BOARD OF ADVISORS
Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2022
Videoconference Meeting

Advisory Board Members
Present: Marc Wong, Vice Chair
Natalie Abatemarco
Robert Barnett
Janet Barone
John DeCelle
Christina Jonathan
James Meyer
Edward Palleschi

Absent: Patricia Marcin, Chair
Nancy Engelhardt
Sandra Krasnoff
Phyllis Hill Slater

Staff
Present: David Okorn
Jeannie DeMaio
Melissa Greenberger
Sol Marie Jones
Marie Smith

WELCOME
The video-conferenced meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES
The minutes of the January 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 12 grants, totaling $248,500:

ARTS & CULTURE

EAST END ARTS & HUMANITIES
$25,000 to use the arts to attract visitors to downtown Riverhead.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LA FUERZA UNIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.
$25,000 to provide technical assistance to low-income, minority, and women-owned small businesses.

UNIONDALE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
$25,000 to increase affordable homeownership opportunities and promote housing stability in Uniondale.
CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION
$15,000 to monitor water quality from East Quogue to Montauk and engage residents in restoration.

EDUCATION

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
$15,000 to use hands-on activities to increase young people's understanding of and interest in science, technology, and math.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM
$8,500 to provide arts education to economically and culturally diverse students on Long Island's East End.

PROJECT MORRY
$20,000 for an academic enrichment and leadership development program targeting students from North Amityville and Copiague school districts.

HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS

HEALTH & WELFARE COUNCIL OF LONG ISLAND
$25,000 to help families fill the gap between monthly SNAP allocations and the high cost of food.

MID-ISLAND Y JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
$25,000 to increase access to food, including fresh produce and proteins, in Nassau County.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY – CENTER FOR NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP
$25,000 to prepare people of color to serve as nonprofit and community leaders.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK
$20,000 to train youth of color to lead organizing campaigns that create safe and supportive learning environments.

MISSION BE
$20,000 to provide a six-week virtual mindfulness training program to Long Island teachers

The list of proposals that were declined was also approved.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island – Requested $20,000 for youth mentoring on Long Island.
- Camp HorseAbility – Requested $25,000 for a four-day camp experience for at-risk youth.
- Conscience Point Shellfish Hatchery – Requested $24,300 to install a permanent, year-round municipal freshwater service to connect their hatchery to SCWA.
• Dyslexia Advocacy Action - Requested $25,000 to provide remediation to underprivileged children with dyslexia, and to improve quality of education at public schools.
• Eastline Players Corp. – Requested $13,073 to provide low-cost and free women-centric theatre programs in some of Long Island’s under-utilized downtown spaces.
• Long Island Poetry & Literature Repository – Requested $20,000 for a year-long poetry workshop for grieving parents.
• Nassau Parks Conservancy - Requested $25,000 to support the Nassau County Games for the Physically Challenged.
• Natural Heritage Trust - Requested $30,000 for professional development training at the Teacher’s Academy at the Jones Beach Energy & Nature Center.
• The Carl Safina Center – Requested $20,000 to support the work of the Safina Center.
• Veterans Yoga Project – Requested $24,279 for a mindful resilience for compassion fatigue program for caregivers of veterans.

The following proposals were withdrawn:

• Selfhelp Community Services – Requested $25,000 to provide social support services to low and moderate-income residents of senior housing residence in Wyandanch.
• The Corporate Source – Requested $25,000 to improve employment equity for people with disabilities by changing perceptions.
• Vision Long Island – Requested $30,000 to connect local businesses in at least six low and moderate-income communities to public and private grant resources.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

The late Charlie Entenmann was remembered for his friendship and extraordinary generosity to our foundation and to the Long Island community. His two children are successor advisors to Charlie’s Fund.

The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund awarded seven grants totaling $410,000 focusing on the restoration and protection of the Long Island Sound.

The Long Island Immigrant Children’s Fund awarded four grants totaling $225,000 to continue providing legal support and social services to unaccompanied immigrant children.

The Racial Equity Collaborative Fund awarded four $100,000 grants to Black-led groups to pilot-test programs that are targeted for career pathways and quality job creation and/or financial capabilities to address long-standing credit issues and other barriers to financial health facing Black Long Islanders.

We opened two new donor advised funds, and several potential funds are in the works.

The board was asked to forward any new prospects, as well as social media posts.

Dick Amper of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society has been working to establish a scholarship fund in memory of his wife.

LICF/NYCT staff are working with Northwell Health on another potential scholarship program that will initially benefit students in the Bay Shore, Freeport, Hempstead, and Brentwood school
districts. In the first year, the plan is to award 100 students (25 from each school) $19,000 scholarships to Nassau and Suffolk Community Colleges. The scholarship program will then roll out over the next several years to a total of 580 students in twelve underserved communities including Harlem, Queens, Staten Island, Westchester, and further expansion in Nassau and Suffolk. It is anticipated that once the program is fully rolled out, it will be providing $5 million annually for scholarships and support services as needed.

Planning of the spring PAC Forum at Greentree is underway. Penny Kassel will be invited to present on eldercare.

LICF is meeting monthly with NYCT’s new communication and marketing committee.

It was suggested that our marketing materials be made available in other languages, e.g., Chinese, Spanish.

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