

Requirements for Non-profit Funding Review

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Financial Stewardship – Requirements for Grantees

▶ **Policy Question**

What opportunities exist to provide consistency, reliability, and clarity across the organization when giving grants to non-profits?

▶ **Committee Charge**

Review current requirements related to non-profit grant-making and identify policy recommendations to ensure consistency in areas where feasible, such as eligibility and reporting.

Ways The City Funds Non-profits

▶ Requests for Proposal

- Typically tied to federal or dedicated revenue sources (i.e. Housing Trust Fund)
- Competitive process with comprehensive application requirements
- Payments based-upon performance

▶ Community-based Program Grants

- Awarded to neighborhood groups, business groups, or small project teams
- Includes Neighborhood Matching Grant, Placemaking Grants, and Business District Organization Grants
- Requires application and approved project budgets
- Smaller grant awards

▶ Financial Partner Program

- Departments advise eligible organizations to apply

Ensuring Financial Stewardship

▶ All programs reviewed followed best practices for general grant-making

- ✓ Strong program guidelines
- ✓ Clear and competitive application process
- ✓ Required reporting

Business District Organization Program	Neighborhood Matching Grant Program	Safe Charlotte - Youth
Housing Trust Fund	Placemaking Program	Emergency Shelter Program
Community Impact Grant Program	HOPWA Program	Corridors of Opportunity Grant Programs

Key Takeaways...

► Findings

- Where applicable, current grant programs require 501c status
- Organizations receiving funds must meet city vendor requirements
- Project and/or organization budgets must be provided
- Where applicable, audits and financial reports are required

► Next Steps

- Where feasible, align the financial reporting requirements for programs that fund non-profits to mirror financial partner policy requirements

► On-going Review of Compliance

- Staff will continue to review city grant-making programs to ensure alignment in reporting and eligibility that is comparable to the adopted Financial Partner Policy



Questions?