

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** March 15, 2021

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**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager  
Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director

**Council Action Requested:**  
Resolution to Approve Funding Recommendations in the Amount of \$1 million for Community Investments in Social Justice and Anti-Poverty Initiatives

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods  
**Strategic Objective:** No  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** Yes



**Summary of Information:**

In the Fall of 2020, the Mayor and City Council allocated \$1 million to invest in social justice and anti-poverty initiatives. The Community Investments Review Committee (CIRC), appointed by the Mayor and City Council via a resolution during the adoption of the FY 2021-22 budget, created the following categories for the \$1 million as part of the first phase of the process:

The categories are:

- 1) Grants for Social Justice/Anti-poverty Initiatives (\$200,000)
- 2) Long-term Anti-poverty/Social Justice Strategies (\$200,000)
- 3) Broadband Internet Access Expansion and Training (\$300,000)
- 4) Heritage Preservation and Education (\$190,000)
- 5) Mentorship and Neighborhood Capacity Building (\$110,000)

As part of phase 2 of the process, applications were made available in December of 2020 for non-profit organizations to apply for the community investments grants in four of the five funding categories established by the CIRC. Applications were due on January 15, 2021. The Broadband Internet Access Expansion category will be managed in-house.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Finance 3/15/2021</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
<b>For</b>	Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor	<b>Against</b>	Council Member Clark

**Remarks:**

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) was commissioned to review and score the submitted applications. On Wednesday, February 24, 2021, the CBOC voted to recommend funding for a slate of non-profit and faith-based organizations. \*

The attached resolution approves the recommendations from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and authorizes the City Manager to enter into agreements with the approved organizations.

\*Exhibit A lists the recommended grant awards within each funding category. The exhibit includes the operating budget for each organization, their request, the combined average score (including staff), and the recommended grant award. Exhibit B lists those organizations that were not recommended for funding.