

Montpelier Community Fund Board

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Zoom Only

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 878 6562 6694

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- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Set grant round deadlines/calendar for FY26 including community feedback session
- 3) Review current application and report for possible updates
- 4) Recruitment of new members (come with ideas!)
- 5) Appoint new chair! :-)

Minutes:

Meeting to order 4:03

In Attendance: Dan, Chris, Mairead, Shaina

Approve the agenda put forward by Shaina and approved by Dan

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Current Montpelier City budget plan for MCF: Budget has MCF level funded at 131,150 with a question if it will be on the town meeting budget to have at all. If they separate it out as a separate budget, it could be voted down with nothing to give.
 - Was not in the budget survey at all specifically
 - And another organization jointly petitioned with the library as they were not getting the funds needed
 - They could also go for the November Election
 - continuing to level fund / underfund us as the need grows will backfire as participants will ask for more and will get voted up every time.
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- Shaina (and Chris) can go to speak
 - Shaina will shoot a message asking for timing and seeing if it will come up

- Message:
 - Level funding is underfunding as the need grows

2. Calendar:

- Webinar grant seekers forum Feb 27 and application goes live 4-5pm
 - (to present on the process and answer questions but not to provide feedback on potential changes)
 - *To be publicly warned*
- Applications due April 18
- Readings assigned to committee members April 25
- Decision-Making Meeting May 14 4-6pm
 - *to be publicly warned*
- Present to the council at their convenience around May 30
- Send notifications June 16
- Checks mailed after July 1

3. Current Application and possible updates:

- Dan has gotten feedback about onerous application process
- Should more clearly state in the application that they should share final report for two years ago and interim report for current year
- Could also add recommended character limits
- Christopher to offer changes to the current three documents for clarification and updates for the fiscal year, send them to the group, and then everyone else can make additional comments or changes, shared back to Christopher individually
- Dan to solicit feedback from people who have previously applied.
- Goal of updates done and to Mary by Jan 15

Recruitment of new members:

- Hannah Smith - have her send letter of interest and resume to council
- And Chris to reach out to Matt McClaine at the high school re: community-based learning cohort for one or two high school students.
- And all members need to reapply except for Dan; Chris will ask about reapplications
 - Dan Groberg- March 2026
 - Mairead Harris- September 2024
 - Shaina Kasper- August 2024
 - Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, Chair- December 2023
 - Vacant

Appoint new chair:

- Christopher can continue to do it through decision-making and Chris can step off at that point and someone needs to step up at some point around town meeting day - and want an incoming chair through the process

Meeting Adjourned 4:39