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Subject: Receive external funding request applications, consider potential awards, and consider recommendations to improve the external funding application process

Background

During the November 6, 2023 meeting, the CCP updated its bylaws to define an annual process to solicit, evaluate and potentially award CCP funds to external organizations. In alignment with the bylaws, during the February 7, 2024 meeting, the CCP approved an application (Attachment B) that defined the CCP's focus and interest in awarding funds to external organizations, outlined the process for evaluating proposals and indicated the CCP's intent to allocate \$250,000 for potential distribution over the next two fiscal years.

The external funding opportunity and application period (February 8-29, 2024) were announced via press release, which was linked on the County, CCP and CCP member websites. The press release was also shared with the Board of Supervisors and department leadership with a request to broadcast the information through their various channels and was posted on County social media sites several times during the application period.

Four proposals (Attachments C-F) were received and evaluated by the CCP Analyst and CCP Fiscal Support per CCP bylaws and were scored utilizing the rubric defined in the funding application. The proposals were ranked as follows:

Program Rank	Average Score	Organization	Group Supported	Approach	Requested Funding
1	98	NCCT	Adults	Job training and placement	\$150,000
2	94	MILPA	TAY/ Youth	Cultural healing programs	\$250,000
3	92	United Way	Families	Housing assistance	\$250,000
4	53	Friends Care	Justice Partners	Banquet to facilitate conversation and collaboration	\$3,000

These rankings are not indicative of which, if any, applicant will receive grant funding from the CCP; however, they represent each organization's application strength as prescribed by the rubric.

Recommendations to Improve External Funding Application Process

There were some lessons learned during this external funding application process. In future application periods, the CCP may want to enhance the application as follows:

- Add a score for the thoroughness of applications, i.e., questions answered partially or in full
- Add a question about the permanence or the program/service (pilot, short-, or long-term) and whether it will be continued and self-sustaining at the completion of CCP funding
- Add a question to identify evidence-based, or best practice(s) associated with the program
- Add a question requesting the applicant to identify how their program measures success and how they track and report on that success

Recommended Actions

- A. Receive external organization funding proposals and consider whether to fund some, none, or all of the proposals through fiscal years 2024-26.
- B. Consider recommendations to improve the external funding application process.