

IOLA Fund of the State of New York
Meeting of the Grants Committee of the Board of Trustees
December 1, 2022

Present: Trustee Galowitz

Video-Conference: Chair Davis, Trustees Dunham, Galowitz, Lindenauer, Lopez-Soto, Ross and Villaverde

Staff: Agard, Fecko, Fehringer, and O'Malley

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Davis at approximately 10:10 a.m.

2. Grant Process Overview

Mr. O'Malley provided an overview of the grant process, noting the receipt of 98 applications, 81 of which scored sufficiently to be considered for funding. Twenty-seven applications were from organizations not receiving IOLA funding in the current grant cycle, of which ten scored sufficiently to be considered for funding. Mr. O'Malley described the CLS geographic units and the allocation of funds based on the per capita poverty population. Ms. Fecko described the scoring rubric and criteria, which were revised for this grant cycle based on feedback from the Office of the State Comptroller.

3. Executive Session

Trustee Galowitz made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider matters relating to the financial history and appointment of particular corporations (i.e., IOLA grantees), which was seconded by Trustee Villaverde and approved without objection. While in Executive Session, Mr. O'Malley and Ms. Fecko provided the Committee with additional details and answered questions regarding the recommendations as to grant awards for the FY2024 & FY2025 grant cycle.

4. Approval of Grant Recommendations

Ms. Fecko put on the record two points that were discussed during Executive Session regarding the grant process. One, to receive feedback, applicants may request debriefings about their applications after the awards are announced. IOLA staff does not initiate such feedback. Two, grant awards are limited by the amount requested. Ms. Fecko indicated that both issues were likely discussed during the Bidders Conference and included in the written questions and answers about the RFP that were publicly posted.

Chair Davis made a motion to adopt the IOLA staff's grant recommendations, which motion was seconded by Trustee Galowitz and unanimously approved. The recommendations will be forwarded for review and approval by the full Board of Trustees at its meeting on December 8, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Fecko
General Counsel