

OCEANA COUNTY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

** ADMINISTRATOR'S MEETING NOTES **

Date: December 7, 2021

Present: Mr. Craig Hardy, Ms. Tammy Carey, Ms. Mary Lou Phillips, Dr. Lynne Cavazos, and Dr. Robert J. Sobie

Absent: Mr. James Kelly

Others: None

Mr. Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Members discussed the opportunity to solicit funding proposals from organizations using an application form that was adapted and modified from Van Buren County. The following tentative timeline was established to begin accepting proposals:

- January 2022 – advertise the opportunity with the local press and county web site
- February 1, 2022 – make the application available on the county web site
- March 31, 2022 – deadline for receiving proposals
- April 2022 – funding advisory committee review process begins
- June 2022 – recommendations from the advisory committee submitted to the county board for consideration
- June/July 2022 – award letters mailed

The members discussed limits on the amount of funding to be allocated to the proposal process. There was a consensus that perhaps up to \$1,000,000 would be the maximum allocation; and each proposal will have a maximum request of up to \$50,000. However, for exceptionally strong proposals, with regards to positive impacts on the community, the advisory committee may consider increasing the amount.

Members had a general discussion about the supplemental funding request made to the committee by the Oceana County Economic Alliance. Mr. Hardy directed Dr. Sobie to include the funding request as an agenda item for the board of commissioners' December 16 meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be January 11 at 11:00 a.m.

The advisory committee is not a public body and is not subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended. Committee members may, at their discretion, direct the county administrator to publish notices of the meeting and to invite speakers in to make presentations about funding proposals.