

Meeting Minutes - Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC) Special Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Location:** Virtual and Livestreamed

Members Present:

- Commissioner Adams
- Commissioner Chura
- Co-Chair Ridgeway
- Commissioner Van Lier
- Commissioner Benito
- Co-Chair Rodriguez
- Commissioner Kennedy
- Commissioner Donaldson
- Commissioner Early
- Commissioner Wang
- Commissioner Zayed

Meeting Agenda:

- Announce the proposed list of Grant candidates for the 2023 CPC Community grants program.

Meeting Minutes:

Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed all participants. Then yielded the floor to Chair Adams to provide his report for the Budget and Grants Committee. He introduced the purpose of the meeting which was to present the proposed list of Grant candidates for the 2023 CPC Community grants program.

Chair Adams announced that the proposed list of grantees was compiled by members of the Budget and Grants Committee. The programs were selected based on their alignment with the City Charter, focusing on community-based violence prevention, restorative justice, and mediation programs aimed at reducing the need for police activity.

The total funding requested was over \$4.85 million, while the available budget was \$1.08 million. Chair Adams proceeded to read the list of grantees, specifying the program names, the amount granted, the Charter sections they fulfilled, and the geographic areas they served.

List of Grantees:

1. Angelo Miller Foundation
 - Program: Save Our Future Boys and Girls Group
 - Amount Granted: \$30,000
 - Charter Sections: Violence prevention, mediation
 - Geographic Area: Ward 15, West Side, Detroit and 65th
2. Balance Point Studios
 - Program: Balance Point Studios
 - Amount Granted: \$45,000
 - Charter Section: Violence prevention
 - Geographic Area: Mount Pleasant neighborhood, Kinsman
3. To Beat the Streets Cleveland
 - Program: To Beat the Street Cleveland Fall Programming
 - Amount Granted: \$50,000
 - Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice
 - Geographic Area: Ward 5, Slavic Village (Citywide program)
4. Change the Narrative Organization
 - Program: SNITCH Program
 - Amount Granted: \$45,000
 - Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice, mediation
 - Geographic Area: Ward 5, Central Promise neighborhood
5. Cleveland Clergy Coalition
 - Program: Get to Work Now
 - Amount Granted: \$45,000
 - Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice
 - Geographic Areas: Wards 2 and 7

6. Cleveland Freedom Project

- Program: Social Justice through STEAM Pipeline Summer Internship Program
- Amount Granted: \$50,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Citywide

7. Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

- Program: Catalysts for Change
- Amount Granted: \$30,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: City-wide - 8 recreation centers

8. Friend of a Felon Corp

- Program: Peace Link - Connecting Path to Safer Communities
- Amount Granted: \$35,000
- Charter Sections: Restorative justice, mediation
- Geographic Area: Citywide (Open to the entire city)

9. Frontline Services

- Program: Expanding Mediation and Restorative Justice in Cleveland Communities
- Amount Granted: \$25,000
- Charter Section: Mediation
- Geographic Area: Citywide

10. Ghetto Therapy

- Program: Ghetto Therapy
- Amount Granted: \$50,000
- Charter Section: Mediation
- Geographic Area: Central Kinsman area

11. Golden Ciphers Youth Development and Cultural Art Center

- Program: SESA I Transform My Life: A Can Roots and Passage Process
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Ward 5, Slavic Village

12. Green Movement Glenville Green Brigade

- Program: Glenville Green Brigade
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice
- Geographic Area: Ward 10, Glenville High School area

13. Kingdom Alliance

- Program: Outrage
- Amount Granted: \$40,000
- Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice, mediation
- Geographic Area: Citywide

14. LGBT Community Center for Greater Cleveland

- Program: School-Based Violence Prevention Programming for LGBTQ+ Youth in CMSD
- Amount Granted: \$40,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Ward 15, Detroit Avenue

15. Love Train Ministries

- Program: Ladies and Gentlemen on the Rise
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Citywide

16. Men and Women of Central

- Program: MWC Community Expansion Grant
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Central Area

17. Neighborhood Connections Neighbor Up Action Grants and Peer Support Network

- Program: Neighbor Up Action Grants and Peer Support Network
- Amount Granted: \$50,000
- Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice, mediation
- Geographic Area: Citywide

18. Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH)

- Program: Community Peace Builders: Creating Safer Spaces with Street Outreach
- Amount Granted: \$15,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Downtown Cleveland

19. Prolific Achievers Academy

- Program: Prolific Oxygen Dome
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Sections: Violence prevention, restorative justice, mediation
- Geographic Area: Central Area

20. Renounce Denounce Gang Intervention Program

- Program: Making Our Community Safer by Saving Our Youth
- Amount Granted: \$50,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Citywide

21. Reverse Ride Along

- Program: Reverse Ride Along Capacity Building and Program Evaluation
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Section: Mediation
- Geographic Area: Citywide

22. Ronda Crowder and Associates

- Program: Dickens Reeds
- Amount Granted: \$40,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Citywide

23. Rivers in the Desert Organization

- Program: The Healing Room Experience
- Amount Granted: \$50,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Citywide

24. Soul Serenity

- Program: Soul Serenity Sober Living House for Women
- Amount Granted: \$30,000
- Charter Section: Restorative justice
- Geographic Area: Ward 5, Slavic Village

25. The Spread the Love Foundation

- Program: Spread the Healing: A Criminal Justice Reform Program
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Area: Citywide

26. Together We Rise

- Program: Project Ripple Phase One
- Amount Granted: \$45,000
- Charter Section: Violence prevention
- Geographic Areas: Wards 1 and 4

After completing the list of grantees, Chair Adams asked Chair Rodriguez to call for a vote to approve the list.

Commissioner Votes:

- Commissioner Adams: Aye (Chair)
- Commissioner Chura: Aye
- Commissioner Ridgeway: Aye
- Commissioner Van Lier: Aye
- Commissioner Bonito: Aye
- Co-Chair Rodriguez: Aye
- Commissioner Kennedy: Aye
- Commissioner Donaldson: Aye
- Commissioner Early: Aye
- Commissioner Wang: Abstained
- Commissioner Zayed: Aye

Commissioner Wang abstained from the vote, expressing concerns about not receiving information in a timely manner and concerns about the grant review process. The motion to approve the list of grantees was carried with a majority vote.

Chair Adams expressed gratitude for all the applicants and emphasized that the decision to award grants was difficult due to the high number of quality programs. He assured applicants that the CPC is committed to improving the grant application process for the future. He also mentioned that the grants would become official once contracts were signed and encouraged applicants to prepare for the paperwork process. He encouraged organizations not awarded to consider other funding opportunities, including initiatives from the mayor's office.

Co-Chair Rodriguez officially adjourned the meeting at **6:54 pm**.