

Everett Cultural Council

Parlin Library Meeting Room

Wednesday January 10, 2024, at 7PM

- I. Roll Call of Committee members. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.

All members were present:

Martha Chason-Sokol

Karen McCune Barca

Sioux Gerow

Komal Markan

Lucy Pineda

Katy Rogers

- II. Reading of last meeting's minutes

- III. Treasurer's finance report

Funds to grant for 2024: \$34,759.40

- We still have the remaining money from the Citizen's Grant: \$4446

That is separate from the money we give as grants

- For grants, we have the \$30,000 allotted to Everett this year

Plus there is money left over (never spent)

- \$1500 we had held for administrative funds

- \$1084.40 unused from ECC program funds

Plus there are 2 grants that were declined (Everett Library):

- Game Together \$1375, 3-D Printing \$800

The grant requests for 2024 add up to: \$90,280

There were 36 grant applications (some repeats from last year and some new)

Some applicants asked for more than \$1500.

If we stick with our maximum of \$1500, then the grants add up to: \$43,880

**** grant \$\$ aren't final until 2 week appeal period is passed and then we vote on final decisions***

- IV. Focus on purpose and strategy for today's meeting/review rubric.

- MCC Purpose: There is no community without culture. That's why we support Local Cultural Councils, festival organizers, Cultural Districts, and artists and nonprofit cultural organizations to deliver powerful cultural experiences to everyone in our communities.

- ECC Fairness: In order to judge the proposals fairly we use a rubric.
- Reminders from the MCC guidelines and local guidelines
Topic: unconfirmed location...we can write up a "condition" that there be an Everett location
Topic: size ...small is okay

V. Update on outreach for additional information from grant seekers

FY24-LCC-72146 Will it take place in Everett? Film ready in April, Maybe Shute Library

FY24-LCC-65113 Location? Lt Joseph Wehner Park, Broadway/Lynn St (or can be connected with another event if interested)

FY24-LCC-67730 confirmation that A. will participate as videographer? Yes

FY24-LCC-66123 Missing letter of support? Email exchange with Everett Rehab - okay

FY24-LCC-70466 confirm location, permission Email stated it will be in an Everett park instead for easier public access

FY24-LCC-71056 1. has spoken with the city - no letter yet but will forward the letter when/if he receives it 2. does not have a current image yet but provided images of past murals 3. He was told that if he receives a rejection, he has two weeks to appeal.

FY24-LCC-61831 - how does this specifically help Everett - promotes Haitian food in Everett as well as in the universities. She is looking into a cooking show on ECTV

FY24-LCC-60418 - letter from Grace Church - no response

FY24-LCC-58384 - all set, letter arrived with high praise.

FY24-LCC-66631 - permission from library - said she was planning with the library, but didn't have a date yet, so no formal letter yet. Suggested she ask for a general letter. No response to the original email chain.

VI. A) Voting on changes to proposals

Discussion on rubric, applicants' compliance with guidelines and procedures, adapting the rubric for next time to include compliance as a factor

VI. B) Review each proposal, score according to rubric, discuss any issues and vote on each proposal.

Suggestion to first amend the proposals with the new information listed above.

Agreement to go forward and compare the numbers and then go back and review the proposals one by one.

Decision to score all the proposals first

Confusion about what that meant

Discussion on process – voting one by one or in batches based on rubric score

No consensus was reached

Continued with the process using the batch method

Reviewed rubric scores of each application, calculated averages

Discussed next steps of process

Katy recommended rated on scale 1-13:

11-13 excellent

8-10 interested

6-7 maybe?

Less than 6 = not recommended

Moved forward by looking at lowest scores first and determined 5 that were significantly low on the rubric

FY24-LCC-68488

FY24-LCC-67134

FY24-LCC-66213

FY24-LCC-59920

FY24-LCC-61523

Motion made by Karen MB to reject those 5, 2nd by Katy

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved forward looking at highest rubric scores and calculated what they added up to and how much grant money was then left to fund applications.

Karen made a motion to award those applications, 2nd by Sioux

Motion passed unanimously.

FY24-LCC-65629

FY24-LCC-60022

FY24-LCC-57774
FY24-LCC-60201
FY24-LCC-67730
FY24-LCC-69936
FY24-LCC-69028
FY24-LCC-58607
FY24-LCC-63304
FY24-LCC-67566
FY24-LCC-66123
FY24-LCC-56541
FY24-LCC-56544
FY24-LCC-61801
FY24-LCC-67430
FY24-LCC-64337
FY24-LCC-64630
FY24-LCC-70466
FY24-LCC-57954
FY24-LCC-57958
FY24-LCC-71198
FY24-LCC-67816
FY24-LCC-69604

Moved forward looking at remaining applications and discussed funding them partially. Discussed and agreed to saving final numbers for the next meeting after the 15-day appeal period for the applications that were rejected.

Disappointment voiced regarding the process.

Discussed and agreed to postponing remaining agenda items for the next meeting.

Discussed and agreed on the next meeting planned for Wednesday January 31st at 7pm at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM