

**Porter County American Rescue Plan
Sub Committee Non Profits & Employers
Tuesday, May 23, 2022, 5 p.m.
Commissioners' Meeting Room Chambers
Porter County Administration Center 155 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso IN 46383**

Members Present:

Jim Biggs
Mike Brickner - Absent
Erik Wagner
Ruth Vance
Rebecca Tomerlin

Motion:

Ruth Vance moved to approve May 2, 2022 minutes. Rebecca Tomerlin seconded and so approved by a 4-0 vote.

Jim Biggs opened the meeting and advised tonight the Board will score the presentations they have heard. This Board can send the recommendation to the Steering Committee with the proposed funding or change it. Ruth Vance liked being able to vote on the amount to recommend.

Councilmember Brickner is absent but he did turn in his score sheet to Vicki Urbanik.

Scoring of applicants:

Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve – Boardwalk \$130,000 – Final Recommendation \$130,000

This boardwalk was very much used during the pandemic. It is very popular. Recommend the full amount.

Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve – Revenue Loss \$5,000 – Final Recommendation \$5,000

This is straight forward and recommend the full amount.

Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Dept \$6,000,000 – Final Recommendation \$6,000,000

One of the problems is meeting the timeline. They want a new station, on a new location and they don't have the land, architect or contract yet. They need a new station. They are in need of some help. Jim Biggs hopes they can get them some help. This money will not be encumbered in time. The Commissioner's office is there to help them get this moving forward.

VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana \$500,000 – Final Recommendation - \$500,000

They ran fulltime during the pandemic. Recommend full amount. They delivered food, ran the hospice center and never shut down.

Community Theater Guild/CST - \$62,125 – Final Recommendation - \$62,125

Recommend full amount. They are self-sustaining. They do not rely on government assistance.

Dressed for School \$10,000 – Final Recommendation - \$10,000

Opportunity Enterprises - \$2,500,000 – Final Recommendation \$1.5 Million

Recommend \$1.5 which is part one of what they are asking for which is more related to COVID

The MAAC Foundation - \$3,300,000 – Final Recommendation – \$1.5 Million

All agreed on \$1.5 million. Any application walking away with \$1 million is lucky given the amount of requests.

Hilltop Neighborhood House - \$400,000 – Final Recommendation - \$400,000

This was a strong presentation. Recommend full amount.

Kidfunds Corporation - \$24,000 – Final Recommendation \$24, 000

This also was a strong presentation. This is the amount of the two fundraisers they were not able to have because of COVID.

Nana Clare’s Kitchen - \$10,000 – Final Recommendation \$10,000

Valparaiso YMCA - \$950,000 – Final Recommendation \$950,000

They did not get any other funding. They would have to scale back if don’t get the full amount.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater NWI - \$4,000,000 – Final Recommendation \$1.5 Million

They did receive \$150,000 from the City of Valparaiso. Who they are serving is a wide community.

Neighbors’ Educational Opportunities - \$1,106,794 – Final Recommendation \$1,106,794

They did already reduce their request. And it was a strong presentation.

Porter County Project Kids - \$15,000 – Final Recommendation –

Discussion took place not to score because the group was not in existence during COVID and did not suffer economic harm. However, the project could be placed in the Assistance to Household category if it is ultimately funded.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust - \$617,500 – Final Recommendation - \$617,500

Strong presentation.

Organization	Rank	Recommended Funding
Opportunity Enterprises	265	\$1,500,000
The MAAC Foundation	257	\$1,500,000
Shirley Heinze Land Trust	257	\$617,500
VNA Hospice of NWI	243	\$500,000
Hilltop Neighborhood House	241	\$400,000
Coffee Creek Watershed		
Conservancy – Revenue Loss	234	\$5,000
Community Theater Guild/CST	234	\$62,125
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater NWI	234	\$1,500,000
Neighbors’ Educational Opportunities	232	\$1,106,794
Kidfunds Corporation	225	\$24,000
Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy		
Boardwalk	224	\$130,000
Nana Clare’s Kitchen	218	\$10,000
Valparaiso YMCA	184	\$950,000
Liberty Twp Volunteer Fire Dept	174	\$6,000,000
Dressed for School	171	\$10,000
Porter County Project Kids	123	<u>\$15,000</u>
		\$14,330,419

Public Comment -

Craig Nordstrom thanked the subcommittee for the recommendation for the Chicago Street Theater.

What is the next step? It will go to the Steering Committee. They send it to the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners and the Council will have the final say.

The meeting adjourned.