COVID-19 LOCAL ASSISTANCE MATCHING GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

UTAH STATE CAPITOL - SUITE 150
350 N STATE STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114
OCTOBER 28, 2021
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Register for Zoom participation

ATTENDEES: Representative Carl Albrecht, Sophia DiCaro, Brandy Grace, Cameron Diehl, Senator Kirk Cullimore, Katie Miner, Abby Orton, Sarah Wright, Taylor Kauffman, Liam Thrailkill, and various members of the public through Zoom.

AGENDA:

*Please note: start times for minute items are approximate

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- Chairwoman Sophia DiCaro welcomed the committee back to the Capitol for the 3rd Covid-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Review Committee meeting this week. To date, this is the last meeting that has been scheduled.
 - The goal of this meeting is to finalize the funding list.
- Taylor Kauffman then reviewed the purpose of this Committee
 - Give recommendations to GOPB on the allocations of the funds. GOPB will then award and monitor the grants.
 - Base the recommendations off the information provided in the application from the local government entity.
 - Duty to comply with the treasury guidelines. This was followed in the criteria of the application which the Committee voted to approve in the Sept. 9th, 2021 meeting.
- Taylor Kauffman then emphasized that some of the projects are labeled as "unclear" under ARPA eligibility. These projects typically need more information to determine

ARPA eligibility. He warned against putting any risk on the state or the local governments who are awarded the funds. There are different levels of "unclear", some projects maybe just need some clarification.

- Chairwoman DiCaro emphasized that this is an important disclaimer on how the Committee proceeds today. GOPB's preference would be to not move forward with projects if they are unclear on their ARPA eligibility.
- Discussion around ARPA eligibility and funding scenarios ensued between the Committee.
 - Representative Albrecht added that he thought that it would be worthwhile to reach out to the applicants for more information and then decide on the eligibility.

Senator Cullimore made a motion to recognize that some projects are classified as "unclear", but that is not a barrier for approval today. The Committee will then set a date by which applicants with "unclear" ARPA status have to come back to the Committee with more information.

- Motion seconded by Brandy Grace.
- Discussion on the motion then proceeded.
 - Committee discussed setting a deadline that the "unclear" ARPA eligible applicants have to provide requested information to staff.
 - Discussion over how to reconcile which funding list these "unclear" ARPA projects that need more information would go in.
 - Representative Albrecht suggested that they set a deadline of November 15th, 2021.
 - Taylor Kauffman told the Committee that GOPB's goal is to start awarding the grants mid-November. He explained that the term "unclear" was just chosen as a general word for projects that have questionable ARPA eligibility, but there are different levels of "unclear" between each project.

Senator Cullimore substituted the motion: as a Committee, we can authorize the projects classified as "unclear". By November 15th, 2021, the applicants of the projects that were determined "unclear" have to provide information, clarify and/or make their case for eligibility to Taylor Kauffman. If the project is still determined "unclear" they drop off the funding list.

• Motion passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Brandy Grace motioned that the Committee approve the projects that have support from at least three evaluators at the funding amounts reflected on the current spreadsheet and discussed the previous day.

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

- Discussion on projects with at least two Committee members' support took place.
 - Chairwoman DiCaro expressed favor towards the projects that are not marked as "unclear" ARPA eligibility.

Cameron Diehl made a motion to put the projects with two or more Committee members' support in front of the Committee for consideration which would essentially be the projects at the bottom of the list.

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.
- Taylor Kauffman clarified with the group that they just recommended funding all of the projects that have two or more Committee members' support, at the previously discussed amounts
 - The Committee concurred.
- The Committee then decided to rank the "unclear" projects from most to least desirable as they will be considered overflow projects.

Senator Cullimore motioned to make the Fisher Ranch Water Treatment Plant number one on the overflow "unclear" ARPA eligibility list being created.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Cameron Diehl motioned to accept the order of 2-5 on the overflow "unclear" ARPA eligibility list as follows: Pahvant Trail System and Race Track, East Zion Visitor Center, South Jordan Environmental Remediation, and Salt Lake City Pedestrian Bridge.

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht.
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.
 - o Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.

Cameron Diehl motioned to move the Granary District Flood Plain Mitigation and Re-Mapping project to the top of the "unclear" ARPA eligibility overflow list that was created.

- Seconded by Brandy Grace
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.
- Discussion over possibly bringing forward more funding for accepted projects or recommending other projects, essentially a tier two list, to meet the desired funding limit that was appropriated.

Cameron Diehl motioned to add another \$1 million to the Southwest Quadrant Water Storage and Sewer project as a secondary additional amount if there are projects that happen to fall off of the original list and/or overflow "unclear" list created.

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.
- Chairwoman DiCaro opened up the floor to start discussing projects that had one person in support or other projects that were also submitted. This will be used as the backup list if any of the original projects fall off the list.
 - Deliberations over the remaining projects took place.

Cameron Diehl made a motion to move forward the Walnut Lane Apartments project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Representative Albrecht made a motion to move forward the Hilldale Groundwater System Project and Austin Community SSD Culinary Water Improvements projects for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Senator Cullimore.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Cameron Diehl made a motion to move forward the Pure SoJo Water Purification Project and the Davis Well Treatment Project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Senator Cullimore.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Representative Albrecht made a motion to move forward the Sewer Lagoon Repairs project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Representative Albrecht made a motion to move forward the Wellington Water Improvement Project 2021 and the Hildale Utah Last Mile Extension projects for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.

Brandy Grace made a motion to move forward the Dutch John Water Tank and Treatment Plant project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl.
- Passed unanimously with all Committee members present.
- Brandy Grace left the Committee meeting.
- Cameron Diehl asked Taylor Kauffman for clarification on the Intervention to Create New Offices and Food Pantry for Town in Bluff, Utah and why it was marked "unclear" on ARPA eligibility.
 - Taylor Kauffman responded that it was because it is a capital project for a building, what the building would offer would be eligible, but the actual cost of construction and building materials would not be eligible. Based on the explanation provided, he wasn't sure that this fits within the treasury guidance.
 - Cameron Diehl added that possibly with some more information, the project could be justified as eligible.

Representative Albrecht made a motion to move forward the Intervention to Create New Offices and Food Pantry for Town (Bluff) project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Senator Cullimore made a substitute motion to include the Summit County Senior Services project on the secondary funding list as well.
- Seconded by Cameron Diehl
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.
 - o Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.

Representative Albrecht made a motion to move forward the San Rafael Energy Research Center (SRERC) Sanitary Sewer Line Project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.
 - o Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.

Senator Cullimore made a motion to list these secondary projects that were just added in order of priority from lowest dollar amount gets highest priority to highest dollar amount gets lowest priority (after the Southwest Quadrant Water Storage and Sewer project \$1 million allocated).

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.

- o Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.
- Taylor Kauffman then summarized the numbers and gave the committee a quick summary of everything that they just recommended. He described that the report to EAC in December will be a summary of everything that was funded today.

Cameron Diehl made a motion to move forward the Lewiston City Culinary Water System Improvements project for consideration of the Committee and place it on the secondary funding list while still keeping the list in funding order from lowest amount funded to highest.

- Seconded by Representative Albrecht
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.
 - o Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.

Representative Albrecht moved that the Committee adopt the final funding lists that were created as shown on the spreadsheet.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.
 - Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.

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Representative Albrecht entertained a motion to adjourn.

- Seconded by Cameron Diehl
- Passed unanimously by the Committee members present.
 - o Brandy Grace was absent during the vote.