



ALBUQUERQUE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
trust • equity • integrity • accountability

MEMO

To: Board of Trustees
From: Paul Mondragon, Community Impact Committee Chair
Date: April 22, 2025
Re: Community Impact Committee update

The Community Impact Committee met on March 13th, for the regularly scheduled meeting. Staff provided updates on the Annual Grant Cycle, including the timeline and commitment to participant in a minimum of one panel. The remainder of the meeting focused on the plan and process for the reimagined Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Committee members discussed at length the pressures that the expedited timeline added to the grantmaking of the ABM. In addition to the proposed invite-only model for the first cycle, Committee participants shared ideas for moving forward such as a participatory grant process, inviting applicants to participate in the panel selection, and the option that staff select the first cycle recipient based on knowledge of the work in the community. After a lengthy discussion on the topic, the Committee voted to approve that the final decision on how to proceed be left up to the staff, who have the most knowledge on grantmaking and will ultimately be responsible for the implementation of the process.

Since that time, staff have decided to adjust the timeline, moving the grantee selection date much closer to the kickoff event for the first year. This would allow for additional time in the grantmaking process, providing space for a more transparent and inclusive process overall. The kickoff event would then be planned without the first cycle grantee, however applicants to the process will be informed that if selected, they will need to be in attendance.