State Board
Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting
November 18, 2021
Zoom Webinar
11:30am-1:00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome

Updates

2. Chief Partnership Officer Update – Derek Cromwell

- In my tenure so far, I have stressed my vision to what I believe is the cornerstone of Local Partnerships- Relationships, Support, & Accountability
- I have stressed that this philosophy is a 2-way street
- For our part, I have created several working groups to strengthen our internal operations and processes to help us better serve our Local Partnerships.
  - Process Improvement Working Group
  - Recruitment materials working group
  - Grant Process Working Group
- Also, in the works;
  - Local Partnerships Communications Plan- internal and external
  - Program Modeling Tool
- Lastly, as we strengthen our internal processes, we also understand I foremost responsibility- Fiduciary oversight.
  - Created a working group to develop a Local Partnership Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
    - Boots on the ground monitoring- ready for FY23.
    - Ensure the integrity of data being reported by LP’s.
    - Ensure that state resources are being used in an appropriate manner
    - Ensure that the granted funds are being used as described in grant applications.
3. Director of Grant Making and Development- Betty Gardiner
   - Update on ESSR Grant process

Action Items

1. Covid waivers for Carry Forward
   - Due to the effects of Covid-19 since March of 2020, that effected FY20 and FY21, Local Partnerships have had a difficult time in expending grant funds for various reasons.
     - 15 Local Partnerships (see attached) have requested waivers to carry forward FY21 grant funding to be used in FY22 due to these covid barriers.
       - Abbeville, Allendale, Barnwell, Berkeley, Chester, Clarendon, Fairfield, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Marion, Oconee, Pickens, Sumter, & Union.
       - One time waiver to allow the identified counties an opportunity to expend the carry forward funds.
       - FY22 will be judged as normal unless otherwise decided by this committee and Board.

*Motion to approve the 15 Local Partnerships request for waiver to carry forward FY21 grant funds to be expended in FY22 according to the plans submitted to this committee by Abbeville, Barnwell, Berkeley, Chester, Clarendon, Fairfield, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Marion, Oconee, Pickens, Sumter, & Union County First Steps.

7. Next Meeting To be Determined
   11:30am- 1pm