



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Lyn Farrow, Assistant City Manager

Date: July 7, 2020

Subject: R-39-20: Community Grant Allocations for FY 2021

This ordinance amends the recently passed FY 2021 Operating Budget. Though the City Council appropriated a total of \$429,700 for the for the Community Grants program, they did not approve a detailed list of grantees and awards. This ordinance will make awards to a specified list of grantees as recommended by Finance Committee members.

Prior to the Council budget process and in compliance with the City Code, a committee convened to review and evaluate the Community Grant applications. The committee included the following City staff members whose responsibilities included grant writing, review and management.

Theresa Wellman, Planning and Zoning
Eric Borchers, Planning and Zoning
Jeanne Coughlin, Annapolis Fire Department
Patti Norris, Annapolis Police Department
Amy Miguez, Annapolis Police Department

The staff listed above reviewed 30 proposals totaling over \$640,000 submitted in response to the FY 21 Community Grants Request for Applications and determined the amounts of funding to recommend to the Finance Committee. Each committee member read a group of applications and assigned the amount they wished to allocate to those organizations.

The group then met and discussed each application's merit. After lengthy discussion of each project, based on the individual team member's knowledge and interaction with the applicant organizations, the team came to consensus on each application and dollar amount it wished to recommend for inclusion in the FY 2021 Budget. Those recommendations presented to the Finance Committee during budget deliberations totaled \$429,700.

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