BOARD OF ADVISORS
Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2020

Advisory Board Members

Present:
Patricia Marcin, Chairperson
Marc Wong, Vice Chair
Natalie Abatemarco
Robert Barnett
Janet Barone
John DeCelle
Sandra Krasnoff
Edward Palleschi
Jim Meyer
Phyllis Hill Slater

Staff:
David Okorn
Jeannie DeMaio
Sol Marie Jones
Marie Smith
Tonya Thomas

Absent:
Nancy Engelhardt

WELCOME
Patricia Marcin called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with appreciation to those who joined in this morning.

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES
The minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

COVID-19 GRANTMAKING UPDATE
Over $1 million from the COVID-19 Philanthropic Response Fund was distributed among 72 nonprofit organizations. Breakdown of the grantmaking is as follows:

- 30 percent to mental health services
- 30 percent to food insecurity
- 20 percent to health care
- 10 percent to childcare for essential workers/education
- 10 percent to other needs (including legal service clinics and domestic violence support organizations)

$950,000 was distributed to more than 30 East End organizations to address food insecurity and other essential services through the AFTEE Feed the Need Fund.

In total, $2 million went to over 100 of our nonprofit organizations.
PROGRAM STAFF UPDATES
Forty-seven (47) grant proposals totaling $1,440,418 in requests were received for cycle three of our competitive grantmaking program. Of that total, the LICF received 39 proposals requesting $1,250,418 and the LIUU received 8 proposals requesting $190,000. Proposals are being reviewed for their potential to function during the pandemic. We are planning to hold $100,000 from our unrestricted grantmaking budget to support potential COVID-19 funding.

INITIATIVES

All For the East End – Talks are underway to close down the AFTEE organization and have it become a permanent fund at LICF. Town supervisors are being asked to provide annual support, possibly through surcharge fees imposed by the towns.

Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund – Three organizations, Chesapeake Commons, Save the Sound, and Harbor Watch are working together to create a data visualization tool that will centralize information collected by 22 embayment groups that are performing water quality testing and reporting. Local residents and elected officials will get easy-to-understand information on the health of the Sound.

2020 Census Work – The work of ensuring a fair and accurate census count on Long Island and throughout New York State is coming to an end. The program helped to increase the numbers of historically under-counted populations. The Census Equity Fund, the first statewide fund started in 2017, raised $3.5 million to support community-based and regional efforts to ensure that all New York residents are counted. Twenty percent of the fund ($645,000) went towards Long Island efforts. Despite all obstacles, this program was successful in increasing the percentages of responses across the board.

Long Island Racial Equity Donor Collaborative Fund – Seven planning grants of $25,000 each were awarded for wage growth/quality jobs and to improve credit/financial health for black Long Islanders. Grant recipients are Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreational Center, Choice for All, Leadership Training Institute, Family Community Life Center, New Hour for Women & Children, Urban League of Long Island, and Women’s Diversity Network. A consultant, Prosperity Now, was retained to work with the grantees and provide technical expertise and coordination of all these projects.

DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING & COMMUNICATION UPDATES

• One hundred percent of our board members have pledged financial support to the COVID-19 fund. Thank you for your support of this essential fund.
• Long Island Business News selected LICF as its Nonprofit of the Year for Corporate Citizenship. A video of the award was shown and distributed.
• Marie distributed the media package by email.
• Plans are underway to revive PAC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.