



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Allocation & Funding Committee Meeting
October 9, 2024 (via Webex)
AMENDED MINUTES Approved 11.20.24

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle Alston, Megan Baumgardner, Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Heather Mobley, Connie Philbeck, and Christy Wilhelm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Measmer and Michelle Wilson

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Attaway, Travis Burke, Melissa Dixon, Ashley Fitch, Megan Huffman, Amy Jewell, Alece Pugh, and Malisha Ross

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny (DPS Area Consultant) and Joanie Bischer (Admin)

OTHERS PRESENT: Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU); Maxine Greene (KRE8ivU); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); and Tracy Irish (DPS)

Chair Megan Baumgardner opened the meeting at 7:30 a.m. Attendance was taken via Webex participant log-in. A committee quorum was established with six of eight committee members in attendance along with eight additional council members.

The Chair asked Daniel Sevigny to confirm the unallocated amount of JCPC's FY 24-25 funding. He advised the total is \$41,695. Two agencies successfully submitted applications in response to JCPC's second RFP posted September 3 through October 3: KRE8ivU for A.R.I.S.E. and CRC for Truancy Court Mediation. Each application requests the full unallocated amount. Next, how JCPC's October 16 meeting might proceed toward an allocation decision was briefly discussed. It was agreed the secondary funding process should proceed in the same manner as did the first funding. Each agency will be given five minutes to present its program. Applicants will respond to council member questions. The Committee will provide its recommendation to the full Council to be followed by discussion and vote. It was noted that the amended FY 24-25 funding plan is expected to be presented to the BOC for approval in November with disbursements beginning in early December.

The Chair next opened the floor for council members to ask questions of program applicants. Applicants responded to multiple questions including:

- Whether programs could expend the full \$41,695 in the next six to seven months;
- Class location securement and days/times of operation;
- Specific services to be offered;
- Number of youths to be served, staffing levels, and referral sources;
- Whether a program could still operate if \$41,695 was split evenly between the programs;
- How quickly the program could begin accepting referrals after funding is disbursed.

The Chair then opened the floor to discuss funding recommendations. It was noted that both programs are provided by well-established agencies that currently operate in other counties, and that both programs would benefit Cabarrus County youth. However, some members expressed that splitting the limited funding available between two agencies would risk setting up both programs to fail. Several members expressed that awarding the full amount to only one program would offer the best opportunity for success. It was noted that one program already receives a sizeable amount of the overall available funding for the county through JCPC. Further deliberations ensued around the distinctions between the two programs along with the unique advantages offered by each.

When no more comments were heard, the Chair called for a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to award the full unallocated amount of \$41,695 to CRC Truancy Court Mediation. Judge Wilhelm seconded. The Chair asked if there was further discussion. Judge Wilhelm expressed that her vote in no way represented any disrespect toward KRE8ivU. She indicated that she understood the value of musical artistry and creativity in the lives of youth and felt A.R.I.S.E. was a quality program. Gayle Alston joined that sentiment. It was noted that should the full Council follow the Committee’s recommendation, KRE8ivU is encouraged to reapply in the next funding cycle. The Chair then called for a vote. Votes were cast via Webex chat. Eleven members voted aye, and two members voted nay. Motion carried.

Hearing no further comments, the Chair thanked everyone for their participation and called for a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to adjourn. Officer Attaway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

- A.R.I.S.E. = Arts Related Innovative Student Empowerment
- BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
- CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
- RFP = Request for Proposals