

Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Discretionary Fund Meeting
May 13th, 2021

Members Present: Sonya Harper, Kendra King, Kevin Poirier, Heather Taraska, Yosan Zerai, Jessica Davis, Ashley Titus, Denise Steele-Campbell, Tomika Moore, Lt. Stephen Flatt, Phyllis Barnette Jaylen Adams, Brittney Bogues,

Staff Present: Scott Stoker, Elizabeth Swann

Guests Present: Shavonda McClure-Tresports, Darryl & Robin Sturdivant-Team Up Connections, Nalo Coban- Achieving Success on Purpose, Glenn Smith-DASH Life Connections, Darry Bego- Youth Development Initiatives, Natalie Allen- Arts Empowerment Project, Valerie Koeppel-Youth Advocate Program, Yacara Mungo- Enlighten Legacy,

Members Absent: Dr. Keith Cradle, Wanda Douglas, Judge Faith Fickling-Alvarez, Janelle Fleck, Commissioner Pat Cotham, Heather Johnson, Dr. Cotrane Penn, Russell Price, Tysha Shaw, Jason Tryon,

The meeting was called to order at 4:19 p.m. by the Chair Kevin Poirier.

Review and Approval of May 13th Agenda

Kevin allowed council members to review the agenda. Heather Taraska moved to accept the agenda. Denise Steele -Campbell seconded. The council unanimously approved the agenda.

No Minutes were sent out for approval

Welcome

JCPC Chair Kevin Poirier took attendance by having the council members say present in order to keep an attendance log for meeting being virtual. Quorum was established.

Announcements / Reminders

The attendance requirement is now 65% of all regularly scheduled committee meetings.

The inclusion of special and assigned subcommittee meetings is no longer applicable, its 65% of all regularly scheduled meetings. There are no excused absences. Members cannot miss three consecutive regularly scheduled committee meetings. To have action in the subcommittee meetings there must be a quorum to be able to vote.

DPS Discretionary Funds

The Juvenile Community Programs Section of the DPS Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice announce the availability of discretionary funding for FY 2020-2021. To be eligible for discretionary funds, JCPC-funded programs must:

- Be able to provide the required local match for these funds. Note: The purchase of equipment or capital outlay requires cash and
- Spend discretionary funds by June 30, 2021.

North Carolina Administrative Code outlines the parameters for which discretionary fund awards may be made. While program capacity expansion may be severely impacted by the pandemic and we cautiously

move toward full operations, programs should focus upon capital outlay or equipment that may enhance communication and/or address transportation needs

- Two programs submitted Discretionary Fund applications -DASH Vocational and Tresports were awarded (\$8,220).
 - DASH Vocational (\$2,720).
DASH Vocational utilize the Discretionary Funds to purchase 8 computers @ 340.00 each. The computers were required for DVLC students who are participating in the Pre-Ged instruction and vocational programming.

Kevin allowed council members to review the application submitted for Discretionary Funds. Sonya Harper moved to accept the Discretionary Fund request. Kendra King seconded. The council unanimously approved the Discretionary Fund request for DASH Vocational.

- Tresports (\$5,500)

Tresports utilize the Discretionary Funds in the areas of transportation
Mileage and gas needed to continue program thru summer camp session
Educational Field trips and college tours
Purchase software to enhance service capacity in the areas of data processing: Zoom, Clockshark, Kahoot, Call Multiplier
Purchase laptop computers & printer to enhance service capacity
Office furniture and equipment

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Thank you for your continued investment in the youth and families of North Carolina through the valuable services that you offer, particularly during this time of significant challenges for our state and for the youth and families that we serve. It is our hope that this discretionary fund award will further enhance and offer the needed support for your agency to provide continuity of services for our juveniles and their families.

Kevin asked for a motion to adjourn, Lt. Stephen Flatt made a motion to adjourn. Denise Steele-Campbell seconded. Meeting ended at 4:27pm.