Program Policy Evaluation Committee

MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2023
Google Meet

It shall be the duty of the Program Policy Evaluation Committee to review and assess, as necessary, on-going programs maintained by the Council; to study new program initiatives for Council consideration; to direct the Council’s on-going planning process with respect to policies, programs, and Council operations; to make recommendations for Council action on these matters when appropriate; and to undertake such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct. The committee shall consist of no fewer than three members

In attendance:
Councilors: Carole Alexander, Joel Snyder, Chris Sloan, John Schratwieser, Paige Hernandez,

Staff: Steven Skerritt-Davis, Ryan Patterson, Chad Buterbaugh, Cathy Teixeira, Laura Weiss, Emily Sollenberger, Tammy Oppel, Nora Howell, Lizzie Morales

The meeting was called to order by Shelley at approximately 1:00pm

Land acknowledgement statement, Equity and Justice statement, Vision and Mission statement, Goals, Creative Meeting Actions read aloud.

Approval of August 2023, Committee Minutes

Joel, John 2nd made a motion to approve the August 2023 Program Policy Evaluation Committee minutes. All approve, no abstentions

Line Items
● Other SAAs have policies to discourage earmarks
● Revenue from non-capital line items currently considered allowable income
● Policy to make line items non-allowable income for purposes of calculating GFO grant amounts
● Convos MCA can have with legislators
● Motion: John makes motion, 2nd - Chris, all vote, no abstentions, motion passes
GFO Non-allowable line items policy proposal timeline
- proposed: language from previous slide, additions effective either FY25, FY26; Staff recommends FY26 implementation
- Organizations pursuing FY25 line items, won’t see the effects until fy27
- John expressed support for the staff recommendation given the information presented
- Motion: John, Chris 2nd, all vote, no abstention, motion passes

Arts Capital Program
- Grant Amounts
  - Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment - $5,000-$100,000
  - Design Preparation & Planning - $5,000-$100,000
  - Construction up to - $300,000
- Eligibility - ineligible to apply until previous project is completed
- Eligibility - arts and cultural education or experiences as a core part of mission or vision
- Ineligible Organizations
- Application Components - Overview, Project Plan, Administrative Capacity, Attachments
- Rubric
  - Project Plan
  - Community Impact and Engagement
  - Project Management and Organizational Capacity
- Chris expressed concern about local government official approval
- John expressed concern that public dollars invested in privately owned institutions or buildings is “questionable.” Chris pointed out that precluding renters would make ineligible a lot of local art councils.
- Staff reminded councilors that the recommended policies are for the pilot year of the program and clarified that any changes councilors wished to make would be forwarded to the council.
- Motion : Paige, 2nd: John, all vote, no oppose, no abstentions, motion passes

Grants for Artists
- Grant Amount decreased to $2,500
- Remove income as a criterion
- Add work sample to verify artistic activity
- Joel asked a question about the ineligible activities around lobbying, Chad clarified.
- Motion - John, 2nd Paige, all vote, no oppose, no abstentions, motion passes
Folklife Network
• Staff shared ideas for a proposed expansion of the Folklife Network in the coming years

Creativity Grant
• Staff shared plans for a limited revision of the Creativity Grant program for FY25

New Business
• none

Adjourned at approximately 2:32pm