

Montpelier Community Fund Board Minutes

Thursday May 30, 2024 - Zoom

Present: Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, Shaina Kasper, Dan Groberg, Mairead Harris

Meeting called to order 12:04

Agenda approved by unanimous consent

Committee agreed to fund applications at the following amounts:

- All Brains Belong - \$750
- American Red Cross - \$0
- Capstone Community Action - \$500
- Central VT Adult Basic Ed - \$4000
- Central VT Community Radio - \$2000
- Central VT Council on Aging - \$5000
- Central VT Habitat for Humanity - \$4000
- CIRCLE - \$2500
- Community Harvest of Central VT - \$5500
- Downstreet Housing - \$5000
- Everybody Wins! Vermont - \$750
- Elevate Youth Services - Basement Teen Center - \$15,000
- Friends of the Winooski - \$1000
- Good Beginnings of Central Vermont - \$1000
- Good Samaritan Haven - \$18000
- Green Up Vermont - \$300
- Home Share Now - \$1500
- Just Basics—Montpelier Home Delivery Program - \$15,000
- MRPS Partners in Education Corp - \$2000
- North Branch Nature Center - \$5000
- Pathways Vermont - \$0
- Turtle Island Children's Center - \$0
- Twin Valley Senior Center - \$0
- VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired - \$500
- Vermont River Conservancy - \$4060
- Washington County Diversion Program - \$2000
- Washington County Family Center - \$2000
- Youth First Mentoring - \$1950
- Capital City Band - \$500
- Amatul S. Peyman / Salon Black Walnut - \$4000
- Capital City Concerts - \$2500
- Community Engagement Lab - \$2000
- Gamelan Sulukala - \$500

- Green Mountain Youth Symphony - \$750
- Green Mountain Film Festival - \$2500
- Lilian Broderick - \$0
- Lost National Theater - \$4000
- Montpelier Alive - \$0
- Montpelier Chamber Orchestra - \$1000
- Montpelier Community Gospel - \$1000
- Maple Roots Music Festival - \$0
- Monteverdi Music School - \$6000
- Shidaa Projects - \$2000
- T.W. Wood Gallery - \$2500
- Vermont Fiddle Orchestra - \$500
- Vermont Historical Society - \$1140
- Christopher Ilstrup & Dan Groberg recused themselves for the Vermont Humanities Council application to support PoemCity
- Vermont Humanities Council - \$1500
- Vermont Philharmonic - \$750

At 1:30pm, Dan Groberg made motion to present recommendations to City Council. Motion seconded by Shaina Kasper, approved by unanimous consent.

No public present for comment.

Other Business

For presentation to City Council, will include the impact of the growing need for funding on the balance between MCF requests vs. direct-to-ballot requests, as well as the lens of housing and flood resilience used to make prioritization decisions this year.

Three applicants we would like to share feedback with: Pathways, Monteverdi, TW Wood Gallery

The Board will ask City staff to double check for reports on previous years' MCF funding, as well as to ensure prompt notification of funding after council meeting decisions.

Procedural/rules question: Can we have committee members under age of 18?

Adjourned 1:40pm