

**VA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND  
(VA-FACT) Grants Committee Meeting, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Greater SCAN, Henrico CAC, 2810 N Parham Road, Suite 280, Richmond, VA 23294**

**Participation:**

Trustee Committee Members Present: Abigail Wescott, Tarina Keene, Season Roberts

Trustee Committee Members Absent: Tyler Hart

Staff/Guests Present: Nicole Poulin (Executive Director), Michelle L'Hommedieu (Office of Attorney General - FACT Counsel) – joining virtually and Taylor Hohle (Senior Research Associate) – joining virtually

**Opening:** Trustee Wescott called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

**Review of Stakeholder Survey**

- Executive Director Poulin reviewed the survey results and provided background information on the survey development.
- There were 29 responses in total. The majority of respondents were from non-profit organizations (21). Some additional responses came from state government (2), health systems (2), higher education (2), and a training company (1). Respondents were from across Virginia and came from a wide variety of focus areas and levels of prevention.
- Due to the nature of the responses, a broad Request for Proposals (RFP) may be best to provide funding across the variety of agencies and programs.

**Review of Proposed Timeline**

- **June 2025 Board Meeting**
  - Budget recommendations for FY 2026 to be approved will include recommended costs outside of funds to be kept in reserve for RFP
  - Formal recommendations for RFP priority areas to be approved
- **September 2025 Board Meeting**
  - Update on RFP Process
  - Recruitment for additional members of the Grants Committee
- **December 2025 Board Meeting**
  - Final draft of RFP to be presented for Board Approval
- **Early January 2026**
  - RFP released
  - Nicole to begin recruitment for state employees with subject matter expertise to participate with the FACT Grant Committee Members on the Grant Review Committee
- **February 2026**
  - Applications due and distributed to Grant Review Committee to read and score individually
- **March 2026**
  - Grant Review Committee Meets to review, score applications collectively and determine recommendations to the Board
  - Board Meeting- Board votes on recommendations for funding
- **June 2026 Board Meeting**
  - Budget approved for FY 2027
- **July 2026 Projects Begin for FY 2027-FY2029/2030**

- Funding Summary
  - Anticipated funding available for two-year grants 2027-2029: \$3.1 million
  - Anticipated funding available for three-year grants - \$3.7 million
  - It is possible to release an RFP based on anticipated numbers as long as it is mentioned in the RFP that it is contingent on funding being available.

#### **Discussion of Next Funding Cycle**

- Possible funding opportunities discussed included: increasing the pool of medical providers that can identify child abuse, filling in gaps for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds that are decreasing, focusing on older adults who do not have many services available.
- There was discussion around whether to do a two-year or three-year cycle. Based on the current economic climate and the increase in FACT funds being relatively new, a two-year cycle may be more beneficial. The consensus was to start with \$1.5 million for a two-year cycle.
- There was a discussion on creating guidelines for future grant funding to help with turnover of Trustees.

The Grants Committee will meet again virtually prior to the June Board meeting to finalize recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.