



Community Foundation *of the* Dan River Region

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The Community Foundation Distribution Subcommittee March 9, 2023

Present: Steve Bass, Richard Dixon, Ginny Foster, Carole Holland and Traci Petty

Steve Bass, Chair of the Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

Traci Petty provided grant guidelines and applicant information for the Autism Fund, Keokee Fund, and the Marshall Fund to the members of the subcommittee.

A discussion ensued regarding the necessity to meet in person about these grants due to the lower amounts of money, few applicants, and the very structured nature of the Marshall Family Fund. Ms. Petty advised that she would take this feedback to Ms. Milam for evaluation.

Autism Education Fund – There were four applications for this cycle totaling a sum of \$29,950 while there is a total of \$5,533 available for distribution. Mr. Dixon made a motion to divide the money four ways, because there were four qualified applicants. Danville Science Center, Inc. will receive \$1,383.25, Danville Speech and Hearing will receive \$1,383.25, BookEnds will receive \$1,383.25 and Danville Public Schools will receive \$1,383.25. All were in favor of this motion.

Keokee Fund – There were two applications for this cycle totaling a sum of \$6,500 while there is a total of \$2,047 available for distribution. Mr. Bass made a motion that since there were two applicants and both applied for worthy projects, that the money be split in half. Caswell County Schools will receive \$1,023.50 and the Danville Science Center will receive \$1,023.50. All were in favor of this motion.

Marshall Family Fund – Subcommittee members reviewed submissions from five applications. Ms. Foster made a motion to award 100% of the requests meaning the receipts would be God's Storehouse \$15,000.00; Boy Scouts of America/Dan River District – Blue Ridge Mountains Council \$12,000.00; Danville Community College Educational Foundation \$12,800.00; Grace Design \$6,472.15; and Averett University \$10,000.00. All were in favor of this motion.

Grace Design United Methodist Church requested \$6,472.15 for their additional resources request as per the fund agreement, with a purpose of removing and replacing signage because they are in preparation to separate from the main church. This purpose spurred a discussion concerning whether or not Grace Design United Methodist Church would still be eligible to receive a distribution once the separation from the main church takes place. The United would be removed from their name, they would no longer operate the same as they did when the Marshall's attended church there and as they did at the time of the creation of this fund agreement. Since the separation has not taken place,

the committee decided that the request would be granted this year, but they would like the full Board of Directors to weigh in on whether we need a policy to handle such matters moving into the future. All were in favor of asking the full Board of Directors for guidance in this decision.

There was a sum of \$5,063.85 remaining in the Marshall Family Fund after all applicants were granted 100% of their requests, 10% given to Grace Design United Methodist Church and 5% given to The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region.

Discussion of what to do with the remainder of funding led to the subcommittee making the decision to recommend to the Board of Directors that this remainder be invested into the Free Clinic of Danville Fund. The Free Clinic of Danville Fund was established in September of 2019 to continue the mission of The Free Clinic of Danville. This organization was a beneficiary of the Marshall Family Fund prior to closing in 2019 due to the Medicaid Expansion. The fund is designed to provide medical services including, but not limited to, behavioral health, hearing, speech, dental, screening, and medical education targeting uninsured and underinsured adults (age 19-64) residing in Danville and Pittsylvania County, with preference for those earning less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Investments made into this fund will continue to grow support for organizations providing services to this defined population. Steve Bass made a motion to grant \$5,063.85 to The Free Clinic of Danville Fund. Rick Dixon seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bass', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Bass
Distribution Committee Chair