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COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE

Staff Liaison:

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Mission:

The Community Impact Committee provides leadership in developing strategic direction, criteria and procedures for grantmaking from the many diverse types of funds held by the Foundation.

Composition and Terms:

The Community Impact Committee is generally comprised of 11-15 members who commit to a one-year term and can serve on the committee up to six years, with their membership being reviewed and renewed annually. Members of the Grant Committee represent the diverse population of individuals in our community, with respect to age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic level and profession.

A sitting Trustee serves as the Committee Chair with additional leadership and support from the Foundation's Staff Liaison. The Committee Chair will commit to a two-year term with the option to renew for one additional year, for a maximum of three consecutive years with their membership being reviewed and renewed annually by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. It is preferred that the Committee Chair serve on the Committee for at least one year prior to serving as the Chair.

Commitment:

In addition to six bi-monthly meetings, members of the Community Impact Committee also serve on a minimum of two, grant panels per year as part of the Foundation's Open Grant Program ("Grant Program"). The Grant Program is an annual RFP program which funds local organizations in the following fields-of-interest: Arts & Culture, Education, Environmental & Historic Preservation, Animal Welfare, Health, Human Services and Economic & Workforce Development. Community Impact Committee members, along with donors, Trustees, and community members, serve on grant review panels to determine grant allocations for applying nonprofits. All grant applications must demonstrate how their organization *provides access to economic opportunities*, which is the overarching theme for all grants in the Open Grant Program.

Duties:

The general purpose of grant review panel is to fund a group of proposals that collectively best support the community's needs in a specific area and in relation to available resources, and to:

- Provide qualitative and quantitative evaluations of applications
- Assess the degree to which the applicants are providing access to economic opportunities
- Advance awareness of the activities/issues in the community
- Represent diversity of thought and knowledge

Community Impact Committee members receive copies of proposals assigned in advance and are required to review them before the grant review panel. Each panel is chaired by Foundation Staff and the panels seek to address the following questions:

- Do the general programming and activities of the organization align with the priorities of the area in which they applied?
- Does the grant request directly showcase how the organization is providing access to economic opportunity?
- Does the application provide a measurable assessment of impact in the community?
- Does the organization clearly and concisely address systemic inequities in the community?
- Does the organization align with one or more of the stated values of the Community Foundation?

In addition to serving as grant review panelists, Community Impact Committee members are responsible for determining grant allocations in the Foundation's Orchestral Symphonic Music Program. Finally, the Committee is also responsible for shaping grant policy changes, as necessary.