

MINUTES, VA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (VA-FACT) Grants Committee Meeting, March 25, 2022

Participation:

Trustees Present: Judy Kurtz (Committee Chair), Allison Lawrence, Tiffany Garner and Jennifer Gillyard

Trustees Absent: Dominique Marsalek

Staff Present: Nicole Poulin (Executive Director), Taylor Hohle (Senior Research Associate)

Opening: Committee Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM

Review of Historical & Current Funding Initiatives:

- Between 2016 -2020, FACT began funding TICNs in addition to supporting more direct services within through our larger award process.
- FACT developed a Framework for TICNs in 2019 that was used in the application process for the 2020-2022 awards that were made solely to TICNs. There are currently 7 TICNs supported through this current round of funding. The contract period ends July 31, 2022.
- FACT is in the process of reviewing and developing a plan of action for the recently published sustainability report. It is anticipated that plan will involve some significant organizational changes for FACT which may impact funding priorities. Thus, the Grants committee should focus on smaller grants (\$5 K - \$10 K) versus larger grants which would require and RFA and accessing support from VDSS procurement office which is already overwhelmed with requests.
- The grants should remain focused and there is a PR opportunity for FACT if the awarding of the grants are made via public announcement (e.g., ceremony with a large check to recipient).
- Options for priority areas for the next larger round of funding include: 1) piloting a workforce development program at 2-3 sites in VA potentially with the support of the Bristol Connect program ; 2) address violence against LGBTQ youth; and 3) needs for seniors.

Timeline and Discussion of Next Funding Cycle:

- The grants committee will send a survey to FACT stakeholders statewide by April 2022, complete data collection by May 2022 and the Grants committee will decide on the topic of the grants based on the data compiled in May 2022; a vote will be held during the June 2022 FACT meeting.

Next Steps:

- Create a survey for a statewide needs assessment; survey should help FACT prioritize needs across LGBTQ children & adults, seasoned senior, and workforce retention.
- Grants committee will meet with Equality VA ([Equality Virginia](https://equalityvirginia.org/)), Virginia Antiviolence Project (<https://virginiaavp.org/>) and Bristol Connect (<https://bristolspromise.org/partnerships-initiatives/bristol-connect/>) for more information on their work on eliminating violence across the lifespan.

Adjournment/Wrap up: Committee Chair Kurtz concluded the meeting at 2:07 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
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