

3/31/2021

- Met with Andrea and shared with Deb. Final answer no later April 14th: Decision about distributing the funds. There might be a presentation to the coalition April 14th.
- We don't have the capacity to go down racial reconciliation. Black Led solutions when you're looking at black led solutions you need to first address trauma and create a space that is black led solutions. It wouldn't happen in one meeting. There's a lot of things that we'd need to be addressed before we generate solutions.
- Wanting to have conversation
- Roundtable discussions--facilitation tips
- Confirm groups
- Tiffany: Black-Led Co-Callers
- Dustin: Indigenous-Led Co-Callers
- Partner
- Steering Committee:
 - Sample agenda

Notes

2/24/2021

Proposal:

- \$150,000 Red Lake
- \$150,000 White Earth
- \$100,000 Sanneh Foundation
- \$100,000 The Real Minneapolis

Dustin will draft, send out via email to full grants group

Tiffany: can't make the weekly meetings of subgroups

Community-led hybrid model process:

- Snowball conversations
- Develop a proposal

- Have a

Metro voices in Review Committee and add'l resources

- How can we partner with and provide more support to tribal nations?
- Tribal Nations we discussed:
 - Red Lake Nation
 - White Earth Reservation Business Committee
- What is the best use for these funds? Seek out additional organizations?
- In order to meet the Coalition 20% allocation
 - We'd need to fundraise more or cut back
- We did partially fund a lot of organizations
 - Partially funding this set of 5--this seemed to make sense to me

From my budget-searching shenanigans yesterday, I think we had an additional \$222,000 50/50 split from those funds

100,000 to fully fund tribes

DLF at 1M 80/

Rural: 200,000 plus half the \$222,000 from ConnectedMN

Metro: 80,000

Fully fund both sovereign nations

- 1) Approval from Steering Committee
- 2) Run it by the coalition

Ability for grantees to repurpose grants--bring up Steering Committee

Best Buy Grants

- Lots of the applicants to Best Buy

Communicate to all grantees

- Careers--have until April 1st
- Teen and Tech--have until April 1st
- Re-apply

Energy until April on the other remaining funds

Two metro organization move forward--partial funding

600K for metro community-led investments

Minimize burden on community-led perspectives

Snowball phone calls, present a proposal to a review committee

Agenda

2/22/2021

Community-led solutions

- Goals of this community-led initiative
- Coalition partners
- Stay tuned applicants
- Other prospects

ConnectedMN investment/grants approach proposal for Wednesday

Stay Tuned

Round 1 awardees that applied but weren't funded at all in the second round:

Itasca Area School Collaborative - Deer River ISD-317 \$150,000

Little Crow Telemedia Network \$150,000

NW Links -Region 1 \$150,000

Southwest West Central Services Coop \$150,000

Round 2: Divvy up denied applicants looking for

Why aren't racialized and indigenous communities why isn't it that racialized group indigenous folks don't have these resources like computer and internet access to begin with?

Process:

- 1) Snowball learning inquiry
 - List of informants
 - Share what we're learning with one another
 - Have informal process
 - Bring back proposal about how we want to proceed with next round of investment
 - Steering Committee
- 2) Formal Ad-hoc Advisory Committee
 - Meet with individuals from March until April

Language: What we're looking fo

- 1) Stay tuned fully fund applicants
- 2) Still doing learning with Coalition and community informants and make a proposal for high-impact investment in community-led organization
- 3) Circle back with Review Committee

Proposal to Steering Committee: Fully fund all 5 organizations

Community Integration Center	\$150,000	GM
Red Lake Nation	\$148,750	GM
The Real Minneapolis	\$150,000	M
The Sanneh Foundation	\$148,904	M
White Earth Reservation Business Committee	\$150,000	GM
	\$747,654	252,346

Tiffany get a sense of what their need is:

1. The Real Minneapolis (Dustin + Tiffany)
2. Sanneh Foundation (Tiffany)
3. Community Integration Center (Dustin) follow up with Hussein before CIC
4. Dustin will forward Tiffany email

Dustin will present this proposal to Steering Committee on Wednesday

Grants Subgroup Meeting Notes

12/7/2020

Agenda:

1) Confirm schedule/timing



ConnectedMN Round 2 Timeline

RFP Posted – Applications Open	Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Applications Close	Tuesday, January 26, 2020
Applications processed, organized for staff reviewers	Wednesday, January 27, 2020
Applications sent to staff reviewers for review	Thursday, January 28, 2020
Staff review memos due	Monday, February 1, 2020
Applications/staff review memos sent to Review Committee for ranking	Tuesday, February 2, 2020
Review Committee meets	Monday, February 8, 2020
Review Committee decisions sent to GA for processing	Tuesday, February 9, 2020
All grants processed by	Friday, February 19, 2020

Process

- Keep staff **Staff Memo Writer** process
- Due diligence of grantees can be done in advance of end of the grantee selection
- Review Process
 - Short Review Committee meeting upfront: What are all the questions for this application?
 - Would have liked to reach out to grantees with questions, then agree on who is going to follow up
 - Review Committee: be empowered to ask question about applications OR Staff Memo Writers be bulk assigned to proposals that a given Review Committee member is assigned
 - We'd want to be careful that three different people don't call a given grantee
 - Ex: 15 applications with 3 different staff reviews

Dustin: provide new timeline given feedback with Collectivity support

2) Outline communications plan

Met last week with the coalition

- **RFP 2.0 General Announcement of RFP**
 - ConnectedMN website--launch Dec. 15th
 - Redirect ConnectedMN website
 - Email Hubspot listserv--Dec. 15th
 - Social media push
 - Press release;
 - Rev Committee

- Steering Committee
- **Partner roles in promotion of the RFP**
 - Social Media with partners Blandin, SPMF, BB, Comcast, Govt, others...
 - Send social media and targeted emails to coalition partners
- **Targeted Outreach**
 - (Bernadine willing to take on): 11 tribal governments and 4 tribal schools get direct communication (Bush could help too)

Coalition wants to know: When can they talk about the digital learning fund? Target wants to know

3) Finalize RFP

Discussion:

- There are new and emerging needs that are changing and growing from first round grantees
- Honor intent of coalition to focus on BIPOC community by not overlooking original grantees

Proposal: Allow all applications Review Committee to decide

- No advantage and no demerits if they were a round one grantee
- **ADD question to application:** If you were a round one grantee: What would you like the Review Committee to know about your first round of funding?

Decision: Can first round grantees receive funding: yes

Data: Application

% repeat applications

% BIPOC-led organization

Decision: Program Design change was adopted

Proposal: Expectations management for the 80/20% split --Anne and Dustin will make a proposal for language

ConnectedMN past reference and future reference

4) Set up plan to re-engage Review Committee

Shared understanding to build:

- Shared understandings we should build w/Review Committee:
 - Grant size and budget
- What a METN is
- Value of teacher development and that it's part of the grant program goals

TO DO:

- RFP: Anne and Dustin add a line to RFP: Expectations management for the 80/20% split
- RFP: BIPOC focus
- Final copy via email tomorrow to grants subgroup
- RFP: Share will full Steering Committee
- Process: Dustin: provide new timeline (meet with Jenny to co-develop)
- Communications: Dustin: List of organizations that are waiting at the coalition
- Communications: Jenny, Anne, Jessica, Gus and Scott to meet this week about website/communications

Grants Subgroup Meeting Notes

11/30/2020

Program Goals

- * **More language around families** didn't want to confuse people, so leave in students only
- * **What types of solutions, is there a specific focus?**
- * **Is teacher development a goal? We do highlight it in the project examples, call it out here?**

Eligibility

- * **Those that have already received funding** Tiffany: In this case have it be eligible only for new applicants would only be in our best interest. For those that weren't fully funded I don't know if it will be significant enough to make a difference.
- * **Eligibility specific - what buckets are in or out**
- * **Multiple grants from original grantees**

Project Examples

- * **Is teacher development a goal?** Review Committee: educate them on the value of teacher development

Evaluation Criteria

- * **Nonprofit capacity to accomplish stated outcomes**
- Comprehensiveness: both disclosure to nonprofit and

Funding

- * **Grant size...** Tiffany: I'm fine with us keeping it at \$150,000. Most orgs didn't request the full amount.

Questions

- * **Handling applicant inquiries**--Bernadine and Tiffany happy to be listed as contacts, but if the number gets overwhelming, they can delegate to others. It wasn't too overwhelming last time but just in case.

Application

* **Question about other funders...including govt?** Included in sample budget

Not a 50/50 split this time, be transparent that the funding allocation is 80%/20% to GreaterMN.

Launch: Tuesday December 15th closes Tuesday Jan. 26th to complete

Meeting tomorrow from the Digital Learning Fund team.

Press Release on the fund and fundraising go live at the same time as the RFP. Because we'll be more targeted with the RFP we'll loop RFP info into that press release.

Harmonize communication with coalition partners

Early Feb: standalone to last time announcement that talks about the impact--figure out who owns that. Hoping the decisions will be made by Monday Feb. 8th and funds distributed. Announce it 1-2 weeks after.

Not eligible for those that did receive funding in the first round? Fund a group that had applied

I want to go a mile deep with these orgs and we can't. Given that we're half way through the school year.

Templates: on one hand could be helpful for consistency, on the other hand could

Changes:

Eligible applicants: first round grantees: include or not?

Evaluation criteria--offered up project feasibility as alternative to comprehensiveness

Restored listing Tiffany and Bernadine as contacts--dispatch inquiries as needed

Budget: template or not?