

AOC Grants Subcommittee Meeting

Date:

September 11, 2023 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Attendees:

Jeff Hawthorne, City Arts Manager

Margo Norton, AOC TSCC Member

Ellen Thomas, AOC Committee Member

Carlee Smith, AOC Committee Member

Dawn Isaacs, City AEAF Coordinator

Discussion:

The committee discussed the importance of publishing public notice of these meetings with an agenda at least a week in advance.

The committee discussed what they would like RACC to include in their presentation to the full AOC at our next meeting on October 12, 2023. RACC will be given approximately 20 minutes. The committee's request of RACC may include:

- A comprehensive summary of RACC's reporting and metrics – ask RACC to tell us what their goals are.
- A better of understanding of what RACC looks for when awarding grants for arts access and art in under-served communities. And do they track whether the funded activities occurred, and who was served?
- More detail on demographics of who was served.
- Asking RACC to explain what qualitative data they capture, and what insights they have on the impact of the grants they award.
- Asking RACC to explain how they decide on the split between General Operating Support (no more than 95%) and grants for arts access (at least 5%) – and do they have a recommendation on the appropriate ratio?
- Understanding RACC's practice or policy of awarding (or not awarding) grants to schools.

- An “exit interview” of sorts.

Jeff noted that the City’s contract with RACC currently describes “underrepresented communities” as focusing on Black, Indigenous, Latinx/Latine, Asian, Pacific Islander and Multiracial; LGBTQIA+ communities; and individuals with disabilities.

The committee will consider recommending language for the City’s new grantmaking RFPs, such as, "What specific strategies will you employ to ensure that grants are effectively targeted, and how will you ensure that the goals of the AEF are met?"

Ellen suggested a meeting to map out all of the policies and inter-related components of the AEF.

The committee agreed that the Chair would send RACC guidance for RACC’s presentation on October 12. RACC will have 15-20 minutes to discuss the following:

- What opportunities do you see for grantmaking?
- What do you want the AOC to know?
- Do you have other thoughts on the RFP process?

The next two meetings of the Grants Subcommittee will be **Weds 9/20 from 11-12** and **Weds 9/27 from 11-12**.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.