

Marijuana Excise Tax Advisory Board (METAB)

Minutes from Meeting on Monday January 22, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m.

METAB Members present: Monica Haskell, Cecil Rhodes, Daryn Ridenour, Bob Christiansen and Michael Hannigan. Also present, Ben Doon, METAB Administrative Support.

METAB Members absent: Jodi Breckenridge Petit and Beth Helmke.

Approval of agenda and minutes from previous meeting

Motion by Bob to approve the October 26, 2023 minutes. Second Michael. Vote unanimous.

Board Member Introductions

Monica Haskell, Bob Christiansen and Michael Hannigan introduced themselves. Michael is the newest member of the Board and this is his first METAB meeting.

Cecil Rhodes and Daryn Ridenour attended via Zoom and introduced themselves.

METAB Strategic Guiding Documents Review

Ben put on the screen Chaffee County Resolution 2016-46 which was the ballot question authorizing an excise tax on the cultivation of retail marijuana. The resolution states that the revenues collected from the tax are to be used for family and children services, affordable housing and marijuana enforcement and more specifically to be used for human services, public health including mental health, workforce housing and expenses related to the regulation of marijuana and other drugs and enforcement of related laws.

Chaffee County Resolution 2017-62 was displayed next which amends and restates the resolution establishing the Chaffee County Marijuana Excise Tax Advisory Board. On November 8, 2016 Chaffee County voters approved the excise tax. The resolution appoints an advisory board to establish policy, procedure and recommend the distribution of revenues from the marijuana excise tax. On July 25, 2017, the BoCC adopted Resolution 2017-46 establishing the Chaffee County Marijuana Excise Tax Advisory Board. Resolution 2017-62 is intended to clarify and restate Resolution 2017-46 so that any non-profit organization is eligible to receive Chaffee County Marijuana Excise Tax Revenues, provided such revenues are used for human services (including without limitation those that serve the youth of Chaffee County), public health (including mental health), workforce housing (including family housing), and expenses related to the regulation of marijuana and other drugs and enforcement of related laws. The resolution also states that it is recommended that applicants have a record of success and sustainability other than continued funding from the excise tax revenues and must be valued by the community in serving the community in the above-mentioned programs.

Review pre-application and mini-grant submissions

The list of pre-applications and mini-grants being prepared in the Chaffee County grants portal was discussed and is listed below. The total request is over \$415,000 and there is \$170,000 available to be disbursed through grants.

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Request</u>
Chaffee County Hospitality Inc.	Chaffee County Hospitality Inc.	\$12,000
The Alliance dba The Alliance Against Domestic Abuse	Expanding healing and justice for survivors	\$20,000
Chaffee Housing Trust	CHT Two Rivers Two	\$20,000
Conservation Legacy	Southwest Conservation Corps - Los Valles	\$19,000
Chaffee County Public Health	Chaffee County Public Health's Aging Well Program	\$20,000
Chaffee County Public Health	Strengthening Our Behavioral Health System	\$20,000
Places to Age	Places to Age	\$20,000
KHEN 106.9fm Community Radio	General Operating Support for KHEN Community Radio	\$20,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County	Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County	\$20,000
Salida Circus Outreach Foundation	Salida Circus Director 2024	\$20,000
elevateHER	elevateHER	\$20,000
Colorado Theater in Non Traditional Spaces	Write in to Act Out	\$10,000
Achieve, Inc.	2024 General Operations Funding	\$20,000
Mini-Blessings	Program Coordinator	\$20,000
Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity	Home Repair and Recycle Program	\$20,000
Ark Valley High Rollers	Ramps and Alleys Clubhouse	\$10,000
Colorado Farm To Table Inc	Providing Healthy Produce to Chaffee Residents	\$20,000
GARNA	GARNA Middle School Programming	\$20,000
Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers/Chaffee Shuttle	NTNV/The Chaffee Shuttle - Matching Funds	\$20,000
National Alliance on Mental Illness	NAMI 2024 Operations	\$10,000
	Total Full Grant Request	\$361,000
Mini-Grants		
The Alliance Against Domestic Abuse	Community Outreach Program	\$5,000
Justis Theater Works	Chaffee County Dance for Parkinson's	\$2,500
Salida Circus Outreach Foundation	Salida Circus Summer Camps 2024	\$5,000
Buena Vista Event Cooperative	Buena Vista Legacy Stage Performance lights	\$3,000
elevateHER	leadHERship	\$5,000
Boy Scouts Troop 60	Summer Camp Scholarships	\$4,300
GARNA	Anglers of Color Fishing Club - Mobile Gear Library	\$5,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County	Peer Leader Program	\$5,000
Full Circle Restorative Justice	Youth Diversion	\$5,000
Chaffee County Public Health	Access to Health Care Survey	\$5,000
A Church	Senior Social Engagement	\$4,290
The New Caring and Sharing	Caring and Sharing resource and assistance project	\$5,000
	Total Mini-Grant Request	\$54,090
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	TOTAL REQUEST TO DATE	\$415,090

Ben asked if anyone had a real or perceived conflict of interest that would cause a board member to recuse themselves from reviewing and scoring any of the grant proposals. Cecil said he is a board member for Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers / The Chaffee Shuttle and he will recuse himself from scoring this proposal. The other board members would review the list and send an email to the group if they needed to recuse themselves from scoring any of the proposals.

Additional dates for application discussions and funding recommendations

The pre-application deadline was December 15th. The final deadline for all proposals to be considered is Wednesday January 31st. Board members will have until Monday March 4th to score all the proposals. The meeting to review the scores and make funding recommendations is Monday March 11th. Ben will summarize the scores before the meeting on the 11th. He will provide a spreadsheet with the proposals listed by average rank, score and standard deviation between the rankings. Ben will create a list of each reviewer's scores from 1-33. Due to different scoring standards one person's highest scored proposal might be an 85 while another reviewer will have 85 as their 12th highest scored proposal. Therefore, looking at how each proposal is ranked amongst a reviewers score is more valuable than the actual score itself.

Other Business

There was Board consensus to meet after the conclusion of the grant cycle to discuss any changes to the process or new policies to put in place before the next grant cycle. Possible items to be discussed are policies related to multiple applications from the same applicant, applications from county entities and how points were given based on how dependent a program or budget was on METAB funds. The Board would also like to have a discussion about ways applicants can collaborate.

Next Steps/Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 11th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Touber Building to review the proposal's scores and make funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 2:10 p.m.