.

Please do not include agency administrative costs or organizational overhead expenses in your grant budget. All expenses should directly relate to the project or program that is outlined in the application.

Budget Narrative (Grant Funds Only) - Please include a brief 1-2 sentence description for each category included in the program budget. Make sure expenses are reflected in the project description. For example:
Contractual – 2 consultants to work 10 hours at \$25/hour to conduct 5 financial training workshops
Program expenses - \$500 for financial training workshop curriculum, \$500 rental fee for training space

APPLICATION PACKAGE

In order to be considered for funding, applicants must submit a complete application package for the Discretionary grant program in ZoomGrants. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Complete applications include:

- 1) Completed and electronically initialed application. You can complete the application at:
<https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2236>
 - Answer all questions and complete each section. “N/A” and “See Attached” are not valid responses.
 - Electronic Initials by board chair or the executive director is requested in ZoomGrants - If your organization does not have an Executive Director, please note this in the application.
- 2) Project Budget and Narrative (form included with the application)
- 3) Required Attachments:
 - Current organization operating budget reflecting sources and amounts of income and expenditures for the organization as a whole, not just the program outlined in the application.
 - IRS determination letter indicating the organization’s 501 c 3 charitable status
 - Proof of current registration as a charity with the SC Secretary of State’s Office.
 - Current list of board of directors
 - Most recent 990 tax return. If you file a 990 post-card please also attach a financial report showing financial status.
 - Pending grant award documents such as grant award letters, emails or correspondence from the grantor.
 - Richland County business license or business license assessment survey form (this form shows that a business license is not needed for your organization).

Attachments **MUST** be submitted in ZoomGrants along with the proposal in order to be considered complete.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Grant applications are reviewed by the Discretionary Grant Committee. The Committee will use the following evaluation criteria to evaluate applications and proposed projects. The individual factors are important in project evaluation, as they are an indication of the degree to which the proposed project will contribute to the citizens in Richland County. Make sure these factors are incorporated into your application. These factors, with their corresponding point values, are:

Project Summary: (Up to 35 Points)

- Does the proposal state an objective and does the objective fit the mission and long-range plans, goals and objectives of the organization?

- Does the proposal provide a strong sense of need for the project/program and does it state what the funds will be used for?
- Does the proposal address who will be served and how many?
- Does the proposal state what will be the benefit to persons served?
- Does the proposal state a targeted underserved population?
- Does the proposal provide a program to prevent, mitigate or resolve individual, family, or community problems?
- Does the proposal state how the program will be evaluated once completed?

Project Impact: (Up to 30 Points)

- Is the proposal clear about how the project will work?
- Is there a timeframe outlined in the proposal; is the project ready to start?
- Are all aspects of the project feasible?
- Does the project provide a solution for the identified problem?
- Is the project innovative and provides solutions to problem?

Organization Background: (Up to 20 Points)

- Historical or current program experience indicated.
- Historical experience with targeted population addressed.
- Evidence of other successful experience relevant to the success of this proposal.
- Evidence of capable staff to carry out program/project.
- Does organization history indicate collaborative efforts with other entities?

Budget: (Up to 15 Points)

- Is the budget detailed and understandable?
- Is there another confirmed source of revenue to assist with this project/program?
- Is the project cost reasonable?
- Does budget incorporate any in-kind cost participation?
- Does the budget expense detail section include detailed cost calculation data (e.g., specific cost/quantity for personnel, supplies, travel) and information showing how County grant funds will be spent?

DEADLINE

Richland County will accept proposals in ZoomGrants starting Wednesday, December 1, 2021. These applications are available at <https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2236>. Applications are due Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 11:59 P.M. Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered. Fax and email transmissions will not be accepted.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

The Grants Manager will notify all applicant organizations of the funding outcome in writing in June 2022. Awards will be available for reimbursement beginning July 1, 2022. Final reports for the previous fiscal year, if applicable, must be received before payments are released.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

At the completion of the grant funded project, Richland County requires grantees to complete a mid-year and/or a final report for Discretionary Grant funds. Grantees are required to show proof of grant expenditures (invoices and proof of payment). Grantees are asked to report on attendance/impact numbers, program success or failure as well as the impact on Richland County. Each grantee will receive a copy of or a link to the reporting documents with their award packet and reports will also be sent via email.

Grantees must acknowledge the receipt of Discretionary funding by including the Richland County Government logo, or by listing “Funding Provided by Richland County Government” on program/project advertising, marketing and promotional materials, website or in the organization’s annual report. Examples of this must be included in your final report.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOTICE

Please be advised that all materials submitted on behalf of the Discretionary Funds grant program are subject to disclosure based on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- No person, based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, ancestry, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, veteran status, military discharge status, citizenship status or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity should be excluded from participation in be denied the benefit of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the program or activity funding in whole or in part by Discretionary grant funds.
- Employment made by or resulting from Discretionary grant funding shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant on the basis on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, ancestry, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, veteran status, military discharge status, citizenship status or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights of handicap, age, race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under Discretionary grant funding shall be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

QUESTIONS

Please call Ms. Matiah Pough, Grants Manager at (803)576-5459 or email Pough.Matiah@richlandcountysc.gov.



Informational Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Lori J. Thomas	Title:	Assistant County Administrator
Department:	Administration	Division:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date Prepared:	October 10, 2022	Meeting Date:	October 18, 2022
Approved for consideration:	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	
Meeting/Committee	Community Impact Grants Committee		
Subject:	Proposed Scheduling Options for Community Impact Grants for Fiscal 2023		

BACKGROUND:

During the fiscal 2023 budget process, County Council approved to “further accountability and transparency by elimination of the Lump Sum Appropriations category of the County Budget”.

At the July 19, 2022 County Council meeting, the Rules and Appointments Committee recommended to rename the Discretionary Grant Committee to the Community Impact Grant Committee and add additional Council members to the committee. The Committee, pursuant to Council’s budget motion to allocate an additional \$300,000 to the committee, would and develop a process that creates accountability and transparency. The recommendation received unanimous approval by Council.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

As the Community Impact Grant Committee considers its procedures and process, below is a proposed timeline for consideration for the award of the additional \$300,000 allocated in the 2023 budget using the guidelines and process from the FY 2023 Discretionary Grants:

If the Committee desires changes to the former Discretionary Grant Guidelines to award these funds, approval of criteria must be presented for Council consideration at its November 01, 2022 meeting.

This would require that the Community Impact Grant Committee have recommendations prepared for Council approval no later than October 25, 2022 to appear on full Council agenda on November 1, 2022.

November 2-15, 2022	Communication for Notice of Intent to Award Funds
November 15, 2022	Grant Application Period Opens
December 16, 2022	Grant Application Period Closes
December 19-30, 2022	Committee Review and Recommendations
January 3-6, 2023	Notification of Awards
June 30, 2023	Deadline to expend funds

As always, staff stands ready to support Council in their efforts to assist all Richland County citizens.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Council Minutes – July 19, 2022



Richland County Council
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
July 19, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair; Jessica Mackey, Vice-Chair; Bill Malinowski, Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Joe Walker and Cheryl English

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by the Honorable Cheryl English.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Yvonne McBride.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **Special Called: July 12, 2022** – Mr. Pugh moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. J. Walker.

Mr. Malinowski noted Item 14(b) *“I move to have staff amend Section 26-186 (Development with Open Space Design Standards) of the Land Development Code by amending the formula used in determining the total number of units allowed in the utilization of density-based and density bonus design standards by subtracting the constrained open space area acreage from the total site acreage prior to calculating. In addition, all lots must conform to the DHEC minimum required sizes so no bonus allows that lot size to be less than the DHEC requirement [MALINOWSKI – January 4, 2022]”* was actually addressed, and subsequently approved, after Item 15(a) *“An Ordinance Amending Ordinance # 05-53.5-21 Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, so as to adopt the Richland County Land Development Code Rewrite; and to replace Chapter 26, Land Development amending the effective dates of its provision and clarification of interim procedures”*.

Mr. Wright stated it does not matter the order it is listed in the minutes, but that the action itself is recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Malinowski noted on p. 5 of the minutes the statement *“Mr. Wright responded the text was approved on November 16, 2022. The only thing that has not become effective are the maps.”* is not totally accurate. The Planning Commission is discussing the maps and additional text changes. He believes it is misleading to let the public think the only thing not effective are the maps.

Mr. Wright stated until the maps are completed there can be no adjustments to the text.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Pugh moved to amend the agenda to add a Hospitality Tax allocation for District 5, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – There were no items for Executive Session.

7. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

a. **For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing**

1. Robert Reese, 204 Sonoma Drive, Hopkins, SC 29061 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
2. Thomas Williams, 1528 Willow Oak Drive, Columbia, SC 29223 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
3. Kaylin Jones, Gingerroot Way – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
4. Linda Maxwell, 511 Alcott Drive, Columbia, SC 29203 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
5. Levar Baker, 309 Peppercorn Lane, Columbia, SC 29223 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
6. Alonzo Canzater, 822 Swygert Road, Blythewood, SC 29016 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
7. Jay Brown, 18 Berryhill Road, Columbia, SC 29210 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
8. Torian Sims, 537 Lake Carolina Boulevard, SC 29229 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
9. Lolita Frazier, 220 Springtree Road, Columbia, SC 29223 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
10. Jamar Smith, 250 Crossmore Drive, Columbia, SC 29212 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
11. Darryl Sutton, 3912 Pine Cone Drive, Columbia, SC 29204 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
12. Malachi Amant, 341 Percival Road, Columbia, SC 29206 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
13. Ann Mickle, 129 Island View Circle, Elgin, SC 29045 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
14. LaKenyatta Maxwell, 118 Crawford Court, Columbia, SC 29203 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative
15. Bishop Eric Davis, 22 Keeneland Trail, Blythewood, SC 29016 – G.A.N.G.S in Peace Initiative

8. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. **Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time)** – No one signed up to speak.

9. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. **Coronavirus Update** – No update was given.
- b. **Other Updates** – Mr. Brown introduced the new Detention Center Director, Tyrell Cato.
- c. **FY2022-2023 Five Year Consolidated Plan: FY2022 Annual Action Plan** – Mr. Brown stated the proposed submission to HUD relative to the CDBG and HOME programs. The proposed submission will go through a public display period. When Council comes back in August, we will be looking for Council to address the matter.

Ms. McBride inquired if this is the federally mandated plan that has to be submitted in order for the County to receive CDBG funds to address homelessness and infrastructure areas.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

10. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL** – Ms. Kirylo reminded Council of the Special Called meeting scheduled for July 26th at 7:45 PM.

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11. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No report was given.

12. **SECOND READING ITEMS**

- a. An ordinance amending the School Resource Officer line item in the FY2023 Budget Ordinance (No. 012-22HR) of Richland County, South Carolina – Mr. Livingston moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. An Ordinance Authorizing the acquisition of certain property located in Richland County; and other matters related thereto – Ms. Mackey moved to approve this item, seconded by Mr. J. Walker.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

13. **REPORT OF THE CORONAVIRUS AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Proposed grant application and application process – Mr. Brown stated the proposed application is not in the current agenda packet, as it had previously been provided.

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of the proposed application.

Ms. McBride moved to move forward with the proposed application and to allow the Administrator and staff to critique or refine the application as they deem necessary, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

Ms. Mackey offered a friendly amendment to have the Administrator bring the application back to Council by August 30th.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended utilizing the discretionary grant process as a basis for evaluation, securing a third-party vendor to evaluate applications for compliance with US Treasury requirements and then forwarding recommendations to the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee. The committee also discussed whether there were going to be Council members on the evaluation committee.

Mr. Brown stated, for clarification, the applicant will apply through the Zoom Grants portal. Staff will provide technical assistance, if needed. Applications will be vetted through the third-party vendor. Once vetted, if they are eligible, the applications will go to the “discretionary grant” committee process.

Ms. McBride inquired if the third-party vendor can use a rubric to ensure that the process is as fair as possible. She recommended Council members not be involved in the evaluation and ranking process to ensure the process is not politicized.

Ms. McBride moved to use the external evaluation vendor to develop a rubric, as well as to vet the applications.

Mr. O. Walker stated, for clarification, the request would go through Zoom Grants. Then a third-party vendor would evaluate the request to determine if it comports with US Treasury guidelines. He inquired if the next step in the process would be for the application to be evaluated by staff or a third-party vendor.

Ms. McBride responded the application would be evaluated by the third-party vendor.

Mr. O. Walker inquired if the recommendation should go to Council or the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. McBride stated the third-party vendor would evaluate the grants. Council needs to determine if we are going to fund grants ranked 70 or above. She does not have a recommendation on whether it should go to Council or the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. O. Walker inquired if we want to include an anonymity feature.

Ms. McBride responded she would hope that would be a part of the process.

Mr. Livingston noted he would like for us to get as much as we can done now so staff can work on something during the month of August.

Mr. Brown stated staff can have the guidelines back to Council by August 30th, but the selection of the vendor will not be complete because it has to go through the RFP process.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the intent of Ms. McBride's motion was for the third-party vendor to also score the applications.

Ms. McBride responded she is suggesting the vendor could assist. She noted the State and Federal government puts out a request for grant reviewers, and they review the grants by utilizing a rubric. If we try to review the applications, it is very subjective. We could use the "discretionary grant" process, but only if we have the rubric in place. Her suggestion would be to exclude Council members from the process.

Ms. Mackey inquired if the intent is for the third-party vendor to rank the applications and then present them to Committee. The committee will make the final decision based on the allotted funding.

Ms. McBride responded that was a part that was missing in the process.

Mr. Livingston noted the committee recommended allowing an organization to apply in up to three (3) categories, but the committee did not recommend an amount.

Ms. English noted she can provide the federal guidelines she utilizes at her job to assist staff with creating guidelines for the application process.

Mr. Brown noted there is recommended evaluation criteria, based on the discretionary grant process, included in the agenda packet.

Ms. McBride moved to forward the recommendations from the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee to the Administrator, and staff, for refinement. In addition, the process for evaluation will utilize external evaluators, staff, or others employing a rubric and blind review. Also, Administration will bring back recommendations to the August 30, 2022 Special Called Meeting. Ms. Mackey seconded the motion.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended to allow organizations to apply for funding in up to three categories.

Ms. McBride stated, for clarification, with the committee's recommendation an organization could apply for three separate grants. Therefore, one entity could get up to \$700,000.

Mr. Livingston responded we still have to determine the amount for each grant.

Ms. Mackey stated she supports allowing organizations to apply in more than one category. Some of the organizations may be able to help in more than one category and create an impact in the community.

Mr. Malinowski noted there is a flip side. We need to be willing to spread the wealth and get as much of the funds out to as many organizations as we can.

Ms. Mackey noted the organization can submit the same program in the homeless category, and the mental health category, but they may only get funded out of one category. She does not want us to miss out on a good quality program.

Ms. English inquired if there is a timeframe for when the funds have to be spent.

Mr. Brown responded the timeframe will be imposed by Council.

Ms. English suggested accepting applications between August and December. If we still have funds, then we can come back and do another application period.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Opposed: Malinowski, McBride and J. Walker

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote was in favor of the committee's recommendation to allow organizations to apply for funding in up to three categories.

Mr. Livingston stated, for the record, the recommendation for all priority groups who have been allocated funds to date to enter applications upon the portal opening so previously approved funds can be requested for use by the recipients in accordance with grant guidelines was approved during the budget process.

- b. G.A.N.G.S. in Peace Initiative – Mr. Livingston stated this item came before the committee. At that time, the committee felt there was not enough information in reference to the request. The committee requested additional information. The additional information was provided to Council and the matter was placed on the July 12th agenda, wherein it was deferred to the July 19th Council meeting.

Ms. English stated we have always supported improving Richland County in every aspect. It is our goal to improve the County as a whole and to ensure public funds are spent with prudence and foresight. We do not haphazardly enter into agreements based on feelings or emotions. As a mental health counselor, minister, social worker, and psychosocial rehabilitator specialist, she has had the opportunity to work with various agencies. She noted she has advocated for a lot over the last 20 years. As a number of the service agencies and organizations face daily challenges to meet the growing needs of the citizens who require specialized services, she applauds everyone across the County who works to assist others to achieve daily functional living. The program before them has merit and potential to reduce gang interaction. Her concern is the disrespect and personal attacks her colleagues received for asking clarifying questions. The behavior demonstrated at the July 12th Council meeting leaves concern about progressive deportment by program volunteers. Assessment and evaluation are a critically required part of every program. No process can begin without it. Council has often spoken about equity, inclusion and transparency, and we too must adhere to those standards. It is our

responsibility to the citizens of Richland County to ensure the processes of assessment and evaluation are met to definitively justify the expenses. What cannot be tolerated is the level of disrespect from any agency or organization that comes before the body. We want to be good stewards of the funds, and address the needs of many. We thank you for the proposal, applaud your efforts, and understand the need, but it must go through an appropriate process.

Ms. English moved that the G.A.N.G.S. in Peace Initiative go through the appropriate process to be consider for the ARPA funds, seconded by Mr. Malinowski.

Mr. O. Walker stated the narrative that has been put out is Council is callous, does not care about what is happening in the disadvantaged communities and we do not care about individuals that look some of us. We have been politically threatened. He noted this is an initiative that most can support, but at the same time the request is not right for consideration. This is not the same as coming before Council and asking for General Fund. These are federal dollars, which is a separate pot of money. In order to consider requests for those dollars, there has to be a process in place. Even if Council decided to provide funding for the program, the request could not be honored until it is vetted by a third-party vendor to determine whether the program comports with US Treasury guidelines. If the funds are not expended in accordance with the US Treasury guidelines the taxpayers will have to pay the funds back.

In Favor: Malinowski, McBride, Livingston, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Opposed: Pugh, J. Walker

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote was in favor.

14. **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of public infrastructure credit agreement to provide for public infrastructure credits to a company identified fir the time being as Project Framework; and other related matters [FIRST READING] – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker and English

Recusal: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the company)

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

15. **REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

- a. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

1. Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council – Two (2) Vacancies – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended re-appointing Mr. Joshua Douglas Fabel and appointing Salley Rickenbacker Robinson.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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b. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. To rename the Discretionary Grants Committee to the Community Impact Grant Committee, and add additional Council members to the committee. This comes from Council's recent budget motion to allocate an additional \$300,000 to the committee and develop a process that creates accountability and transparency [MACKEY – June 21, 2022] – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey noted the Rules and Appointments Committee would like for the Chair to name the additional Council members so the Community Impact Grant Committee can begin work.

2. Disclosure of addresses/personal information of applicants – Mr. Malinowski stated the committee recommended the personal information be removed from the public agenda. The information would continue to be provided to Council members and staff.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

16. OTHER ITEMS

- a. FY23 - District 10 Hospitality Tax Allocations – Mr. Pugh moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. McBride.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Opposed: J. Walker

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Mr. Malinowski.

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There were no items for Executive Session.

18. MOTION PERIOD – There were no motions submitted.

19. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McBride.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, J. Walker, O. Walker, Mackey and English

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Not Present: Terracio, Barron and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 PM.