

Memo

To: Judy Harper
From: Bill R. Martinez
CC:
Date: 12/9/2013
Re: Challenge Grants

Per your request, I am sending along some information related to our Youth Development challenge grant process. Also attached to this email are the application and Instructions Sheet. The latter includes the scoring guidelines used by our review panel in considering the applications.

We were budgeted for up to ten grants, but received only eight applications. Of these, two were considered to be outside the guidelines for award, in both cases specifically because they did not promote youth leadership. In both cases, we are working with the applicants to provide project proposals that are more in line with our intents. If interested, I can provide copies of the notification letters sent to each applicant, including the two noted above.

Members of the VPC Steering Committee and staff met January 20 to review the applications. Reviewers included myself and Gilbert Salinas; Billie Weiss (former Director), Ellen Sanchez (Steering Committee Chair), Chris Chavez (Youth Task Force Committee Chair) and Jerry Factor (Steering Committee Member At Large); and Daniel Healey from the UCLA Injury Prevention Center. Because we had fewer applications than potential grants, we did not conduct a formal 'scoring' of each application. Rather, we discussed each individually, specifically to whether each achieved the intentions of the grants. The following are notes specific to each application:

Kavanaugh Community: This proposal was considered to fall outside the guidelines for the grant because it was not youth-driven, and did not promote the Public Health Model. Through subsequent discussions, they are sending a modified proposal that fits within the guidelines.

Project LAURA: This applicant was accepted; however, the proposing agency does not yet have their final 501(c)(3) determination letter. We have suggested that their program partner, Project Cry No More, be the grantee.

Peace Over Violence: Accepted without change.

Street Poets, Inc.: The application was accepted, but the agency must first complete their membership renewal.

Teen Line: Accepted without change.

Watts Century Latino Organization: Accepted, with some recommendations regarding program scheduling.

Flintridge Operating Foundation: Accepted without change.

Youth Justice Coalition: This proposal was considered to fall outside the guidelines for the grant because it was not youth-driven, and did not promote the Public Health Model. Through subsequent discussions, they are sending a modified proposal that will fit within the guidelines.

As noted, we are preparing to fund eight grants, leaving a balance of \$5,000. We are proposing to the Factor Family Foundation that they allow us to use the balance of funds to support a joint project among all recipients, as a way to build a working relationship and better communications among program participants.