

Community Impact and Special Grant Meeting
Review 2017-2020 Grants and 2021-2024
Review Requests/Applications for 2022-2025 Grants
August 9, 2022

Present: Caroline Horne, Anne Swartzentruber, Jim Matney, Dave Buckridge, Rod Howell, Lisa Zeanah, Kashima Lattimore, Steve Scarrow.

REVIEW 2017-2020 GRANTS AND 2021-2024

COVID delayed many of the 2017-2020 grants. See information and details on each organization below.

(2017-2020)

Kim Yarbrough – Arts Center - \$30,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Arts, Books and Children’s Program

This grant was completed and ended when Kim Yarbrough retired from the Arts Center.

The remaining balance of \$2500 was put back into the CI and Special Grant fund.

(2017-2020)

Randy Weldon & Sondra Hampton – SWGACAC - \$21,535 TOTAL REQUEST

YES! Summer Expansion Program.

This program was cancelled due to COVID. The remaining balance of \$7,300 was put back in the CI/SG fund.

(2017 – 2020)

Family Connections – Janet Sheldon - \$24,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Colquitt County Baby Book

Committee and full board approved the finalization of the grant. The completion of the grant was successful and the final payment of \$22,500 was written and disbursed on April 19, 2022. Janet will keep us updated on the prints and we will get a copy of the book.

(2017-2020)

Colquitt Regional - Dawn Johns / Tonya Brown - \$24,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Health Occupations Internships and Math Enrichment Program

An email was sent to Dawn Johns and Tonya Brown with a report attached and an update request. We requested information on this program, along with any information whether they needed the continued funding or went a different route. The remaining balance is \$10,000. No response yet.

(2021-2024)

Leadership Legends – RJ Taylor and Brian Knighton \$24,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Providing eighth grade, African American males with leadership opportunities and training.

RJ Taylor spoke at the Campaign Breakfast Kickoff for 2022 during the 2021 year. We gave \$6,000 for the first payment of the first year. We are behind in paying these grants for the second payment in the first year. They are working on a year end report, which we will then catch up on their payments to continue the second year.

(2021-2024)

Arts Center – Kim Yarbrough and Connie Fritz - \$24,000 TOTAL REQUEST

heART Smart

Kim wrote the proposal for this grant and then she retired and no longer works with the Arts Center. Connie tried taking on the grant and couldn't get the participation we requested. She had it posted on several media outlets but no response. She has agreed to let this grant go and the balance of \$18,000 will go back into the CI/SG fund.

(2021-2024)

Project Purpose – Barbara Grogan - \$1,000 and then \$10,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Connecting students with jobs and careers out of high school.

Approved for \$1,000 in 2021, but the program only had one student to go through the program. They did not take the \$1,000. In early 2022, they requested \$10,000 with a plan to get more students. A year end report was sent in July with no response. Waiting to hear how the program went and how many kids benefitted from it.

(2021-2024)

Colquitt County Schools/PreK Program – Nick Chastain - \$30,000 TOTAL REQUEST

Dolly Parton Imagination Library – free monthly books for children birth to age five.

Approved for \$10,000 a year for three years. The first check of \$10,000 was given in 2021. A year end report was submitted to continue the program the second year. A check will be mailed to this organization.

NEW COMMUNITY IMPACT REQUESTS FOR 2022-2025 GRANTS

(2022-2025)

Art for all – COMMITTEE DENIED

Arts Center – Connie Fritz

Request \$12,200

Open studio opportunities for community members of all ages to explore a variety of art experiences with the hope that they might identify or renew a hobby or income generating passion. Providing workshops or classes in accessible locations. Offering free of charge. Expenses for consumable supplies.

Committee denied because it looks like the same request from previous years. The committee agreed the organization needs to work on the facility before adding on new programs. The heART Smart program didn't succeed, so the committee feels that this isn't currently following along with our mission and goals.

(2022-2025)

Welcome Home Kits - COMMITTEE APPROVED

Colquitt County School Packer Pre-K Program – Nick Chastain

Request \$24,000

This program will pave the way to improve the literacy skills, dental health, and parenting skills of all children and their parents/family in Colquitt County by providing a free welcome home kit for every child born at Colquitt Regional. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will be a partner program to this welcome home kit with information for the free books program in each kit. Offering free of charge. Expenses for consumable supplies.

(2022-2025)

The Basics - COMMITTEE APPROVED

MCCLS – Erin Honeycutt & Archway Committee – Youth Development & Education

Request \$24,000

An evidenced based approach to early literacy and learning. Printable resources and materials for caretakers and parents to help teach or interact with their young learner right from birth and before the start of school. Target ages is 0-3. Other media outlets will include billboards, radio, social media, websites, newspaper, yard signs, direct mailings, magazines, and much more. Offering free of charge. Expenses for consumable supplies/communication pieces like printing.

(2022-2025)

Mentor Kits for Elementary Schools - COMMITTEE APPROVED

CC Educational Foundation – Dale Rickett / Brad Gregory

Request \$10,000

Mentor Toolkits to be placed at each elementary school. Mentors are to be trained on how to use these toolkits to provide necessary supplemental literacy instruction to support students assigned by the program. CCEF targets at-risk students in the lower elementary grades to provide them with the needed support in early literacy skills to close the gap that widened during the pandemic. Offering free of charge. Expenses for consumable supplies/communication pieces like printing.

(2022-2025)

Mental Health Coaching - – COMMITTEE DENIED

Restored Coaching and Consulting – Mitch Griffin

Request \$8,000

Established to provide foundational religious instruction for the purpose of equipping individuals and organizations with the means to pursue healthy and meaningful relationships with God, self, and others both privately and in the workplace. Teaching people who want to change, how to change. One-on-one life coaching. Local businesses use this organization to conduct workplace relationships and behaviors to better work conflicts, etc. John Norman and Mission Moultrie to join with Restored Coaching in the future. Expenses range from salary, contract labor and taxes to supplies, travel and occupancy.

Committee denied because of the need for a diverse board, better explanation of financials and expenses, and the need for more types of measurable outcomes.

(2022-2025)

Pathways to Excellence - COMMITTEE APPROVED

Boys & Girls Club – Joel Jenkins

Request \$24,000

Serve ages 5-18 through targeted, evidenced-based programs to achieve academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyle outcomes. Pathways to Excellence implements three interventions to offset learning gaps and aid learning recovery throughout the Club experience: Project Learn high yield learning activities; Power Hour homework help and tutoring; Positive Action programming using intrinsic motivation to develop and maintain positive behavior patterns. Changed membership dues for parents and does not refuse a child for inability to pay. Expenses will offset staffing (\$3,000 for 2 program staff/ twice a week for 1 hour), program supplies (\$1,500 for curriculum books, DIY STEM project materials, markers, crayons, robotic supplies), food and training.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee seemed to all strongly approve early literacy initiatives. The committee voted to approve \$82,000 in Community Impact Requests.

NEW SPECIAL GRANT REQUESTS FOR 2022

More food – COMMITTEE DENIED

Food Bank – Stephen Gregory and Laura Keith

Request \$2,500

YTD has filled 2,903 orders which equates to 120,915 meals. No postal drive for three years.

Committee denied because the paperwork was completed correctly even after Caroline gave numerous changes to change and reapply. Caroline will reach out again to get the paperwork correctly completed and the committee will reconsider the request due to the great need.

Learning Center - COMMITTEE APPROVED

Crossroads Mission – Sean Casteel

Request \$5,216

\$3,500 for contractor and \$1,716 for computers. New learning center for residents. Needed the funds around first week of June or mid-June. Has already paid but requested a reimbursement. Caroline sees text message from Sean.

AC Unit - COMMITTEE APPROVED

Serenity House – Haley Clark

Request \$3,100

Functional A/C Unit needed from upstairs. Currently high temperatures limit what can be stored at shelter.

Supplies and Computers - COMMITTEE APPROVED

Colquitt Co. 4-H – Valerie Bennett

Request \$2,499

Educational materials and travel tablets for children and staff

Kitchen Floors - COMMITTEE APPROVED

Arts Center – Connie Fritz

Request \$5,000

Kitchen tile needs replacing which serves rentals. Loose tiles create unsafe work environment for renters and guests. Currently replacing the dishwasher \$16,200 and needs help offsetting the cost of the tile replacement. Hopes to boost rentals to help create a profit for the Arts Center. The request was originally from the MSL.

AmeriCorps Member - COMMITTEE APPROVED

United Way of Colquitt County – Caroline Horne

Request \$15,000

One World Link “OWL” is a nonprofit that works sort of like United Way as it uses local resources to solve local problems. They partner with organizations to create partnerships and address workforce challenges.

AmeriCorps are members placed in organizations to increase efficiency, effectiveness and program-reach through capacity building activities by recruiting a new generation of community advocates who are ready to support and facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to the improved economic well-being and security of economically disadvantaged people in the South GA region. We would be responsible for \$15,000 matching fund per member, assistance in identifying potential member, and identification of site/location. OWL provides member recruitment, member retention, management of all paperwork, program administration (paying member stipends, signing them up for healthcare, etc), and managing all federal grant requirements. AmeriCorps Member receives training and continuous member development, \$18,000 living stipend over 10 months, health insurance, childcare subsidy, loan forbearance, \$6,495 educational award after successful completion of program, relevant certifications. UW pays \$15,000 and the federal grant matches the rest of the funds. It, also, is written as a grant and not an overhead expense or salary.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee voted to approve \$30,816 in Special Grants.