

Volunteer TN 5-2-25 Commission Meeting Recording – Part 2

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JS **Jim Snell** 0:03

We're doing an porch addition on the back of the house.

Golf ball hit the side so we wouldn't have to understand.

And this guy came.

Introduced himself.

Where we were from, the whole thing and 5 minutes in the Congress,

I'm gonna call the meeting back to order.

It is 1135.

Thank you all for being present.

I continue with our business.

OK.

I'm going to call on Eileen Wolin for the grants discussion.

Eileen, are you available?

She froze.

There's no.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 0:58

I am here.

I just put a bagel in the toaster.

JS **Jim Snell** 1:01

Oh, good for you.

So only just one second.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 1:10

Yeah.

JS **Jim Snell** 1:11

Yeah, here we go.

We're kind of all getting seated and.
We are ready for the next discussion.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 1:18
OK. Can you can you give me about 5 minutes?

JS **Jim Snell** 1:22
Absolutely we can.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 1:22
Is that gonna mess things up?

JS **Jim Snell** 1:27
I've got some.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 1:32
OK.
I'll be back in just a couple minutes.

JS **Jim Snell** 1:38
OK.
But if I want these jalapeno chips, they're just too.
Yeah, tell me. You want to taste one, so then I'll know. I don't ever want to do it.
Again.
Well, yeah.
You want to know about the one.
I feel what's coming along.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 2:38
OK.

JS **Jim Snell** 2:38
Here.
These are difficult.
So that's why.

I'm.

OK.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 2:55

OK.

I am back. I can get started.

JS **Jim Snell** 3:00

OK.

Thank you.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 3:01

OK.

You're welcome.

OK.

Well, Jim was kind enough to send me a little little list of talking points last night.

So the first thing that we're we're gonna review is the two thousand 2526

Commission support Grant and Commission Investment Fund budget.

It's.

So.

Staff received the Commission support Grant and Commission Investment Fund

application instructions on March 7th and the due date was April 16th, so the

Executive committee met on March 21st to review and approve both budgets.

The application instructions did not include the 25 to 26 funding allocations, so those budgets were based on funding amounts.

Of the previous year.

Late in the day on March 20th, staff received the 2526 funding allocations but did not have time to update the budgets prior to the March 21st meeting.

The actual 2526 Commission support Grant and Commission Investment Fund allocations were \$1700 and \$1200 more than the previous year, respectively.

The 2526 Commission support Grant and Commission Investment Fund budgets presented reflect those increased amounts and recent changes to staffing.

JS **Jim Snell** 4:37

Oh.

EW Eileen Wollam 4:42

So.

So, Jim, can you please explain?

I'm sorry.

JS Jim Snell 4:55

Yeah.

EW Eileen Wollam 4:57

I'm sorry you're eating.

JS Jim Snell 4:58

Which part?

OK.

EW Eileen Wollam 5:03

Yeah, just the the significance of the green and the yellow and.

JS Jim Snell 5:09

Sure.

EW Eileen Wollam 5:10

Yeah.

JS Jim Snell 5:11

Yeah. So this is the first time the entire Commission has seen these budgets. But as I mentioned, the Executive committee reviewed and approved the.

The.

Yellow represents items that went down.

Since that executive committee meeting, the green represents items that went up.

And to go back down to the the funding part, as Eileen mentioned, one of the things that changed after the committee met was that we added in the you know there was roughly an additional \$1700.

That was in the federal line. So we went in and added some things. Also after that,

you know, we had some staff shifts and then?

The sorry doesn't show up here, but.

The this includes.

A potentially lower pay for performance based on the appropriations levels that were again the appropriations language that was circulating at the time.

It was not.

The we had estimated based on the previous year paper performance level.

And the malicoror was less than three to sheer patience to come along about that.

So anyway, we expect lower payment performance, which impacts the overall.

Staff.

Pay and then the resulting benefits.

So most of those items went down a little bit.

Not not a ton.

I mean, you can see the previous amounts previously was 511,000 total for staff salaries factored 500, seven, 94.

So relatively minor changes there to reflect actual well, not actual, but revised estimates.

And some of the.

Costs were just shifted, so the total amount didn't change, but we shifted things.

Staff shifted things from.

Because I think in the previous executive committee.

There were zeros in some of these problems in the federal share, so the.

This may you know this first money column is the federal cares.

So we shipped some costs from the map share over to the federal share because we got a little bit more money.

And then, because the amount for staff went down a little bit, that provided some additional funding to put elsewhere in the budget as well, so.

Most of those were relatively minor changes.

Again, the the total in most cases did not change.

For these items lower down, we just shifted costs between the federal share and the match sharing.

So that's kind of the all, all the different the Greens and the yellows. Again, the primary difference is the amount of federal funding went up a little bit.

We actually reduced a little bit the match share because the the the Feds will hold us to the percentage of match that we pledge.

The minimum is 50%.

And this budget proposes a little bit more than 50% is because of some of the. The ways we had to split the cost here and there, but we did reduce it a little bit based on again primarily the reduced staff cost. We took down the overall proposed match.

So that's the form grant.

Ed, that that the Commission discuss and vote on these individually.

Are you planning together if you want but might provide more time for questions if you do want at a time, OK.

Thank you, Eileen, and thank you, Jim.

Does anyone have any questions or comments?

Jason.

So I I presume that these actions that were recently taken like impacted the mission specifically on the game.

But my understanding based on this is that it's also if something happened on the federal level, it would.

Yes, and to Nathan's point in the previous discussion, worst case scenario that the mayor for goes away.

It's actually a little bit more than half because.

Half of most of our staff salaries are federal.

And this is 100% I think.

So total it's a little more than half, but in this budget.

The staff costs are are 50.

And and state match.

So yes, the mayor for funding were to go away out of the total.

For this budget of 857,000 dollars, 405 of it would would go away.

Any other comments and or questions?

I guess another question on that it works it go away.

With the state of Tennessee, like 451, good.

So for example, in my program, if you know you get a certain amount, you are granted, then the significant portion is leveraged, you are partnership.

But we don't leverage that if we don't have the American program. So like the lawsuit, one is the loss of all.

Does it?

Does it work that way or is it different than that?

For the Commission.

It could work that way.

The current appropriations.

For.

State fiscal year 2026.

Does include the funding for those volunteer Tennessee line items within the F and a overall budget, so.

That that state appropriation there.

Now at the miracle we'd go away completely.

The administration and the General Assembly could say, well, why are we providing this match for this federal program that's going away?

I mean.

Personally, I think this Commission would have a pretty good rationale for saying the volunteer state still needed the volunteer Commission.

Selfishly.

But so, but it would, I think at that point become a discussion for the administration and the General Assembly.

Of whether or not they want to continue.

So it's in there for FY26?

But that's just for him.

Why can't he 6?

And this these budgets do reflect the state fiscal year which you all may recall that these budgets used to be on a calendar year in the American did a one time 18 month grant to both the executive sport grant and the Commission Investment Fund to transition us.

From a calendar year grant period to state fiscal year grant period.

That current 18 month period in in June.

And these both of these would start in July 2025 and then from there on they would be synced with the state and school year.

Any other questions or comments?

OK. Do I hear a motion to approve the 202526 condition support grant budget as presented?

Thank you, Kate.

Do I have a second?

Do I hear a second?

EW Eileen Wollam 13:41

I'll second it.

JS Jim Snell 13:41

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Jim, would you please do a roll call vote?

And.

George Bovey, destiny Brown, Tim Carpenter, Drake.

Stephanie Davis.

Nathan Barr.

Yeah, Terry, Frank.

TF Terry Frank 14:11

Yes.

JS Jim Snell 14:14

Amy gilliland.

GA Gilliland, Amy 14:16

Yes.

JS Jim Snell 14:20

Can you go for?

Rebecca.

Rebecca, you're still on.

If you're still able to hear me, shoot me an e-mail about your event on this.

Andrea Hill.

Holly Jones. Amy lagrone.

AL Aimee LaGrone 14:55

Yes.

Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 15:02

Yeah. Thank.

Thank you.

Lizette Lopez, Greg Lyles, Lee Bolton, Patricia Powell.

Jason Scott.

Thank you.

Kim silver.

Tracy vanderbee.

Amy Walter.

Betty White.

Eileen Wallin.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 15:29

Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 15:32

Yvonne wood.

EW **Evon Wood** 15:33

Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 15:36

Suzanne power, yes.

Leshan Dixon.

Yes, sorry.

Desanti gleaton.

Yes, Adam Jarvis.

Caroline Ledley, Marla Cartwright.

MC **Marla Cartwright** 15:53

Abstain.

JS **Jim Snell** 15:57

Lieutenant Colonel Parker.

Thank you, master Sergeant Regan.

Nessa araya's. Nancy Shelley.

Just be young, do.

And the merchant carries. Thank you.

Please present the 202526 Commission Investment Fund budget.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 16:37

Hey.

OK, before.

Before we move on, we need to make sure that everyone has returned their signed conflict of interest forms.

JS **Jim Snell** 16:54

Yeah. Sorry, Eileen, that that's for the the next part.

I.

I don't think we need that for the Commission Investment Fund.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 17:01

Oh, OK. I thought we we OK, sorry.

JS **Jim Snell** 17:05

Sorry, this is a continuation of the previous discussion I think.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 17:09

OK, OK.

Sorry about that.

JS **Jim Snell** 17:18

And I'll be not happy to step in if you want to provide some additional explanation.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 17:23

Yeah, please. Please do.

JS Jim Snell 17:26

Yeah, yeah.

Aim is the previous, so the executive Committee approved a version in March.

Subsequently, we got a little bit of extra funding, not a whole lot, but a little bit.

We.

Cost here and there.

The other thing the after the executive committee approved the budget, we realized that the America learns pricing.

That they gave us was for one year only, and we needed to increase that.

And so, America learns, is the.

The online grants management system that we're using now to allow programs to submit invoices rather than submitting spreadsheets to us.

And it'll it allows us to do a few other things. So they give us a one year special rate, but for the next year, it would go up a little bit.

So we had made a few other adjustments to incorporate that change and it was about a \$2000 difference.

So not a not a huge amount, but.

So we had to make some adjustments to.

Adjust for that and some adjustments based on some estimated revisions to staff cost.

Are there any questions or comments regarding the Commission Invisible Fund budget?

EW Eileen Wollam 18:57

Can you?

JS Jim Snell 19:12

OK, hearing.

None. Do I hear a motion to approve the 202526 Commission Investment Fund budget as presented.

Betty, do I have a second?

Do I hear a second thank you?

Chanta.

Hey, Jim, can we have a roll call vote? Sure.

George, Bobby.
Destiny Brown, Tim Carpenter, Drake.
Stephanie Davis.
Nathan Barnard.
Terry Frank.

TF **Terry Frank** 19:48
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 19:51
Amy gilliland.

GA **Gilliland, Amy** 19:53
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 19:55
Can you go for it?
Rebecca Henderson.
Andre Hill, Polly Jones, Amy legrom.

AL **Aimee LaGrone** 20:13
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 20:17
Lizette Lopez, Greg Lyles, Lee Moulton, Patricia Powell.
Jason Scott.
Terry Silber.
Tracy vanave. Amy Walter.
Betty White.
Eileen wallam.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 20:43
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 20:45

Yvonne wood.

EW **Evon Wood** 20:46

Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 20:49

Suzanne Carr.

Lachey, Dixon.

Deshonta gleaton.

Adam Jarvis.

Caroline ledley.

Marla Cartwright.

MC **Marla Cartwright** 21:03

Obscene.

JS **Jim Snell** 21:06

Lieutenant Colonel Parker.

SP **Susan Parker** 21:09

Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 21:12

Master Sergeant Regan.

Nestor Reyes, Nancy Chilean.

Jessica young bloom.

And the motion carries thank you.

I'm gonna turn it back over to Eileen for review of the conflict of interest members.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 21:36

OK, so for these this next group of votes that we have to take, we we need everybody to have submitted their conflict of interest forms.

So.

Do you need a minute to pass him around or?

JS **Jim Snell** 21:56

Yeah. Well, so for those in the room, it's in your packet.

So if you can just review.

The agencies that are being proposed, if you do have a conflict circle.

And you can just write a really brief thing and why you have accomplished and then print, sign and date.

And then we'll have.

Candice, would you mind collecting?

And staff need to complete these as well.

So anybody who is participating in the discussion, whether you're just sitting here listening or actively speaking, we need to also.

And for the folks online, I believe.

I believe I have all of yours except for Ivan. I'm not sure.

Did you send me yours?

EW **Evon Wood** 23:04

I did.

JS **Jim Snell** 23:06

Yeah. Let's see.

Sorry, I'm just looking to see if maybe it got caught in my spam filter.

EW **Evon Wood** 23:26

I can resend if needed.

JS **Jim Snell** 23:27

Would you mind?

It may have gotten caught.

Mysterious, I don't.

I'm having trouble finding it quickly, but so if you if you send it, it'll look right back at the top of my e-mail box and I'll I'll have it.

Thank you.

That works.

Thank you.

Let me back now.

OK.

Sorry, Davis.

OK. We have Mark, is everybody signed?

Do you have yours electronically? Yes.

Lisa, do not see one in our packet.

OK.

Extra.

Does anybody else not have one in the packets?

Go back.

I think it should be good.

And Yvonne, since you're sending my sending yours, did you have a conflict with any of those?

No. OK.

Thank you. OK.

OK.

So if you have a conflict, I need you to leave the room, please.

Well, can I?

Can I just note that for for the competitive park, I don't think anybody will have a conflict for that because that's not a funding vote.

That's the second one.

Or do the youth volunteer the civic engagement.

Grant, or the volunteer centers.

But yes, yes, so yes.

Thank you.

So I think Nathan is the only one who has a conflict with that.

Do not go far away. Two years.

I'm never not a conflict.

OK.

No, this is for a separate funding.

The Volunteer Center use civic engagement, OK, which I don't think you have AI mean if you didn't see any of that, you could see down the list that have a conflict with you should be OK with this.

So I'm gonna call on Ali to start our discussion on the Volunteer Center Butte civic engagement grants.

EW Eileen Wollam 26:05

Thank you.

JS Jim Snell 26:06

Yes.

EW Eileen Wollam 26:07

Umm.

So these are the 2025 to 26 volunteer center and youth Civic Engagement grant recommendations.

Excuse me.

So these programs would be funded through the Volunteer Generation Fund, which was not terminated by the AmeriCorps agency.

The executive Committee met on March 21st to review and approve these grant allocations.

The top scoring the the decision that that was made was that the top scoring applicants in each category would receive full funding.

And the remaining applicants that have scores above 80 would receive funding proportional to their review scores.

So you can see in in the chart that.

The first one is the volunteer center one and ETSU.

Scored over 80.

Or they were the top scoring ones, so they will get, they will receive their full request of funding.

66,260.

Um.

Uwmt Hunt that must be hands on Nashville.

Excuse me and dwgc both will receive 80%.

And uwwt 71 percent.

And VO received a score under 80, so we propose they don't receive anything.

JS Jim Snell 28:02
In.

EW Eileen Wollam 28:03

Under the youth civic engagement.

OC received very high score 96.35 S.

They're gonna get 100% and then uwmt will get 93%.

Uwgc 86% and uwmt their score was under 80, so they will get 0.

So the total.

The total request.

Was for 700, for for both.

The total request was for.

706,280.

And the amount available was only 400 and 7850, so.

We are awarding 400 and 7850 based on the formula that we had come up with.

Any questions?

Or comments.

JS Jim Snell 29:12

Madam, just to clarify the the programs that are receiving partial funding based on their score, they still feel that they can do a significant amount of of what they presented given a lower funding level.

Yeah, they've all accepted.

And also if anybody wants me to or maybe I'll I'll do it. Just just for everybody's benefit because it's their. The names are too long to fit in these squares.

They're they were on the the conflict of interest form that you you signed, but there's no reason why you would memorize that. That list, East Tennessee State United Way of Middle Tennessee submitted a grant in both categories.

One for their hands on Nashville volunteer program.

And one for a used civic engagement program.

United Way of Greater Chattanooga also submitted one in each category. Volunteer odyssey and then United Way of West Tennessee and Oasis Center.

Is is the top story applicant in the use of the candidate and I realized that that's actually an error that green box in the second category or United Way middle 10

should actually be kind of that goal.

Shade instead, cause the the Greens got 100% funding and then the the ones in gold got portional and the ones that don't have any shading didn't get any funding.

Does anyone have any comments or questions?

Do I hear a motion to approve the 202526 volunteer center and Youth Civic Engagement Recommendation as presented?

EW **Eileen Wollam** 31:01
I 2nd.

JS **Jim Snell** 31:01
Adam Ellen.
Jim, can we have a roll call vote, please?
Sure.
George Bovi, destiny brown, Tim Carpenter, Drake.
Stephanie Davis.
Nathan Farner has conflict.
And left the room. Terry Frank.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 31:26
Mm hmm.

JS **Jim Snell** 31:29
Amy gilliland.

GA **Gilliland, Amy** 31:31
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 31:33
Can you go for?
Rebecca Henderson.
Right, check this.
Umm.
Uh, Andrea hill.
Holly Jones. Amy lagrone.

AL **Aimee LaGrone** 31:56
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 31:59
Lizette Lopez.
Greg Lyles, Lee Logan.
Patricia Powell.
Jason Scott.
Stein, Terry silver.
Tracy van DEET, Amy Walter.
Betty White.
Eileen wallam.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 32:28
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 32:30
Yvonne wood.

EW **Evon Wood** 32:31
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 32:33
Suzanne Carr.
Lashann Dixon.
Deshonta gleaton.
Adam Jarvis, Tim, Caroline Ledley, Marla Cartwright.

MC **Marla Cartwright** 32:49
In.

JS **Jim Snell** 32:51
Lieutenant Colonel Parker.
Master Sergeant Regan.

That's a Reyes Nancy Shelline, yeah.

Just a young one.

And the motion carries with two voting members abstaining and 5X official members will stay here.

OK.

Thank you.

Can we bring Nathan back in?

Thank you.

All right. Eileen, would you please give us a review of the 2025 AmeriCorps competitive results?

EW **Eileen Wollam** 33:39
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 33:41
Thank you.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 33:44
Let's see.

JS **Jim Snell** 33:47
Instead of kids table.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 33:57
OK.
So.

Hey, volunteer Tennessee has not received the 2025.

Competitive results from the AmeriCorps agency.

So unfortunately, eight of the programs that volunteer Tennessee submitted to the competitive process were terminated by AmeriCorps agency, including one of the continuation programs, the Tennessee Community Assistance Corporation.

Excuse me folks.

So it it looks to me like the the programs that are in yellow.

Are probably the ones that have been terminated.

And the ones that are still in white?

JS **Jim Snell** 34:59

No.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 35:03

Are.

The ones that live to see another day.

So, but we have not heard whether or not they are getting funded through the competitive process.

So I don't think that there's anything that we vote on this one.

This is just for your information.

The programs that.

Are still alive if they.

Receive the competitive funding, then they'll be funded through that process.

And if they don't?

But they're alive still.

We'll move them to the formula process.

Anything else you need to say about that, Jim?

JS **Jim Snell** 35:56

I don't.

I don't think so.

Unless people have questions.

Do we know why?

That was the whole thing of was it something with the application or do we know why they were not?

We there was the only explanation that was given termination letter was that they no longer fit with the Agency's priorities.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 36:20

Yeah.

JS **Jim Snell** 36:25

I guess, which were what is that?

Oh, OK.

Yeah, I yeah, I don't know.

No, that's OK.

That's all I need to know.

Yeah. No, we we don't know.

We, we staff, has not been able to detect any kind of pattern.

Based on what was eliminated and what was retained.

So we're we're not sure what what the criteria they used to select the ones that were terminated.

So we don't have to vote on anything. It's just information.

Does anybody have any comments or questions about this particular?

Formula funding chart.

Can I ask if there's an entity that received?

There's an entity that was terminated in this first batch terminations and.

They then get funding in another in another bank cycle. Is there gonna be any level of hesitancy or concern from the MO that's adjacent question?

Even Frank about right now.

Even if they say, oh, you've got the money next year after having just had it terminated, I would perceive.

That there would be a level of hesitancy, uneven acting upon the, I don't know what that looks like. I guess is my question.

Is that something we need to be taking into consideration on?

I mean, even even.

I mean, we now have a little bit of a PR problem too, right?

Like I don't know. I I think by no fault of this Commission or honestly, the American Board agency, there is a question mark.

Now you know something that for 30 years we could have recruited.

Which we have.

We have like a bunch of folks already recruited because the understanding is there is a standard process like how this goes through.

So I I would say that there would be concern and then anxiety around it. I think that will go all the way down to the Members that it offers because like from my perspective, I have partners and this just happened.

So the same question I'm asking is like, even if I get funding.

How many of these partners are gonna continue this, you know, like?

Work with us in this capacity or try to identify another capacity that seems more

stable and extending it all the way to remember like is this.

Is this like a thing that I get a few months into it in some arbitrary thing happens, and then what does that mean for me?

What I would say is philosophically.

Us as a program we're really proud to have operated continuously since the very beginning.

There were times where the program was cut significantly.

And the agency chose to continue with it, and it's just been value the American partnership.

I don't know what that answer is. That's hard for us.

Any other comments or questions?

Thank you, Eileen.

Hope your call gets better.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 39:48
OK.

JS **Jim Snell** 39:58

Soon, right?

Not for the record, but I must say that if I ever wanted to learn how to play poker, Jim is going to be my player because he has this poker face and he's not giving anything said today.

So I love it, Jim.

I know you probably feel the all of this and more in your staff.

But know that that we're here to support you in this space as well.

But this yeah, this is this is tough to look at, I'm sure, yeah.

OK, at this time I'm going to call for public comments and Jen, do we?

No. Oh, I skipped something.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 40:38
Oh, we need to do the big one.

JS **Jim Snell** 40:43
OK.

My apologies. Eileen, would you like to?

Well, first of all, is there anyone with conflicts that needs to leave the room?

EW **Eileen Wollam** 40:51

We do have like 5 people.

JS **Jim Snell** 40:53

Albert, I'll. I'll be honest.

Yeah. Good for me again.

Sorry, Nathan.

Maybe one day.

Is it still conflict? It's being considered to be refunded?

It is OK.

Wait a minute.

So yeah, so Nancy?

80 Yeah, Nathan, Jason.

I don't see one online, Nathan. Katie, Casey. Jason, I.

Don't believe that any of the online people have conflicts that people on the yeah, I think I think people online are all OK to continue to participate.

I don't think anybody noted a conflict with any of the agencies that are being proposed to be funded. Go ahead.

All right. Eileen, would you please present the 2025 Ameer course formula recommendations?

EW **Eileen Wollam** 41:47

Yeah.

I sure will.

JS **Jim Snell** 41:54

Thank you.

EW **Eileen Wollam** 41:56

OK so.

On the Commission website there is a document that includes the program descriptions for all the formula applicants.

And and also there are new applicant risk assessments out there for the 9 new grant applicants and to save my voice a little bit. I'm not gonna read the names of all of the.

The programs, but that that information is out there on the website and hopefully at a chance to look at it before the meeting.

We have not yet received Tennessee's 2025 formula funding allocation.

So based on the general uncertainty, the Grants Committee assumed a best case scenario in which the three competitive continuation programs would be funded and a worst case scenario in which none of the competitive continuation programs would be funded.

This was before the grant terminations.

So bear with me.

Step one in both scenarios is to fund the lower of each programs 25 to 26 request.

Or the amount requested for the previous year. So if they requested more.

This year than they did last year.

This this scenario.

Funds.

Them at last year's amount if they're asking for less than they did last year, then this scenario.

Funds for this year's amount.

In Step 2, Step 2 in both scenarios is to preserve the existing programs by making across the board reductions to step one amounts to best utilize the estimated funding available.

Staff then created a third scenario that assumes that the two competitive continuation programs that were not terminated would be funded.

OK. And it says I should review the 2025 AmeriCorps Formula Funding Decision Chart spreadsheet.

Well, here it is.

And.

I'm gonna.

I'm gonna let Jim continue from here, please.

JS **Jim Snell** 44:51

For having.

Sorry, Eileen, we lost the connection here for just a second in the room.

EW Eileen Wollam 44:54

It's OK.

Oh.

JS Jim Snell 44:59

I think we should be.

I think we should be OK though now.

EW Eileen Wollam 45:08

Amy Gilliland's got her hand up.

You have a question?

GA Gilliland, Amy 45:16

I do and sorry I had to join late today, but.

I'm just curious.

Just a quick example. I see Emerald, you foundation on the list but they were one of the ones that were that didn't meet the priorities. So were ones that didn't meet the priorities still eligible.

For state funding, or am I getting that?

Am I getting something mixed up here?

JS Jim Snell 45:42

You're not getting anything mixed up, but it is not clear.

What the determinations mean for future funding?

Because the the mayor for agency has not told us what their priorities are.

Those priorities are published as part of the notice of funding opportunity.

And part of the the agency's strategic plan.

And we have not heard about what the changes to priorities are. So we don't know.

GA Gilliland, Amy 46:17

OK.

OK.

JS Jim Snell 46:20

And we don't know if they are are going to refuse funding for programs that have been terminated.

GA Gilliland, Amy 46:30

OK.

So we we're gonna look at today as if it's a potential and then you may have to come back with us later and say it's revised because they've given you the rules.

JS Jim Snell 46:43

Yes. Yeah, the, the other thing, I don't think we talked about this earlier, but there there has been a a a court action filed by I think it's up to 25 states now 2425 states.

EW Eileen Wollam 46:43

Yeah.

JS Jim Snell 46:57

So there could be something in the courts that changes what's happening at the agency level.

It's it's too early to tell.

About what that's going to look like?

And that could also impact.

That not only the current funding for the one that were just terminated, but also for future funding.

GA Gilliland, Amy 47:19

OK.

Thank you for that.

I I know that may have been supposed to be later, but it helps me not have that pressing while you're talking.

JS Jim Snell 47:26

Yeah. No, no, that's that's a good time for for that exact question.

EW Eileen Wollam 47:35

Yeah. So I'll, I'll just read you guys. This last last little bit.

So rather than approving specific funding allocations, the Grants Committee recommends approving a funding strategy that preserves all existing programs not funded in the competitive process by making across the board reductions to step one.

To best utilize the actual amount of funding available.

For formula programs.

And step one was to fund at the lower amount of either.

The amount that the program got last year or the amount?

Requested this year.

So whichever one of those is lower, that was, that was what we determined in step one.

And so at the end here, what we're saying is.

We will continue to reduce the amount of funding based on the amount of money that's given to us.

So let's see.

Jim, do you have any additional?

Explanation.

JS Jim Snell 48:54

No, I mean like again that's and this the the folks in the room you have the the print out of the sheet.

I know it might be a little bit small and there's the three different scenarios.

Folks, folks online.

Candice put the link in the chat to this document.

As Eileen mentioned, they all all three of them have essentially the same.

General approach, which is to look at the priorities, are potentially in the universe to be funded and preserving existing programs and making reductions across the board in order to preserve, preserve those existing programs at the level of funding that might be available.

So the the other thing I think Eileen mentioned.

The we don't yet know what the formula allocation is.

Last year it was \$7.7 million, roughly the the the funding for this was part of the continuing spending resolution that was done a few months ago. You know, we were kind of heading for that government shutdown disaster potential. And and they averted it by you.

EW Eileen Wollam 50:11

Hmm.

JS Jim Snell 50:16

Know.

Approving funding for the remainder of the federal fiscal year.

So that Bunny was part of that continuing spending resolution. So the money's been appropriated, but we have not gotten our actual allocation yet.

So the amount available is a guess based on last year's. We do have some unspent funds available.

There's a unique thing related.

Typically we just put all the unspent funds into one number, but we separated them out this year because the carryover that's related to and don't worry about the numbers that that's just the the prefix for our federal grant. The 22 fxx is our fixed amount grant.

And it is currently in the third year.

Of a three-year grant cycle, we've been told that we can do a no cost.

Plan extension to utilize those funds for one more program year.

But they would have to.

Be associated with the cost per member.

For the previous year and the Member Education awards for the previous year, which proposes some potential restrictions.

Right. But if we're telling programs, you get no money at all or you get last year's amounts, I think they're gonna take last year's amounts.

The other caveat about that is because the federal agency staff was reduced by 85%.

It's not clear if we're gonna be able to get that no cost extension because it was on the list of things to do in May.

Because it actually expires at the end of July.

I that grant expires at the end of July and typically they want us to wait until we get into the quarter in which the grant expires to request a new cost extension, which would have been July.

But we were.

We were gonna wait that late.

We were gonna do it a little early, but the bottom line is the agency staff was

significantly reduced before we could request that no cost extension.

We still plan to ask for that no cost extension.

But given the significantly reduced staff capacity at the airport agency.

We're not entirely confident that it would get processed in enough time to be able to actually award those funds those funds, so.

The allocation is a question mark.

This 22 fxx carryover is a question mark. We do have this roughly 640 thousand in the 23 afh that's we're in the middle of that three-year grant. We do have that, that fund, those funding funds available, but just as caveats for you.

All to know.

But there still is a lot of uncertainty just on how much money the Commission's gonna have.

For this, all of this, and that's why.

All of these are our best guess.

And the scenarios, the first one is the worst case where we assume that none of the programs that were sent to competitive get funded, including the continuation programs.

The second scenario is one that we added after the.

Trans Committee met because the terminations happened after the Grants Committee met, so staff added a second scenario that looks at.

The two competitive that did not get terminated and assumes that they continue to get funded, but no other competitive submissions do.

And then the third scenario, which I think is the least likely now, given what's happened, assumes that all four of the competitive programs that we currently have as competitive continue to get funding.

But again, I think that is very unlikely to happen, given that they've terminated two of those four.

So I think the most the two most likely scenarios are scenario one where none of the competitive programs get funded, even the ones that weren't terminated.

Or just those two competitive programs that weren't needed get competitive funding for next year and that's it.

So we've dropped down from 4 competitively funded programs to two and that would be in what's scenario 2.

But again, you know kind of the the.

The process for all of those scenarios, I think with staff and the Grants Committee

agree is that we recommend, you know, we start off with taking the lower.

Of what they got last year or what they requested for this year, and that's what's in step one and you see quite a few programs requested more this year than last year. But again, the baseline is to let's not let's not try and grow when we know we can't grow.

So holding everybody steady at last year's amounts or this year's amount, if it was lower, and then the second step is.

For all the scenarios, is just applying some percentage across the board.

Cuts until we get to the point where this.

Balance down here is not negative.

Because we can't.

We can't get out more funding than we have available.

There is a small amount you know we could play around with the percentages to potentially get rid of that 6000. But again, given the complete uncertainty of how much we actually have at this point, I I don't recommend that. The Commission focuses on the percentages because there.

The worst case is that across the board.

A little over 36% cut for everybody.

The second.

Sorry.

This is gonna be hard to chunk through the 2nd.

If you're kind of the medium is a 23.4%.

In the best case is a 12.

A 12.5. Again, I don't think the best case is gonna happen. So I anticipate that.

The cuts will be somewhere between.

23 and 36% for what would be necessary to preserve the existing programs.

This, as you can see.

The recommendation?

That staff made to the Grants Committee and that they agree.

Does not fund any new programs, including the three programs that were planning grants for the current year, and again, all three of those planning grants were terminated, but so were.

So were most of the other programs.

But this.

None of these scenarios proposed funding brand new programs.

It's just maintaining existing programs and reducing them.

Enough so that we can maintain the ones that are currently in the portfolio.

And the ones in blue are ones that we sent forward to the competitive process.

To be considered for competitive funding, the ones that are in black at the top are formula continuation programs.

But just I know that.

As you know, Emerald Youth Foundation was one of the ones that was terminated.

Even though it's a formula continuation program, it was identified as one to be continued.

Doctor, he discontinued night was bridges one of them.

Bridges as well.

So two of the formula continuation programs were identified to be terminated.

Again, it's not clear if this body decides that wants to fund those programs.

Again, what that's gonna mean we we just don't know.

So, Jim, if we reduce the funding, if we are able to have funding some funding to reduce it to this, whatever 2336% whatever it is.

Can these remaining programs operate?

With that reduced by them, we have not.

We have not asked them that question yet.

I'm guessing that would be something that would be asked, and if it were, if they the answer was no.

The money could go.

Yes, yes, yeah.

So we haven't asked them yet that because that's maybe we don't.

This body hasn't made this decision yet.

And there's a lot of unknowns.

What? What? What we would do after the Commission decides what it wants to do in terms of strategy.

We would go back to programs and say.

We don't yet have our formula allocation.

We don't yet have the results of the competitive process.

So the Commission has made a contingent funding decision, but that can only be implemented once we know those other two things.

But.

Would your program be able to operate at this?

The most drastic reduction level, and so we would ask them that and if they my guess is that probably most of them would be able to continue.

Or they would at least try.

I mean it is.

It's it's almost a 40% reduction.

So it was a pretty pretty big cut, but my guess is that most of the programs would want to continue and would figure out a way to make it continue and work with their partners to to continue.

But yes, the the the bottom line answer is that if any of them were to say no, we just we couldn't.

We couldn't make it work at that number.

Then we would have to.

That would then have to go back into the calculus for how to then that money could be get redistributed to others.

And the and the again. The other thing about all of this is.

That not only do we not know the formula allocation, but not knowing the competitive part also determines on how many of these programs that are in blue get incorporated into this. The final. The final seven programs to be considered.

And until we know that, it's even if we knew the formula allocation without knowing that competitive results.

It still would be almost impossible to make formula.

Are there any comments or questions?

I just think it's important to come in, all of you, the staff, especially for the work you put into this, trying to figure it out and trying to give us some options and things to work with. We're truly appreciative and.

Don't know what?

You're able to go ahead and yes, yes.

Thank you.

Do I hear a motion?

That's not there's a quorum issue because we had multiple people with conflicts and I believe that that is gonna drop us below our quorum count. Although we did get Amy is here now.

So.

But I think I think Kim has left the meeting.

OK.

So that drops down.

Let me just let me just make sure that she's still Kim has Kim has left the meeting so.

We have one.

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It's.

78910 we have 9 voting members present.

Without a conflict.

And Amy needs to leave.

Leave soon.

Yeah, Amy, we're going to try and get this vote done really quickly.

We would need to bring back two people, 2 voting members.

In order to make quorum.

So Don just randomly the 1st 2 voting members that you see so not not Nancy.

And once those two return, then we would be back up to the quorum and proceed with the OK.

Yeah. Yes, Amy. Sorry. This Amy Killian.

This is the last voting item.

All right.

Do I hear a motion to approve the 2025 Mayor Ports formula recommendation as presented by the Grants Committee?

Betty 2nd.

OK.

Jim, can we have a roll call vote, please? Yes.

George, Bobby.

Destiny Brown and Carpenter Drake. Stephanie Davis.

Yes, Nathan farner.

Terry prank.

TF **Terry Frank** 1:04:37
Yes.

JS **Jim Snell** 1:04:41
Andy gilliland.

GA Gilliland, Amy 1:04:42

Yes.

JS Jim Snell 1:04:44

Katie goforth.

Dana, I believe.

That that's reasonable. Rebecca Henderson.

Check my e-mail for Rebecca.

Yeah, Rebecca says she voted yes.

Andre Hill, Polly Jones, Amy legrom.

AL Aimee LaGrone 1:05:19

Yes.

JS Jim Snell 1:05:21

Lizette Lopez, Greg Lyles, Lee Moton, Patricia Powell.

Jason Scott outside.

Terry silver.

Yes. Tracy vandervay. Amy. Walter. Yeah. Betty White? Yes.

Eileen walum.

EW Eileen Wollam 1:05:46

Yes.

JS Jim Snell 1:05:48

Yvonne wood.

EW Evon Wood 1:05:49

Yes.

JS Jim Snell 1:05:52

Suzanne Carr.

Lashan Dixon.

Lashanta gleaton.

Abstain. Adam Jarvis. Steen. Caroline lebley. Marla Cartwright.

MC Marla Cartwright 1:06:06
Abstain.

JS Jim Snell 1:06:08
Lieutenant Colonel Parker.

SP Susan Parker 1:06:11
Yes.

JS Jim Snell 1:06:14
Master Sergeant Regan.

MR MSG Karen Regan 1:06:16
Yes.

JS Jim Snell 1:06:18
Nestor Reyes.
Nancy Chalene has conflict. Jessica youngblom.
And the motion carries OK.
Thank you.
Thank you, Eileen again.
Do we have any others?

EW Eileen Wollam 1:06:33
You're welcome.

JS Jim Snell 1:06:36
That's the only button so we can bring back the, OK.
I think this one out there alright.
OK, at this time we're going to call for public comments.
Jim, did we get any requests for public comments?
No request for comments, OK. Are there any questions or comments from anybody

in this group online or in our present?

I can offer a couple of this quick updates on a couple of things.

Yes, getting excited.

So Roadshow, which has come up a couple of times, still trucking forward with it feel a little bit more of a.

A hard plan about that looks like that's gonna be one of the primary points of conversation or an ex upcoming committee meeting, but looks like we're moving forward and I think we're we're gonna aim to do three or four stops this summer. I think is the goal with.

Potentially maybe some more in the fall, but specifically around getting that feedback on the state Service plan. So moving forward with that in light of recent events.

Chatted a little bit with staff over the last two weeks.

Perhaps we may look at timeline a little bit.

Be conscientious about the roadshow in light of what is happening.

Right. We want to be aware and and and thoughtful about that.

Latifah and the CSP folks are killing it on all of the corporate social purpose things.

So they have their big happy hour slash kicked off.

We we're calling all of things, but June 10th, is that right?

June 10th at Bridgestone.

So they've been very active in planning that. Candice has been helping with that as well.

So I think that's gonna be a really, really good event.

I know a couple of you all will be there as well, so I think that'll be great.

Anything CSP you want to add to.

Mention that I think I think something.

Oh yeah, I'm sorry.

No, you're good.

You're good. You're good.

Yes, so quickly for those that may not know a little bit about what CSP is, if I can just offer a little bit of context.

So Csps corporate, social purpose networks, really a statewide LED initiative through the Commission to just bring together those corporations and business entities that are committed to advancing impact and corporate responsibility.

So think of like foundations that the corporation would have things like that.

Of course we're talking about those constituencies earlier.

That's a whole other bucket of people, right?

There's the large for profit entities.

That have from dollars that have some resources.

How are we viewing them in the larger service landscape?

And that's really kind of one of the roles of that, the missions to network of the networks to foster some social impact among those corporations benefiting the industry's communities, individuals, collaboration, innovation and things like that. Again, audiences.

Really, corporations and businesses that have some active CSR programs or foundation efforts, the goal of.

The network is not so much the entities that are applying.

That is not, that is not the target audience for the network. The target audience of the network is the entity that would have funding or would be doing some sort of network, right?

So we're trying to be very intentional about walking that line of who is this really for to try to create a safe space for those corporate entities to also be able to have those development opportunities in conversation around how they're spinning some of their resources.

And keep focused.

Area areas are educational resources.

Or the network pillar sharing CSR knowledge strategies.

So meetings, conferences amongst those entities offering some technical assistance that support for implementing and reporting CSR initiatives, perhaps some components of influence and advocacy, aging policy efforts, it supports CSR choice, access, innovation and then, of course, always networking and collaboration.

They've been playing a lot of the last several months around network structure, so they're going to a corporate membership model.

Meaning that Members will have dues. Is that correct lativa?

They will be paying dues to be a part of this network and get those benefits that we just talked about. And I do have a leadership group called the CSP Network core.

We've been calling it the Founders Council.

We've now kind of sunset that it's gonna be called the CSP network core. They'll be kind of it's a little bit of an informal structure, but they'll be feeding that. And then of course, that kind of ties back into the larger Commission. And what we're currently

calling the.

Strategic Partnerships Committee, of course, under the new model, that may change to some extent.

And they'll be meeting bimonthly.

So January, March may September, November in the first year in this my my last big thing in this first year they were looking to do some virtual and hybrid network meetings.

Starting in August and they'll be themed meetings they want to attempt to do a statewide data service, which I think will be very nice coordinated through those corporations as well as some special projects that they're exploring. Of course, the launch event is on June 10th at Bridgestone and.

Then they're looking at doing some regional in person gatherings, early crew networking opportunities throughout the year, and then perhaps also.

Some consultation work. I think they're looking at bringing in.

Some other individuals that can offer some consultation services.

Some guy that's a mess.

Practice from some other states. OK, a lot of incredible work. Latifah has been leading that charge with her, her team, and they have done a lot of work over the last year. They built something completely from scratch. So well done.

Anything is very pertinent that I'm going to talk about, OK?

That's all we got. Thank you.

We also had a comment from Amy Gilliland online, she says.

I would like to thank Jim, the staff and our program directors for all they do, especially during these difficult times for americorp.

Are there any final questions or comments?

OK.

Remember our next meeting date is August. The eight location to be announced.

Everybody please attend and now Jim.

Yeah, for so, for those of you here in person.

And who would like to either get reverse for your travel or to donate your travel to friends?

To meet the kind of board donation.

You have in your packets the travel form. You're welcome to take this with you if you.

If you want, you can scan it and send it back later.

But the key things you need to kind of at the top left.

Put the the day and time you left wherever it was you left from, and you're arriving. At Venture Circle, then the second line would be going back to wherever it was you came from.

Most of you out there came in today and so you would just have two lines if you did. If anybody did come in and stay overnight, you'd have a a line for yesterday and then two lines for today because one would just be coming from where the hotel.

To this meeting space and then the third one would be leaving here to go back home so.

However many lines you need, put those lines.

Don't worry about putting in the miles.

We'll use the state's standard mileage calculator to figure that out for you.

Down to the bottom left, make sure you put your name.

We only need the last four of your social and not the entire thing, your mailing address.

Then bottom right sign and date. If you do want to donate, as in kind just in that middle section, just write in kind donation to friends of Volunteer Tennessee.

And.

Yeah, and then we'll, we'll calculate all the the amounts and then submit that for reimbursement. If you do. If you did stay overnight and you have a hotel, we'll need that receipt. And if you have any parking associated with that, we'd need that receipt as well, if it.

Anything over \$8 per day.

You can call me as well.

Anywhere in Asheville.

OK.

Well, you know, we've got an hour.

So yeah, no, don't think so.

OK.

Good morning.

Yeah. Sorry, the the evaluations that the QR code is there on the screen.


I'll also send the link to folks after the meeting, just for people to do meeting evaluations. Thank you.


OK, I'm gonna call.


I'm asking for a motion to adjourn this meeting.


Amy, do I have a second?


Deshonta seconds it.
Thank you all so much.
Appreciate you and your involvement.
Two quick things before you leave.
This is the weather report.
Yes, there's Nashville.
There are 1234 thunderstorms all lined up in the next hour.
You're gonna get wet and prepare and prepare for that and a follow up from our previous presentation that we did on disaster preparedness.
Here's a little booklet actually on past these booklets out through.
After volunteer leader, Leader, Group and they're excellent.
They tell you how to put together your own go kit.
They tell you what to do and disaster preparedness information. Hazard logo on there and contact me if you ever have any questions about it and get going. People you get wet. Thank you.

 **Eileen Wollam** 1:16:06
Mm hmm.

 **Jim Snell** 1:16:08
Thanks everyone.
Thank you.
Thank you everyone.
I might need another.
Little plan tonight let me know.

 **Eileen Wollam** 1:16:13
Thank you.

 **Jim Snell** 1:16:14
Very, very good.

 **Evon Wood** 1:16:14
Thank you.



Jim Snell 1:16:16

I think everyone online.

Yeah. So.

It was in the history.

● **Jim Snell** stopped transcription