

Grants & Rebates Committee
Monday, April 21st, 2025 – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Virtual on Zoom

In attendance: Elaine Coorens (Voting Member,) Marcy Huttas (Chair), Ginna Ryan (Voting Member)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Community Grants

Motion 1: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$2,500** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund programming efforts for the 2025 Wicker Park Farmers Market Outdoor Season (25-0415).

Discussion: After receiving clarification from AH that the grant would also go towards free fitness classes that are provided in the park every Sunday morning throughout the summer, the Committee decided to award the WPFM an additional \$2,500.

*EC motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 2: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund artist, speaker, and educator stipends for the Golden Palette senior arts engagement program by One Strange Bird (25-0411).

Discussion: The committee requested that AH and LS determine exactly which retirement homes One Strange Bird intends to include in the program.

*GR motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 3: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for marketing, supplies, and stipends for Indie Row Bucktown's 2025 programming schedule (25-0406)

Discussion: Due to a lack of clarity in the budget for each event listed in their application, along with a budget percentage discrepancy, the Committee decided to table this grant application until they can receive more information next month.

*EC motions to table the motion until May. MH seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation to table passes.***

Motion 4: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund free art courses and community events in 2025 at LMN Wedge Studio (25-0414)

*GR motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 5: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund marketing and supplies for Windy City Market's Summer Vintage Markets (25-0404).

Discussion: The Committee decided that, due to the for-profit nature of the application, as well as the market servicing vintage sellers from outside of the neighborhood that could likely take business away from local brick-and-mortar vintage sellers, the grant application will be rejected.

*EC motions to reject the motion. GR seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation fails.***

Motion 6: The Grants & Rebates Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** to fund supplies & materials, food items and promotional graphics, for the Paws & Portrait fundraising event by Yardsale Chicago (25-0413).

Discussion: EC pointed out that the total expenses listed in the application (\$2300) do not match the total budget listed (\$5000). The Committee agreed to recommend the application for Commission tomorrow, on the condition that Yardsale is able to explain the discrepancy in listed totals for the event.

*GR motions with the above stipulation. EC seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Updates

- AH and MC agreed to revisit the Community Grant application at the end of the year, to see if necessary changes need to be made before 2026, and decided not to make those edits mid-year.
- MH recommended changing the recent attempt to handle Grants & Rebates deliberation via email, so the committee will return to monthly virtual Zoom meetings, dependent on whether new grant and/or rebate applications are submitted that month.

Next Meeting - TBD