

The Funders Group Meeting Summary

January 27, 2009

TFG Members present:		TFG members absent:
Jackie MacLean	Arthur Sullivan	Jason Johnson
Alan Painter	Stephen Norman	Emily Leslie
Adrienne Quinn	David Wertheimer	Tom Tierney
Funders Group Reps/Staffers Present:		
Bill Rumpf	Cheryl Markham	Bill Block
Debbie Thiele	Sara Levin	Gretchen Bruce
Neil Powers	Kollin Min	Debbi Knowles

Workplans

Members and staff reviewed and discussed the various workplans for each of the five priorities. TFG members provided feedback which key staff will incorporate in the workplans and return to Gretchen in time for her to include in the IAC packet for that group's February 2nd meeting. Thanks to those who provided the write ups – it was a huge amount of work distilled to one page for each plan.

Financial Plan

Marty Lindley reported on the Financial Plan workgroup's efforts to collect resources directed towards homeless housing and services among major funders. The format will show whether allocations are based on statutory requirements or local policy. Additional breakouts will provide details on the amount of funding going towards: Emergency Shelter; Emergency Prevention; Infrastructure
 Housing: Operating - Project Based: Time Limited vs. Non-Time Limited
 Housing: Operating - Rental Market: Time Limited vs. Non-Time Limited
 Housing: Capital: Time Limited vs. Non-Time Limited
 Services: Healthcare and Treatment; Housing Case Management; Employment; Outreach Services; Other

The group is meeting to review the first draft of the compilation on February 5th, and will bring that report to The Funders Group February 9th meeting.

Funders Group Dashboard

Members reviewed a draft dashboard for TFG workplan items. This dashboard is specifically intended to measure implementation of The Funders Group workplans, whereas the Governing Board dashboard measures high level implementation of the overall Ten Year Plan. TFG members noted that we need to provide a bridge between the two so people don't get confused, especially in communicating the workplans to the Governing Board. In the cover memo to the Governing Board Bill will include an explanation of how, specifically, the five workplans individually and collectively further the goals of the Ten-Year Plan and the metrics selected by the Governing Board.

Upcoming IAC and Governing Board Meetings

Jackie will facilitate the discussion of The Funders Group's workplans at the February 2nd IAC meeting. We need to ensure there is sufficient time to get feedback on the 5 plans, and key staff will attend to answer questions. No feedback has been received to date from other IAC members on the dashboard circulated two weeks ago. Workplans will also be included in the Feb 20th Governing Board packet. Bill Block will write a cover memo explaining the connection between the workplans and priorities, why they were selected, and how the selected priorities help further the goals of the Ten-Year Plan and the metrics originally chosen by the Governing Board. Other additional items for discussion in the near future are the state and federal funding picture, and one-time funding that may be available through ESG, CDBG, ESAP and other sources.

Pipeline Funding

Debbie Thiele shared that members of the Homeless Housing Funders Group (HHFG, a.k.a. the Junior Funders Group) have begun to evaluate which projects funded in capital rounds two to three years ago are coming on line in 2010. They anticipate service needs for these projects will significantly drive funding decisions and priorities in the 2009 fall NOFA, and have asked all projects to submit detailed budgets by the end of January. Debbie and other members of HHFG will bring their initial findings to The Funders Group at the February 9th meeting, and a full report to the March 9th TFG meeting.

Local Economy

The group discussed the need to track local economic indicators that reflect emerging trends. Several partners are tracking indicators important to their work – ie, foreclosures, layoffs, etc. Bill will explore having a presentation of these indicators at the Governing Board meeting on February 20th.