

**Kids Hope Alliance – March Governance Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2024**

1. Introductions and Instructions
Meredith Chartrand-Frisch, Governance Vice-Chair
Meredith Chartrand-Frisch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Members Present – Marsha Oliver, Connie Hodges, Lawrence Dennis and Meredith Chartrand-Frisch
2. Public Comments
Mrs. Chartrand-Frisch asked if there were public comments for any of the agenda items. There were none.
3. Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Chartrand-Frisch asked the Governance Committee if there were revisions to the minutes from the March meeting and there were none. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Lawrence Dennis
Second: Connie Hodges
Approved: 3-0

4. New Business
 - a. STEM Hub: 100 Black Men & I'm a Star Foundation
Kenneth Darity, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Darity asked the Board to approve funding for 100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Inc. and the I'm A Star Foundation, Inc. to implement a STEM HUB program for underrepresented youth in the amount of \$200,000 each.

The Board is also being asked to authorize the CEO of KHA to execute a contract with 100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Inc. and I'm A Star Foundation for the period of August 1, 2024 through May 3, 2025 with the option to renew the contract for two additional one-year terms.

Mr. Darity confirmed that STEM activities take place at the Moncrief Avenue location as well as via Zoom. To maximize usage, some meetings also take place on Saturdays. Mrs. Meredith Chartrand-Frisch asked if there were any additional questions. There being none, she asked for a motion to approve the agenda item.

Motion: Connie Hodges
Second: Lawrence Dennis
Approved: 3-0

- b. Grant Application: TD Charitable Foundation
Rodger Belcher, Chief Strategy Officer
Mr. Belcher asked the Board to approve the application for the TD Charitable Foundation Funds' Home Roof Rehabilitation Initiative grant. KHA proposes to apply for the TD Housing Grant to provide the Home Roof Rehabilitation Program to local residents. This grant will help needy families maintain a roof over their heads, helping to provide relief amongst soaring property insurance costs. The grant will allocate \$250,000 to 15 at-risk families and there is no cash match required.

The Board is also being asked to authorize the CEO of Kids Hope Alliance to execute a grant contract with the funder, and all other documents necessary to comply with grant requirements, if awarded, including direct contracts with the partner identified within the grant. After some discussion, Mrs. Chartrand-Frisch asked for a motion to approve this application.

Motion: Lawrence Dennis
Second: Meredith Chartrand-Frisch
Approved: 3-0

c. Grant Application: DCF Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant
Rodger Belcher, Chief Strategy Officer

Mr. Belcher asked the Board to approve the application for the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant (CJRG) funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families. The purpose of the funding is to plan, implement, or expand initiatives that increase public safety, avert increased spending on criminal and juvenile justice systems, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults and juveniles who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, and who are in, or at risk of entering the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

This grant submission will seek to serve youth that are identified as “at-risk” for involvement in the juvenile justice system. KHA submitted a grant on March 22, 2024 to meet the grant deadline. Acceptance of the award will be based on the decision of approval by the Board.

\$1,200,000.00 funding is available over a three year period. Local matching funds of 100% are required under the Reinvestment Grant Program and will be provided by the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office for detention, security and space. KHA provides a cash match up to \$85,000 for grant management support and monitoring. After some discussion, Mrs. Chartrand-Frisch asked for a motion to approve the application.

Motion: Connie Hodges
Second: Lawrence Dennis
Approved: 3-0

d. Grant Application: Treasury Department’s Social Impact Partnerships to pay for Results Act (SIPPRA)

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Grass asked the Board to approve the application for this grant from the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of Economic Policy.

In the “Pay for Success” (also referred to as pay for results) model, the grantor agrees to make payments only if specific, pre-determined, measurable outcomes are achieved. If the intervention does not achieve the pre-determined outcomes, then the grantor will not make an outcome payment. Treasury will prioritize projects that directly benefit children in order to meet the statutory threshold that 50 percent of awarded funds be used on awards that directly benefit children. KHA’s goal is to improve literacy rates.

Mr. Dennis indicated that retired Teachers would be a great resource to help achieve this goal. Ms. Oliver mentioned that to better support the district, KHA should outline the students being served, i.e. public, private, charter, etc. Also, with outcome based results, KHA should ensure that the school district is permitted to provide them with the data required to measure success.

Grant awards are expected to be up to \$10,000,000 in funding if available with a 50 percent match, but the match required does not need to be from the applicant. If the required federal savings outcomes are met at the end of program, the Treasury will provide the full requested amount. If the required federal savings outcomes are not met at the end of the program, no penalties will be issued.

KHA is asking the Board to authorize the CEO of Kids Hope Alliance to execute a grant contract with the funder, and all other documents necessary to comply with grant requirements, if awarded, including direct contracts with the partner identified within the grant. After some discussion, Mrs. Chartrand-Frisch asked for a motion to approve the action item.

Motion: Lawrence Dennis
Second: Connie Hodges
Approved: 3-0

e. Literacy Training and Coaching Contract
Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Grass asked the Board to approve a new contract based on the Procurement exemption for the following contractors: UNF/FIE, ELC and University of Florida in the combined amount not to exceed \$750,000 for literacy coaching and training. The contract date is June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 for year 1 and for subsequent years with up to three (3) annual renewal options. Each subsequent year's option will be based on an evaluation of the effectiveness of the prior year.

The purpose of this grant funding is to provide a more intensive summer program which includes high quality coaching, extensive literacy support, dynamic family engagement components and year-round activities. UNF/FIE, ELC and the University of Florida will work collaboratively in this endeavor to show improvement in the summer learning loss. This is part of the Mayor's initiative and funding was provided through the recently awarded additional dollars.

The funding amount is \$750,000 in year 1 and up to a 10% increase in subsequent years. KHA may reduce the contract depending upon reduced need or unspent funds. The contract will include a MOU with the district indicating that Teachers will participate in planning the implementation of the program.

After some discussion, Meredith Chartrand-Frisch asked for a motion to approve the action item.

Motion: Lawrence Dennis
Second: Connie Hodges
Approved: 3-0

f. Recapture Funds Legislation
Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer

Shari Shuman, Compliance

Dr. Grass asked the Board to authorize legislation to recoup the \$1,400,000 recaptured from the year end processing of FY 2022-2023: \$1,076,498 will go towards funding providers that responded and scored well on our last RFP but were not funded due to limited funding. \$140,000 will go towards opening a new OST site in or near the Eureka Gardens area (Valencia Way). The remaining amount will go to Early Learning to expand ongoing literacy efforts.

Upon approval by KHA's Board and the full City Council, the fiscal impact would be a total of \$1,433,508, with \$1,216,498 funding new programming and the remainder to expand existing literacy efforts. This money will be carried forward to the KHA 2024/2025 budget. After some discussion, Meredith Chartrand-Frisch asked for a motion to approve the action item.

Motion: Connie Hodges

Second: Lawrence Dennis

Approved: 3-0

5. Governance Activities

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Grass explained that certain policies are reviewed annually by the Governance Committee and she provided an overview of each of them which include the Delegation of Execution Authority to Chief Executive Officer, Delegation of CEO Authority to Chief Administrative Officer, Small Provider Criteria and the Approval of Grant Applications.

After Dr. Grass' overview of the policies, Meredith Chartrand-Frisch asked if there were any changes or amendments and Ms. Oliver asked if KHA could provide an explanation of the "unsure" responses on the Grant Matrix. Dr. Grass and Rodger Belcher agreed to revise the matrix to reflect this change.

6. Public Comment

Meredith Chartrand-Frisch asked for public comments and there were none.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Meredith Chartrand-Frisch.