

**VA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND
(VA-FACT) Grants Committee Meeting, May 29, 2025**

Microsoft Teams

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

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

Opening: Trustee Wescott called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

Update of Proposed Timeline & Budget

- Anticipated existing balance available for FY 2026 - \$1.5-\$1.6 million
- Anticipated income for FY 2026 - \$500,000 - \$550,000
- Nicole updated the committee on the VDSS procurement process timeline. Given the current VDSS procurement workload, this is an ambitious timeline. Nicole has a meeting with procurement staff on June 13th. Trustees Wescott and Roberts would like to attend.
- DSS/FACT Request for Proposal Process: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
 - Funding cycle for larger grants: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028

Discussion of Current and Future Grants

- Small Grants (<\$10,000)
 - Ad hoc - Currently these are up to \$5000 for both local and statewide activities, primarily trainings and conferences. FY2025 was for 20 awards totaling \$100,000. 17 requests have been received.
 - Update this process to include two categories: one for training/capacity building up to \$5000, and another for service support up to \$10,000.
 - Applications for both categories will be reviewed by the Grants Committee in two cycles (September and March).
 - If approved by the Board, the application will be developed by the Grants Committee in the upcoming months, as well as a public notice alerting organizations to the change in grant process.
 - Emergency Fund Grants – Currently \$5000 awards for home visiting, domestic/sexual violence, and two-gen/whole family pilot project programs.
 - Contracts – Currently \$10,000 for various needs such as marketing
- Large Grants (>\$10,000)
 - Current
 - VCU LEAP Project - \$200,000 (3/2025-3/2027)
 - Justice 3D PSB Project - \$100,000 (6/2024-6/2026)
 - Future
 - \$1.5 million @ \$200,000-\$300,000 per award for a two-year grant period
 - 5-7 awards to be made across the five VDSS regions
 - Priority focus: broad lens of prevention (primary, secondary, tertiary) across the lifespan (child abuse, domestic/sexual violence, elder abuse)
 - Clearly defined parameters for unspent carryover process

Recommendations

- \$300,000 (\$150,000 per grant cycle) allocated to ad hoc application process with two categories: up to \$5000 for training/capacity and up to \$10,000 for service support based on strategic priorities.
- \$1.5 million set aside for an upcoming large RFP, \$200,000-\$300,000 per award for a two-year grant period.

Next Steps

- Nicole will discuss with Michelle the specifics about what needs full board approval throughout the

new grant process.

- Pending Board approval, a write up from the Grants Committee will be made to include with the annual report that discusses the new grants processes and new financial position of FACT.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.