



BOARD OF ADVISORS

Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2018

Advisory Board Members

Present:

Patricia Galteri, Chair
Patricia Marcin, Vice Chair
Natalie Abatemarco
Robert Barnett
Janet Barone
Nancy Engelhardt
Roz Goldmacher (telephone)
James Meyer
Claudia Pilato (telephone)
Phyllis Hill Slater

Absent:

John DeCelle
Ira Halperin
Sandra Krasnoff
Edward Palleschi
Marc Wong

Staff

Present:

David Okorn
Jeannie DeMaio
Sol Marie Jones
Marie Smith
Tonya Thomas

WELCOME

Patricia Galteri called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. by complimenting LICF's Professional Advisory Committee Fall Forum that was held yesterday.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The minutes of the September 26th meeting were approved and accepted as written.

CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS

After review and discussion, the Board of Advisors voted unanimously to approve the following grants, a total of \$579,000:

ART & CULTURE

SAG HARBOR PARTNERSHIP/SAG HARBOR CINEMA ARTS CENTER

\$20,000 for film equipment that will enable the reconstructed Sag Harbor Cinema to engage the town's diverse community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FAMILY COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER

\$20,000 to continue a public outreach campaign to build support for a mixed-use development in the hamlet of Riverhead

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

LONG ISLAND COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE

\$25,000 to launch an alternative to incarceration program for individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

CDCLI FUNDING CORPORATION

\$20,000 to continue administering a loan program to assist low-to-moderate-income Suffolk County homeowners to replace their failing septic systems.

CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

\$25,000 for continued support of a campaign to ban products containing the chemical 1,4-dioxane.

CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

\$20,000 to help local groups collect data on the health of local bays and engage communities to protect them.

PECONIC GREEN GROWTH

\$20,000 to advance water conservation strategies for the Town of Southold.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH, BRENTWOOD NY

\$20,000 for the design and construction of an innovative and alternative wastewater treatment system in Western Suffolk.

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

\$18,000 to monitor water quality in Southampton and East Hampton towns and engage residents in restoration solutions.

EDUCATION

FIVE TOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

\$20,000 to develop a comprehensive media and performing arts program.

GIRLS INC. OF LONG ISLAND

\$20,000 to provide life skills and academic enrichment programs for girls in Central Islip and William Floyd middle schools.

GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

\$20,000 for a college preparation program targeting vulnerable students from Locust Valley and Glen Cove High Schools.

HEALTH SERVICES

BROOKHAVEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

\$25,000 to construct a specialized examination room and educate staff to care for victims of sexual assault.

CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND

\$50,000 to deploy health coaches to help diabetes patients get more involved in their treatment.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE

\$25,000 to help community health centers add social determinants of health to newly created value-based payment systems.

FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY

\$25,000 for an integrated behavioral and primary health care model at the Family Center in Bay Shore.

HUNGER

CHOICE FOR ALL

\$20,000 to increase healthy food access in Roosevelt.

INTERFAITH NUTRITION NETWORK

\$20,000 to connect soup kitchen clients with social services.

LONG ISLAND CARES

\$25,000 for the Nassau Service Center food pantry in Freeport.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

LONG ISLAND RACIAL EQUITY COLLABORATIVE FUND

\$25,000 to pool local philanthropic resources to address racial disparities on Long Island.

LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP

\$25,000 to pool local philanthropic resources dedicated to protecting and restoring the Long Island Sound.

NEW YORK STATE CENSUS EQUITY FUND

\$25,000 to pool statewide philanthropic resources to ensure an accurate and fair 2020 census.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CENTRAL NASSAU GUIDANCE & COUNSELING SERVICES, INC.

\$30,000 to continue support system upgrades and training to improve behavioral health care delivery.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF LONG ISLAND

\$16,000 to match young people in Nassau County who are suffering from emotional difficulties with caring mentors.

THE SUNSHINE CENTER, INC.

\$20,000 to strengthen the life and social skills of high-risk high school students in an alternative learning environment.

The following proposals were not recommended for funding:

Outside Approved Guidelines

The purpose and activities of the proposal do not meet LICF's published grant strategies in a particular program area e.g., the request is for capital expenses; for a stand-alone performance or conference.

Amagansett Food Institute – Requested \$25,000 for capital improvements to the Farm to Community program.

Family & Children's Association – Requested \$25,000 to support operation of the Lynn Vanderhall Cooperative Nursery, a pre-school program for children from high-need, low-income communities (95% South American immigrants).

Duplicative Effort

The proposal has the same strategy or activities as another effort that is currently funded by the LICF and is doing the work more effectively.

Community Solidarity – Requested \$79,000 to recover and redistribute free, nutritious vegetarian groceries and other necessities across Long Island.

Other Projects Merited Higher Priority

In the judgment of the program officer, the proposal is not as competitive as others submitted for similar purposes or does not rise to a level of importance that other current grants or proposals achieve.

Adelphi University Center for Nonprofit Leadership – Requested \$25,000 for a leadership development program for nonprofit professionals and community leaders of color.

Community Housing Innovations - Requested \$15,000 to provide educational programs to homeless adults at a Riverhead men's shelter.

Good Shephard Hospice – Requested \$25,000 to continue support of Conexiones, a trauma informed grief and bereavement program, for Hispanic children and their families.

Greater East Hampton Education Foundation - Requested \$20,000 for Anti-bullying and suicide prevention program.

Karen's Hope - Requested \$25,000 to support "Pathways to Independence," a program to advance the well-being and economic self-sufficiency of teens and young adults on the autism spectrum.

Kulanu Academy - Requested \$24,500 to create and carry out training programs for paraprofessionals and the parents of individuals with special needs.

Literacy Nassau, Inc. - Requested \$12,000 to prepare students with Dyslexia for success in college and the workforce.

Long Island Housing Services - Requested \$55,000 to combat fair housing discrimination under-served communities, including individuals living in homeless shelters and colleges dorms.

Long Island Jewish/Cohen Children's Medical Center - Requested \$13,500 alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Prevention Program that brings together schools and the medical community to improve prevention and intervention efforts.

Long Island Jobs with Justice - Requested \$30,000 for assessment of inequities in Long Island's public transportation system.

Longhouse Reserve - Requested \$15,000 to expand the Art in the Gardens Youth Education Program.

Lutheran Pastoral Counseling Ministry- Requested \$21,000 to address the mental health needs of veterans and their families at counseling sites in Mineola, Farmingdale, Patchogue and Dix Hills.

New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund - Requested \$10,000 to support the "Breaking Down Barriers to Renewable Energy in New York" project, which seeks to identify and dismantle obstacles to renewable energy development.

New York Regional Habilitation Services - Requested \$11,000 to support professional services training to provide essential credentialing to staff working with developmentally disabled participants in "Program Without Walls."

Project MOST - Requested \$25,000 to support an after-school program for elementary and middle school students in East Hampton.

Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC) - Requested \$25,000 to continue to train school staff to work with children with autism.

Stony Brook Foundation - Requested \$25,000 for the "Aging in Place in Suburbia" initiative, a project of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook University, to improve access to health and human services for 500 Suffolk residents aged 55+

Sylvester Manor Educational Farm - Requested \$25,000 to develop model STEM and service learning curricula in partnership with Shelter Island School.

The National Urban Technology Center - Requested \$24,000 for support of the Executive Principal Leadership Institute in 14 Catholic schools on Long Island.

Three Village Meals on Wheels - Requested \$15,000 to increase food access to vulnerable populations in the Three Village community who do not qualify for assistance.

Town of Southold, New York - Requested \$25,000 for a Town of Southold water conservation campaign with town upgrades, to counter the unsustainable pumping practices and restore sustainability.

Victims Information Bureau - Requested \$25,000 to increase mental health counseling services for Suffolk County veterans.

Volunteers for Wildlife, Inc. - Requested \$22,000 to support the presentation of science-centric education programs and developing an understanding of LI wildlife and ecosystems to "at risk" schools.

Poor Program Design

Although the project is credible and falls into a category that we fund, the approach for carrying out the initiative is questionable. For example, the project does not include appropriate or sufficient staffing; the time period called for is too short, too long; or the proposed techniques or strategies are not appropriate or feasible.

Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe – Requested \$20,000 for a STEAM Education Program for elementary school children.

WSHU Public Radio Group/Long Island News Bureau – Requested \$25,000 for LICF Opioid Abuse Fellow Program to take action towards prevention.

The following proposal was withdrawn:

Mercy Haven – Requested \$25,000 to continue to ensure food stamp clients across Nassau and Suffolk Counties continue to receive the full amount of food stamp benefits to which they are entitled.

DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

1. Development and Donor Relations

- The donor event at the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center on October 30th was a great success; 117 people attended. Attendees visited the museum and then enjoyed refreshments and the Project: Music Heals Us performance. Thank you to Marc for his contribution and efforts toward making it an enjoyable and memorable event.
- LICF participated in the National Conference of CPA Practitioners Long Island Tax Professionals Symposium, held from November 14 - 16, through the courtesy of Robert Barnett. Over 700 CPAs attended and learned about LICF during the conference. We expect to continue participating in this very effective, annual event.
- A new “elevator” speech was developed and distributed to the board.
- Marie spoke at a rotary club meeting.
- Marie reminded the board of their responsibility to make a personal contribution to LICF each year.

2. Professional Advisors

- The Fall Professional Advisor Forum featured economist Alex Dryden, JP Morgan Asset Management, who discussed our nation’s economic outlook and the impact of the mid-term elections. Much appreciation to Marc Wong for arranging this informative presentation and to Pat Galteri and Meyer Suozzi English and Klein for sponsoring the CLE credit.

3. Communications

- Fall newsletter has been sent out and we have received some positive feedback from donors.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- A suggestion was made to report on the cumulative impact our grantmaking by issue area. Staff has agreed to develop and present twice per year.
- The new format of presenting selected grant recommendations was discussed. The board requested summaries that highlight the purpose, need, and expected outcomes.
- Jim suggested that we send out personalized thank you letters for every donation received. Memorial donations should be shared with the fund's main contact.
- Sol discussed the critical nature of the 2020 Census project. Only 77 percent of Long Island's population was counted in the 2010 Census, which translates to severe underfunding from government resources for the subsequent ten-year period. The largest undercounted population is 0-5 years of age; 2.2 million aged 0-5 children across the county were not counted in 2010. This year, we are working hard to reach the hard-to-count in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties with local government and with other foundations at the state level.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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