Youth Development Council
Special Council Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room F
Salem, OR 97301

Council Members

☐ Matt Morton, Chair
☐ Jay Dixon, Vice Chair
☐ Janet Arenz
☐ Jaime Arredondo
☐ Agnes Balassa
☐ John Teague
☐ Martha Brooks
☐ Martha Doyle, Youth member
☐ Faye Fagel
☐ Mary Arnold
☐ David Fullerton
☐ Blanca Gutierrez, Youth member
☐ Alicia Hays
☐ Renee Hernandez, Youth Member
☐ Ted Martinez
☐ Frank Hanna-Williams
☐ Brian Pham, Youth Member
☐ Meghan Moyer
☐ Lolenzo Poe
☐ Brenda A. Frank

YDC Staff

☐ Iris Bell, Executive Director
☐ Brenda Brooks, Deputy Director
☐ Matt Tschabold
☐ Anya Sekino
☐ Abraham Magaña
☐ Rosy Alejo
☐ Ryan Shands
☐ Karen Wilkes

Welcome and introductions Matt Morton, Youth Development Council Chair – Chair Matt Morton called the meeting to order; Karen Wilkes conducted the roll call of council members. The following council members attended by phone: Martha Doyle, Ted Martinez, Frank Hanna-Williams and Brian Pham.

Conflict of Interest Letter – Sarah Pope, Chief of Staff, Oregon Department of Education and Matt Tschabold, YDD Policy Analyst

As a part of the Youth Development Division (YDD) 2014-2015 fiscal year grant award process, Matt Tschabold and Sarah Pope described how Matt worked with Cindy Hunt, Government and Legal Affairs Manager for ODE regarding the declaration of potential and actual conflict of interests that may arise during the YDD grant application ratification votes. Cindy advised Matt to contact the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and outline possible scenarios that may cause conflict of interest. The scenarios were based on the pool of applicants that were submitted for review and consideration for funding.

Ratification of 2014-2015 Fiscal Grant Award – Matt Morton, Chair, Youth Development Council

Chair Morton said this was a momentous occasion for the Youth Development Council, and that members should be proud of what they have achieved as they gathered to vote on the slate of grant applications.
2014-15 Fiscal Year Grant Application Overview Presentation – Matt Tschabold and Abraham Magaña, Prevention/Intervention Specialist, Youth Development Division; Sarah Pope, ODE Chief of Staff

Matt Tschabold gave the council an overview of the grant application and review process prior to the vote.

Sarah Pope explained the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) procurement protocol for the grant application process. Sarah wanted the council to know that the process may seem lengthy, but because public officials are making public awards, it is important that there is a clear and transparent process.

Abe Magana spoke to the council regarding several communities that had directly expressed interest in applying for the Youth and Gangs Grant but did not apply during this round. He wanted the council to know that due to extenuating circumstances several could not apply. Abe will reach out to those communities after the grant process is complete and report his findings back to the council.

Council member Janet Arenz asked that the staff put together a post grant awardee survey and report back to the council on the findings. Council member Tim Sinatra requested there also be a grant reviewers’ survey.

A council member expressed concern regarding having two voting options on the Youth and Community Tier 1 Grant. Matt Tschabold said during the review process, the reviewers strongly recommended Option I, but felt they should also include a second option because the council had directed the staff to put out a request for applications at the higher level.

A question was raised that once these grants are funded, how will the council be able to track results? Matt informed the council that staff is working with ODE to define the awardee outcome and reporting process and will report that back to the council.

Youth and Community Tier I Grant Awards, Option I

Option 1- Tier I would reduce the award amount for increased geographic distribution through additional grant awards. (Recommended by the review committee)

Initial Vote

Conflict of Interest: Chair Matt Morton and Tim Sinatra
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz and Ted Martinez

Yes: 9
No: 4
Absent: 6
Conflict/No vote 2

This option was tabled by councilmember Alicia Hays because there was no majority vote. The council then considered Option II.
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Youth and Community Grant Tier I – Option II

Option II – Tier I would award at full funding. Before the vote took place, several council members felt that this would be a moot point due to the fact the vote ultimately would be the same, in reverse, and would not pass. Regardless, a roll call vote was initiated:

Conflict of Interest: Chair Matt Morton and Tim Sinatra
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz and Ted Martinez

Yes: 4
No: 9
Absent: 6
Conflict/No vote 2

This option did not pass; a re-vote called for Option I with an amendment. Amendment: If any organization turns down its award because it is not fully funded, the YDD staff is to allocate the funds to any organization that is above the line:

Youth and Community Tier I, Option 1, with amendment

Yes: 12
No: 1
Absent: 6
Conflict/No vote 2

Youth and Community Grant – Tier II

Conflict of Interest: None
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz

Yes: 15
No: 0
Absent: 6
Abstentions: 0

Youth and Community Grant – Tier III

Conflict of Interest: None
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz

Yes: 15
No: 0
Absent: 6
Abstentions: 0
Youth and Innovation Grant

Conflict of Interest: Chair Matt Morton, Tim Sinatra
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz, Ted Martinez
Yes: 13
No: 0
Absent: 6
Conflict/No vote: 2

Youth and Gangs Grant

Conflict of Interest: None
Potential Conflict of Interest: None
Yes: 15
No: 0
Absent: 6
Abstentions: 0

Youth and Crime Prevention (federal)

Conflict of Interest: None
Potential Conflict of Interest: Janet Arenz
Yes: 15
No: 0
Absent: 6
Abstentions: 0

No Public Testimony was given.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2014