

MISSOURI COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION (MCSC)
2ND QUARTERLY MEETING
MAY 20, 2021

Recorder of Minutes.....Christine Gardner

1. Call to Order.....John Albright, Chair

>>Call to order at 9:03 a.m.<<

2. Roll Call/Introduction of New Commissioner.....Scott McFarland

ATTENDED: John Albright, Gary Budoor, Jamie Crispin, Christine Gardner, Christina Johnson, Cindy Heislen, Jennifer Ingraham, Michael Lanahan, Scott McFarland, Kristen Schaben, Skip Stephens, Russ Unger, Lori Williams

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Carrie Crompton, Adam Gresham, Nina North Murphy, Janis VanMeter

3. Approval of March 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

→ *Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of the date (of 03-26-2021) to the minutes.*

→ *Motion was seconded by Skip.*

>>**ALL APPROVED**<<

4. Commission Chair Report.....John Albright

- a. John acknowledged that Forrest Miller resigned from the board and thanked him for his contributions to the advancement of the Commission. He resigned to focus on his business due to the challenges presented by COVID-19.
- b. John gave kudos to AmeriCorps St. Louis, NCCC, and Conservation Corps for their service to assist with citizens being vaccinated at various sites. To date, 108 Members have contributed to this effort, 10,929 hours served, 51 vaccination sites receiving AmeriCorps (AC) support, and a result of 139,092 Missourians being vaccinated (to date).
- c. John noted that National Service has seen its 7th consecutive year of increased funding; indicating the importance of National Service in helping communities to recover and sustain growth.

5. DED Report.....

6. Executive Director's Report.....Scott McFarland

a. **Federal Update**

- i. **Normal Federal Appropriations-** Missouri will be allocated \$4-4.2 million for program funding. An additional \$1 million is expected to go towards the Commission Support Grant and CIFF Grant.
- ii. **American Rescue Plan (ARP)-** although Formula funding for programs was reduced due to Competitive applicants not being funded, ARP funds will be available to fill the gap. To date, no guidance has been provided on the appropriate use, nor how to administer those funds.

- b. **CORPS Act 2.0** (reintroduced to the new Congress) impacting the following areas-
 - i. Increased living allowance
 - ii. Eliminate cost per MSY
 - iii. Eliminate the match required for AC programs and Commissions for 3 years
 - iv. Double the amount of the education award
 - v. \$8 billion investment over 3 years versus the original bill which proposed \$16 billion investment
 - vi. AmeriCorps/ASC is currently working to get additional Republican co-sponsors. Currently have 8 and need 2 more to address filibuster and cement the bi-partisan efforts.
 - vii. FY 22- skinny budget includes a 16% spending for major domestic and federal spending which could increase AC funding by 13%.
- c. **Other Business**
 - i. Mal Coles is the acting CEO and ASN (AmeriCorps State and National) Director. Sonali Nijhawan is the Director of ASN.
 - ii. The following individuals are new federal appointees to the board of AC: Cynthia Hogan, Catherine McLaughlin, and Shirley Sagawa.
 - iii. Senators Joe Neguse and Chris Coons are two of the co-sponsors of the Civilian Climate Corps Act 2021. This legislation is a \$10 billion investment that would provide funding to workforce development agencies, natural resources departments, EPA, and state commissions to complete conservation projects across the country.
 - iv. Scott and Jennifer are attending the Joplin Recovery Memorial tribute that is acknowledging AC Members who played an integral part in Joplin’s recovery efforts during the aftermath of the deadly tornado of 2011.

7. CNCS Report.....Jamie Crispin

- a. At this time, there are no specifics in regard to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding or how it will impact MCSC.
- b. The round for the Volunteer Generation Fund is anticipated to be opened up soon. Not scheduled date as of yet.
- c. The North Central Regional Office is expanding its time by hiring 8 new Portfolio Officers.

8. Old Business

- d. **Strategy Plan/State Service Plan-** agreed upon recommendation is for Scott to work on the plan later in the year once federal legislative directions are ironed out.

9. New Business

- e. AmeriCorps Formula Funding 2021-2022- Scott provided the following results of the Competitive funding awards:
 - Missouri College Advising Corps was reduced by \$24,000
 - AmeriCorps St. Louis was not funded.
 - Literacy Lab was funded at their full request.
 - Jumpstart was not funded.
 - City Year was funded at their full request.
 - Kansas City Teacher Residency was not funded.
 - Waynesville AC was not funded.

ACTION PLAN: fund those programs (above) with Formula funding. Scott is requesting Scott presented the board with three options on how to fund Formula and Competitive programs at their full request. Those options were-

Option 1: Current 2020 programs are awarded the same amount in PY 2021. No expansions allowed. Current 2020 programs would then be funded at their full request with ARP funds when they became available. New applicants would not be funded.

Option 2: Place New applicants on a waiting list to receive funds if/when supplemental funds or ARP funds became available.

Option 3: Once funding is received for ARP funding, increase the dollar amount to the requested levels instead of having another maximum requested levels by issuing another 2021 application. This would include the increase of the living allowance approved through ARP funds. The board was tasked with the decision to either 1) give staff the ability to adjust budget or 2) come back as a Commission to make those decisions.

A motion was made to proceed with Option 3 with providing MCSC staff the ability to adjust program budgets, as needed.

- *Motion made by Russ.*
- *Motion was seconded by Cindy.*
- >>**ALL APPROVED**<<

A motion was made to fund programs the maximum amount allowable when ARP, supplemental, or other legislative funds become available, to support programs.

- *Motion made by Skip.*
- *Motion was seconded by Jennifer.*
- >>**ALL APPROVED**<<

A motion was made to place the new applicants on a waiting list to potentially fund them when ARP, supplemental, or legislative funds become available.

- *Motion made by Russ.*
- *Motion was seconded by Skip.*
- >>**ALL APPROVED**<<

10. Public Comment

- a. No comments were offered.

11. Meeting Summary

- a. Key Decisions-
- b. Tasks
- c. Responsibilities

The following outlines the summary as the components are noted above-

Plan of Action	Responsible Individual(s)
Moving forward with the agreed upon plan to fund programs per the approved motion	Scott
New applicants may be unable to participate in the annual Program Directors Training due to ARP funds not being available to date	N/A
Unified State Services Plan- table until funding awards are completed	N/A

12. Adjournment

→ *Motion made by Russ to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.*

→ *Motion was seconded by Jennifer.*

>>ALL APPROVED<<