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To: Board of Trustees
From: Emily Allen, Community Impact Committee Chair
Date: March 15, 2023
Re: Community Impact Committee Report

On February 28th, the Community Impact Committee met for the first meeting of 2023. New Committee members were provided with supplemental learning materials prior to the meeting to help inform them of the deep work the Committee had engaged in during 2022.

The Committee meeting began with a reflection on the work accomplished in 2022, which highlights include: deeper engagement with the nonprofit community and uplifting their voices in our processes, approving unrestricted funding for the future, providing nonprofits with the rubric for scoring their applications prior to the application process, prioritizing BIPOC/led-by-serving/underserved communities, removing the presentation component of the process, and a new name for the process: Annual Grant Cycle.

Moving into the priorities of 2023, the Committee discussed the goals for the year, including minimizing any major adjustments to the above-mentioned changes, so that the Foundation takes time to reflect and understand the impact on the community. Additionally, the Community Impact Committee will spend some time reflecting on and examining the current strategic grantmaking framework to understand the impact on the nonprofit community and whether this is in alignment with the Foundation's new values. The Committee voted to set a minimum award of $10,000 for applications approved in the Annual Cycle. The Committee discussed this at length and determined that to have the greatest impact, and in consideration of other funding opportunities through the Foundation, this was the most appropriate minimum moving forward.

The Community Impact team has hosted a series of "Coffee Chats" for nonprofits applying, or seeking to apply, to the Foundation's Annual Cycle, where nonprofits may join to ask any questions they have and hear form other nonprofits about any issues they may encounter during the process. Additionally, in lieu of presentations by nonprofits, the Community Impact team will host a series of PEEP (Party to Enhance Equity in Philanthropy) events to further engage the nonprofit community and deeper relationships in a more meaningful way. Please save the dates! June 15, July 12, September 14 and October 26. We encourage Trustees and Committee members to attend and, as space is limited, please RSVP for the one that works best for your schedule! Stay tuned to the Trustee Today for more details or contact Khia with questions.