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FY2021 LIVE & LEARN CONSTRUCTION GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Gwendolyn Brooks Building, Room 204

Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Alternative attendance via conference call and/or Webex conferencing

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Franklin – via Webex

Christine Gerrish – via Webex

Maria Meachum – via Webex

Jennifer Slaney – via Webex

Eric Spencer – via Webex

Tiffany Verzani – via Webex

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Felicia Murray

STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Egan

Jake Magnuson

Mark Shaffer

Sheila Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steven Ward, Taylorville Public Library

Morgan Ebert, Taylorville Public Library

Ann Chandler, Taylorville Public Library

Ryan Cox, Berkeley Public Library

Isabel LaBarbera, Berkeley Public Library

Andy Dogan of Williams Architects for Berkeley Public Library

Emily Faulkner, DeKalb Public Library

Patricia Smith, Robert W. Rowe Public Library District

Teresa Pennington, Paris Carnegie Public Library

Mary Newman, Frank Bertetti-Benld Public Library

Jenny Jackson, Marquette Heights Public Library

Jennifer Hess, Danville Public Library

Anna Wassenaar, Blue Island Public Library

Greg Weydert, Creve Coeur Public Library

Melissa Rice, Frankfort Public Library District

Denise Wargowsky, Frankfort Public Library District

Claire Crawford, Geneseo Public Library District

Nicki Seidl, Evergreen Park Public Library

David Sieffert, Bensenville Community Public Library District

Chris Sloan, Bensenville Community Public Library District
 Dorothy Koll, Acorn Public Library District
 Shannon Halikius, Sugar Grove Public Library District
 Bradley Knechtges, Sugar Grove Public Library District

CALL TO ORDER:

Mark Shaffer began the meeting at 10:00 a.m., and a Roll Call of the committee was taken. Mr. Shaffer greeted the committee along with those representing the applicant libraries, and thanked everyone for their participation.

Mr. Shaffer called for a motion to adopt the committee meeting minutes of May 20, 2020. Maria Meachum moved to approve the minutes. Jennifer Slaney seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed with the minutes approved as written.

Mr. Shaffer then proceeded with the meeting by providing some background information about the grant process and provided an overview of the meeting’s proceedings.

REMODELING FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Grant No.	Applicant Library	City	Amount Requested	Committee Recommendation
21-SCP-100	Taylorville Public Library	Taylorville	\$19,201.33	FUND
21-SCP-101	Berkeley Public Library	Berkeley	\$50,000.00	FUND
21-SCP-102	DeKalb Public Library	DeKalb	\$9,750.00	FUND
21-SCP-103	Robert W. Rowe Public Library District	Sheridan	\$3,804.50	FUND
21-SCP-104	Paris Carnegie Public Library	Paris	\$50,000.00	FUND
Total recommendation for funding: \$132,755.83				

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Mr. Shaffer

Ms. Verzani motioned to approve all Accessibility grant applications. Ms. Gerrish seconded. There was no opposition.

MINI-GRANTS

Grant No.	Applicant Library	City	Amount Requested	Committee Recommendation
21-SCP-200	Frank Bertetti-Benld Public Library	Benld	\$10,000.00	FUND
21-SCP-201	Marquette Heights Public Library	Marquette Heights	\$18,686.54	FUND
21-SCP-202	Danville Public Library	Danville	\$23,655.00	FUND
21-SCP-203	Blue Island Public Library	Blue Island	\$23,750.00	FUND
21-SCP-204	Creve Coeur Public Library	Creve Coeur	\$25,000.00	FUND
21-SCP-205	West Frankfort Public Library	West Frankfort	\$33,500.00	FUND
Total recommendation for funding: \$134,591.54				

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Mr. Shaffer

Ms. Meachum motioned to approve all Mini-Grant applications. Ms. Slaney seconded. There was no opposition.

NEW CONSTRUCTION/REMODELING

Grant No.	Applicant Library	City	Amount Requested	Committee Recommendation
21-SCP-300	Frankfort Public Library District	Taylorville	\$25,375.00	FUND
21-SCP-301	Geneseo Public Library	Geneseo	\$114,250.00	FUND
21-SCP-302	Evergreen Park Public Library	Evergreen Park	\$81,712.00	FUND
21-SCP-303	Bensenville Public Library District	Bensenville	\$33,125.00	FUND
21-SCP-304	Acorn Public Library District	Oak Forest	\$35,000.00	FUND
21-SCP-305	Sugar Grove Public Library District	Sugar Grove	\$98,878.00	FUND
Total recommendation for funding: \$388,340.00				

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Mr. Shaffer

Ryan Franklin motioned to approve all New Construction/Remodeling grant applications. Eric Spencer seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Shaffer asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Maria Meachum moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Slaney seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.