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## MEMO

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Emily Allen, Community Impact Committee Chair  
Date: June 20, 2023  
Re: Community Impact Committee Report

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The Community Impact Committee met on April 18<sup>th</sup> and again on June 20<sup>th</sup> for regularly scheduled meetings. On April 18<sup>th</sup> the Committee debriefed the panel process for the first round of the Annual Grant Cycle, including some minor tweaks the group would like to discuss making to the application into 2024. Additionally, the Committee discussed the potential evolution of the Foundation's strategic grantmaking lens of "access to economic opportunities". Discussion revolved around how this lens fits with the Foundation's newly adopted values, how it aligns with, and/or impacts each field-of-interest, and feedback from both nonprofits and grant panel participants. The Committee was left to ponder what could be next and discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the grant panel debrief was continued to include Committee members who had been unable to participate in the first round. Discussion revolved around the time-consuming nature of grant panel participation and if reducing the number of Committee meetings per year, considering the objective to settle into the major shifts of this year, could alleviate some of the constraints to grant panel participation for Committee members. Committee members were informed that due to unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances, the grant panels for the Human Services field-of-interest had to be rescheduled and will not take place until the end of July. Conversation then shifted to the continued discussion of the evolution of the Foundation's strategic grantmaking lens. In-depth conversation included context of how and why that framework was adopted and how that may or may not fit within the evolution of the Foundation. Consensus was reached among the Committee and a motion was made to recommend to the full Board of Trustees that the Foundation remove the current strategic grantmaking lens of access to economic opportunity in our Annual Grant Cycle. At this time, the Committee is not proposing the lens be replaced, as we continue our evolution, and will take the necessary time to determine if, and what, new strategic lens to recommend. This motion will be brought to the Board for further discussion in September. Marisa then provided the Committee with an update on the policy review and editing process that the Foundation is undertaking this year, with a request that one or more Committee members participate in the draft review. The Committee discussed revisions to the Scholarship portion of the Grant Policies and Procedures, which will bring a motion to the June Board meeting to accept these revisions.

All completed grants in the Annual Grant Cycle have been approved by the Executive Committee to expedite awards to the nonprofits. Details of each award are included in the supplemental materials in the Board packet.

The Foundation hosted the first Party to Enhance Equity in Philanthropy (PEEP) on June 15<sup>th</sup> at nearby nonprofit Encuentro! The event was a great space to deepen relationships between nonprofits, Foundation staff, Trustees, Committee members and panel participants. Community Impact will host two more of these events this year: September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> – please plan to join!