

Time: 10am MT. All times MST

Attendees:

-Selection Committee: Azarel Madrigal, Curtis Englehart, Curtis Esquibel, Donna Lynne

-OEDIT and Common Group: Tyler Jaeckel, George Vinton, Cristal Maria, Dipika Mouli

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10:03am - Mr. George Vinton, CEO of Common Group, introduced himself and kicked off the meeting. Mr. Tyler Jaeckel, Managing Director of Economic Recovery, Office of Economic Development and International Trade started with opening remarks, thanking Selection Committee members for their time in this process.

Mr. Vinton introduced the agenda for the meeting, and the objectives for the meeting.

The following Selection Committee members then introduced themselves: Mr. Curtis Esquibel Director of Communications & Community Engagement, Boettcher Foundation, Ms. Donna Lynne CEO, Denver Health, Ms. Azarel Madrigal, Executive Director, First Southwest Community Fund, and Mr. Curtis Englehart, Economic Development Executive Director, Grand Junction Economic Partnership.

Mr. Vinton then gave an overview of conflict-of-interest procedures, and shared which aspects of those would be relevant for the Selection Committee members on this call.

Mr. Vinton shared which part of the selection process we are in right now, explaining that we are at the end of the selection process that started from multiple groups reviewing all the initial 149 Planning RFA applicants. Mr. Vinton also reviewed the selection criteria that was used to evaluate individual applicants, and selection criteria in evaluating the whole portfolio of grantees. Mr. Vinton then gave an overview of the target allocation of Planning funds in this funding cycle, noting that \$1.25M is the target we are working towards for the Planning track of Phase 1 of this funding cycle.

10:15am - Mr. Vinton noted an additional objective of getting a good distribution of grantees across all 3 grant tracks, and started a discussion on the regional distribution of the proposed set of Planning grantees. Selection Committee members discussed the importance of funding applicants that serve rural communities, and Mr. Vinton noted the distinction between the OEDIT regions served, all of which are represented by the pool, and the county in which the lead applicant is based.

10:23am - Mr. Vinton shared that the total funds requested for the 32 proposed Planning grantees was \$1.59M compared to the targeted \$1.25M, explaining the reasons for this as being the desire to drive strong applicants in future phases and to increase the regional distribution of

applicants served. Ms. Madrigal and Ms. Lynne asked clarifying questions about the average grant amount.

10:26am - Mr. Vinton then gave an overview of the industry distribution of this pool of proposals, sharing that the priority focus areas of education and healthcare came out at the top, and that other industries such as regional needs were also highlighted. Ms. Madrigal and Ms. Lynne asked clarifying questions about how industry data was collected.

10:29am - Mr. Vinton shared actual list of proposed Planning grantees for Selection Committee members to discuss. Ms. Madrigal asked a question about proposed grantees not based in Colorado, leading Mr. Vinton to share that most of the proposed grantees are based in CO, and highlighted other considerations such as requests of the Steering Committee and the benefit of bringing out-of-state expertise into the state to help serve Coloradans.

Mr. Vinton also shared that Campo School District had lower evaluator scores, but cited this proposed grantee as an example of wanting to fund applicants in less populated areas, and shared the intention to fill their implementation-related gaps with Technical Assistance and support.

Mr. Esquibel highlighted Zivaro as a strong application that served rural communities and had their lead applicant based in an urban area in Denver.

10:44am - Mr. Vinton asked for Committee feedback to share for the overall pool. Ms. Lynne shared her general notion that applicants with more focus in the jobs and pathways created would have higher chances for success. Mr. Esquibel shared that in the review process, it might be good to note and highlight applicants that serve unique populations, but might have a lower amount of learners served. Ms. Madrigal complimented the process for being organized overall, and acknowledged the importance but also challenges of serving rural communities.

10:51am - Mr. Vinton asked for verbal approval of the proposed pool of Planning grantees, and all Committee members approved collectively.

10:52am - Mr. Vinton outlined next steps in the coming weeks and thanked everyone. Mr. Jaeckel echoed this appreciation. Mr. Vinton then closed out the meeting.