BOARD OF ADVISORS
Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2020
Videoconference Meeting

Advisory Board Members
Present: Patricia Marcin, Chair
        Natalie Abatemarco
        Nancy Engelhardt
        Sandra Krasnoff
        James Meyer
        Edward Palleschi
        Marc Wong, Vice Chair

Absent: Robert Barnett
        Janet Barone
        John DeCelle
        Phyllis Hill Slater

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

WELCOME
Trish Marcin called the video-conferenced meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Pandemic response sent millions of dollars out to Long Island’s nonprofit community. The COVID-19 Philanthropic Response fund distributed $1.5 million to 74 organizations. The committee is currently working to grant the remaining $435,000 this month. Fundraising efforts will begin again in January. The AFTEE fund granted $1 million to 34 organizations in the five east end towns to help with food insecurity and other essential needs.

Areas of concern to board members were discussed, and they include food security, homelessness, and mental health issues.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES
The minutes of the September 23 meeting was approved and accepted as written.

CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS
After review and discussion, the Board of Advisors voted unanimously to approve the following 17 grants, totaling $438,000:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION
$25,000 to work with Nassau County municipalities and local stakeholders to develop regional solutions to housing shortages and climate change.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

ALL OUR ENERGY
$20,000 to continue a campaign to eliminate single-use plastic items statewide.
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SUFFOLK
$42,000 to reduce pollution by restoring eelgrass and reducing fertilizer and pesticide use on large tracts of land.

EDUCATION

FRIENDS OF SCIENCE EAST/TESLA SCIENCE CENTER
$25,000 to increase students’ interest and skills in technology

TO BRING MORE
$20,000 to help students transition to remote learning.

VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES INTERNATIONAL
$20,000 to develop the technology and business skills of high school students attending high-need school districts in Nassau County. (Sandy Krasnoff abstained from voting on this grant as she is a board member of Virtual Enterprises.)

HEALTH

FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE
$50,000 for an integrated behavioral and primary health care model at the Family Center in Bay Shore.

SOUTH NASSAU COMMUNITIES HOSPITAL
$50,000 to improve access to primary care and pediatrics in Hempstead

HUNGER

WYANDANCH HOME & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORP.
$25,000 for supportive housing services for chronically homeless families in Suffolk County.

MENTAL HEALTH

ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS
$20,000 to address military sexual trauma and PTSD in veterans.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

GOOD NEIGHBORS FUND
$25,000 for a funder collaborative to strengthen power and cohesion across community and issues.

LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP FUND
$25,000 for a funder collaborative dedicated to protecting and restoring the Long Island Sound.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

WELL LIFE NETWORK
$20,000 to provide virtual addiction recovery services to underserved populations on Long Island.
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

ABILITIES/THE VISCARDI CENTER
$20,000 for an alternative education program for at-risk high school students.

GENERATION CITIZEN
$10,000 to provide civics education classes to students attending the South Country Central School District.

HOPE FOR YOUTH
$21,000 to provide youth development services to homeless youth in Suffolk County.

MISSION BE
$20,000 to provide social and emotional learning to students, educators, and parents in the Amityville Union Free School District.

The following proposals were not recommended for funding:

Brighter Tomorrows – Requested $25,000 to support a merger between Brighter Tomorrows and Long Island Against Domestic Violence
Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk County – Requested $20,000 to protect and preserve local marine environment through targeted stewardship-based community programming
East End Arts – Requested $25,000 to use the arts to attract visitors to downtown Riverhead through their DETOUR program
Elected Officials to Protect NY – Requested $25,000 to educate LI elected officials on COVID, climate, and equitable public health
Federation of Organizations – Requested $25,000 to prepare students within the Wyandanch School District for success in college and the workforce through their Access Program
Great Neck Center for the Visual & Performing Arts – Requested $15,000 to support the showing and discussion of social action documentaries
Harmony Heights – Requested $25,000 for music therapy for adolescent girls with mental health struggles
LGBT Network – Requested $25,000 for Youth Peer Education Program to improve the well-being of LGBTQ youth on Long Island
Long Beach Aware – Requested $25,000 for a cooperative effort among nonprofits, houses of worship, and community stakeholders to help feed needy Long Beach residents
Long Beach Latino Civic Association – Requested $20,000 to launch the Leaders in Victory (LIV) program
Long Island Community Hospital – Requested $24,000 for an Employee Assistance Program for COVID-19 related trauma
Long Island Sound Conservation Society – Requested $43,500 to improve and protect the health of local bodies of water by reducing nitrogen
Morrison Mentors – Requested $20,000 for an online distance learning program - STEAM workshops and classes
Nassau Health Care Corp. – Requested $60,000 for breast cancer screening program for poor, uninsured, or underinsured women
PEACE Afterschool Program – Requested $25,000 for an afterschool school program for underserved, high poverty community
Phoenix House Long Island – Requested $100,000 for telemedical services to perform
consultations for clients who are quarantined at home

**Project Extreme** – Requested $25,000 to provide social, educational, and emotional support to youths in crisis

**Rural & Migrant Ministry** – Requested $25,000 to provide youth programs to the children of farmworkers at the Amandla Rural Worker Education center

**Southampton Arts Center** – Requested $25,000 to build community and diversify audiences through East End Collected 6 and SAC Go projects

**Suffolk County Landbank** – Requested $25,000 to repurpose vacant lots and promote sustainable land use in North Bellport.

**The New Interdisciplinary School** – Requested $20,000 for technological needs to improve the safety, communication, educational, and therapeutic services provided

**Turkish Cultural Center** – Requested $40,000 for STEAM program

**We Connect the Dots** – Requested $140,000 for Software Engineering Bootcamp in underserved communities

*The following proposal was withdrawn:*

**People Loving People** – Requested $24,000 to increase food access and obtain services for seniors and low-income immigrant families on the North Shore

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- A $1.5 million donor advised fund was held up in the Attorney General’s office until just recently; we expect to receive the money in 2021.
- Eleven new funds were opened this year. Zoom meetings with donors and potential grantees have been successful and enjoyable.
- The National Conference of CPA Practitioners (NCCPAP) tax symposium was held virtually this year because of COVID. It was well-attended. LICF was highlighted at the event, along with the Linda Fund. The Linda Fund fundraised prior to and at this event, and they gave us $5,000 for our COVID-19 fund.
- Northwell scholarships were all paid. Northwell will renew next year and increase the number of recipients. It will increase the scholarship fund to $500,000 a year within the next four to five years.
- The Yurman Family distributed $75,000 through the COVID-19 Response Fund among seven East End organizations.
- Marie will send the media packet to board members by email.
- New tax proposals and the fact that many financial institutions are warehousing charitable dollars in donor advised funds were discussed. Board members should be mindful of LICF in any tax/donor advised fund conversations they might be part of. LICF donor advised funds are kept active.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.