 BOARD OF ADVISORS  
Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2020  
Videoconference Meeting

**Advisory Board Members**

**Present:**
Patricia Marcin, Chair  
Natalie Abatemarco  
Janet Barone  
John DeCelle  
Nancy Engelhardt  
Sandra Krasnoff

**Absent:**
John DeCelle  
Nancy Engelhardt

**Staff**

**Present:**
Edward Palleschi  
Phyllis Hill Slater  
Marc Wong, Vice Chair  
Robert Barnett  
James Meyer

David Okorn  
Jeannie DeMaio  
Sol Marie Jones  
Marie Smith  
Tonya Thomas

**WELCOME**

Trish Marcin called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. This board meeting is being held via videoconference as part of the continuous effort to slow/stop the spread of the Corona Virus. LICF staff is back in the office on an alternating schedule.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH AND MAY MINUTES**

The minutes of both the March 25 and May 27 meetings were approved and accepted as written.

**CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS**

After review and discussion, the Board of Advisors voted unanimously to approve the following 12 grants, totaling $205,000:

**ART & CULTURE**

**USDAN CENTER**

$5,000 for a summer program for needy and worthy student musicians from the Brentwood School District.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**MERCY HAVEN**

$20,000 for supportive, community-based resources to help stabilize households.

**COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

**WOMEN’S DIVERSITY NETWORK**

$20,000 to address implicit bias and disparate health and maternal health treatment for women of color.
**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

**ATLANTIC MARINE RESEARCH CONSERVATION SOCIETY**
$10,000 to prepare municipalities to respond to injured or deceased marine mammals and sea turtles.

**FRIENDS OF BELLPORT BAY**
$10,000 to use shellfish restoration to improve the health of Bellport and Great South Bays.

**GROUP FOR THE EAST END**
$25,000 to launch a Suffolk County Wastewater District campaign.

**NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST**
$20,000 for a nature center focusing on how human activity contributes to climate change.

**SURFRIDER FOUNDATION**
$20,000 to monitor water quality in Southampton and East Hampton towns and engage residents in restoration solutions.

**EDUCATION**

**BELMONT CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION**
$15,000 for academic and cultural enrichment programs for the children of Belmont Racetrack’s backstretch workers.

**COMMUNITY ACTION SOUTHOLD TOWN**
$20,000 for a home visiting program to prepare young children from low-income families on Long Island’s East End for school.

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS**
$20,000 to engage at-risk senior veterans in long-term care planning.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP**
$20,000 to provide pro bono legal services for Long Island nonprofits.

*The following proposals were not recommended for funding:*

- Bay Street Theatre Festival – Requested $20,000 for out of school programming.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – Requested $25,000 for youth mentoring on Long Island.
- Children’s Maritime Museum at Port Jefferson – Requested $25,000 for professional development for teachers and STEM workshops for students.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County – Requested $25,000 for underserved youth to engage in 4H summer marine and school vacation camps.
- Hampton’s Take 2 Documentary Film Festival – Requested $25,000 for young voices and media literacy.
• International Youth Fellowship Education – Requested $25,000 for IYF World Camp in New York.
• Island Harvest – Requested $30,000 for the Kids Backpack Weekend Feeding Program.
• Long Island Children’s Museum – Requested $15,000 for an out of school STEM program for girls.
• Long Island Progressive Coalition – Requested $20,000 for building wealth through worker cooperatives on Long Island.
• Loukoumi Foundation – Requested $10,000 for a cooking program where the food is brought to area homeless shelters.
• Momma’s House – Requested $20,000 for household expenses, including food.
• NY League of Conservation Voters – Requested $15,000 for an electric vehicle campaign on Long Island.
• OLA of Eastern Long Island – Requested $20,000 for a media lab for Latino youth.
• Performing Arts of Suffolk/Gateway Theatre – Requested $20,000 for scholarship and outreach efforts for arts in education.
• Plant a Row for the Hungry – Requested $18,000 for a community garden in Port Washington.
• Project MOST – Requested $25,000 to deepen community and civic engagement among children.
• Southampton Fresh Aire Home – Requested $25,000 for a life skill lab workshop for physically challenged youth.
• Syosset Central School District – Requested $24,000 to increase financial career readiness at Syosset High School.
• Teatro Experimental Yerb – Requested $20,000 to offer art programs that bring about social change, community pride, and revitalization.
• The Place for Learning – Requested $21,600 for reality education program.
• Ward Melville Heritage Organization – Requested $16,125 for Stony Brook Creek Phragmites Removal Program.
• Welcome Friends of Greater Port Jefferson – Requested $15,000 for food and supportive services.
• You Gotta Believe – Requested $40,000 for a Long Island adoption program for foster youth.

The following proposals have been withdrawn:

• All Our Energy – Requested $25,000 to continue a campaign to eliminated single-use plastic items on Long Island.
• Long Beach Latino Civic Association – Requested $20,000 to launch the Leaders in Victory program.
• Rural & Migrant Ministry – Requested $25,000 for the Amandia Rural Work Education Center.
• Well Life Network – Requested $20,238 for addiction recovery services telepractice program for the underserved on Long Island.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

• Rebecca Sanin, President, Health & Welfare Council of Long Island, presented on the needs created by COVID-19 on Long Island. COVID has devastated our region, first with a public health emergency followed by what will be a multi-year recession. Unfortunately, Long Island does not have well integrated health and human services programs in our very segregated region, which has triggered a host of problems. She highlighted four major areas where needs have increased significantly: behavioral health/mental health, emergency food/nutrition equity, domestic violence and child abuse, and legal issues. Deficits in county and state budgets are continuing to increase and will force significant budget cuts that will drastically impact nonprofit
organizations. These cuts combined with organizations inability to fundraise in the usual ways may have catastrophic effects on the nonprofit sector. She also stated that an accurate census count is now more important than ever as our hospitals, schools, etc. receive allocations based upon population numbers.

- Tonya provided an update on the Long Island Racial Equity Donor Collaborative. Eleven (11) applications were received from a recent RFP for six-month planning grants and are being reviewed. Eight $25,000 grant awards are expected to be made for the development plans to improve access to quality jobs and credit. Prosperity Now was hired to manage the process and will work with grantees on developing their plans and award implementation grants in the future.

- The Covid-19 Long Island Philanthropic Response Fund has raised $1.5 million; $1 million of the fund has been granted out for emergency needs. Fundraising slowed down significantly after Memorial Day. We have held the remaining funds while we develop regional/systemwide strategies to ensure the most effective use of our grantmaking. We anticipate that homelessness and unemployment will increase in the fall, along with the number COVID cases. Fundraising will resume at that time.

- The AFTEE Feed the Need Fund raised $850,000, of which $700,000 has been granted out. Fundraising for this initiative has also slowed down.

- LICF board members were asked to donate to the COVID-19 Long Island Philanthropic Response Fund if they haven’t already done so. It is important for us to have 100 percent board participation.

- Nine new donor-advised funds have been opened, many of which with significant dollar amounts. Despite the pandemic, donations for these funds have continued to amass.

- There is a new video on our website compiled from videos submitted by our COVID-19 grant recipients. Marie will send the media packet to board members by email.

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