

Cares Act Committee Minutes

September 30, 2020

Meeting was called to order and all members were present. A quorum was present.

Motion was made and 2nd to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and 2nd to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Updates from the last meeting:

Testing site:

Phil said the site continues to test more. Positivity rate last week was 24%. 1 little hiccup – approx. 12 tests mixed in with Cox's which delayed results until Monday morning. Cox is testing this week. Mercy will do next week. Testing 9am to noon – cramming just about the same amount of people in the same time span. Will be there for at least another month - administration of testing facility taking place on site in the building.

The following Small Business Relief applications were reviewed:

SBR-023 NRoute Enterprises, LLC – \$10,000 requested – list provided was for \$10,246.49 (over the \$10,000 cap) – request for a bunch of different IT and hardware-based items for the inside of a mobile unit/service van, security cameras and sales tax on purchase of van. Discussion was held and several items of concern were pointed out. Sales tax is not reimbursable. The same company has submitted two applications at \$10,000 each. Both applications relate to the same purchase. The application also mentions that the security cameras installed on the building allow them to assist in contact tracing. Phil stated that contract tracing is a function to be performed by the Health Department.

SBR-024 Custom Cage - \$10,000 requested – request for server, firewall and other equipment to allow customer to purchase on-line and notify office and warehouse of purchase. The application states the purchase will help with social distancing of office staff and warehouse interacting. Discussion was held and it was noted that this application originates from the same address as SBRs 023 and 025. The narrative provided does not specifically identify that this purchase was to allow for telework capability. It only suggests it would isolate office employees from warehouse. The application also states that the purchase allows for the creation of an e-commerce platform. It was noted that the committee has recommended approval on another server/firewall upgrade but that application made clear that its benefit was to allow for telework capability.

SBR-025 NRoute Enterprises, LLC - \$10,000 requested – request for purchase of van for \$42,089.84 (2020 Ford Cargo/Transit Van). The application states the investment in the van constitutes a change in the company business model by allowing them to take service to customers. It was noted that the County has existing contracts with this company which include service calls. It was also noted that the committee had previously denied an earlier applicant reimbursement for a vehicle which allowed them to become “mobile” as well.

Committee members summarized that all three of these applications had significant issues or conflicts with the limitations of the small business reimbursement program. A motion to deny all amounts was made and discussed. If there were any misunderstandings, companies can resubmit with proper documentation showing how any of these applications meet the criteria of the program. The motion was 2nd and the vote was unanimous.

The following Phase I application were reviewed:

CCA-113 Christian County Circuit Clerk– \$1,205.46 request for additional plastic bottles to be used for hand sanitizer, window envelopes, window envelopes with the pull & seal, face shields, mobile hotspots & 4 web cams.

Motion to recommend approval for CCA-113. The motion was 2nd and the vote was unanimous, but reluctant.

The following Phase II applications were scored with an average score:

CCA-109 City of Clever Police Dept. – 7.2

CCA-110 Christian County Neighborhood Center – 42.2

CCA-111 Least of These, Inc – 43

CCA-112 Highlandville Rural Fire Protection District – 6.8

Recommendations for approval of Phase II applications CCA-110 and CCA-111 will be forwarded to the County Commission and CCA-109 and CCA-112 will not receive a positive recommendation based on their low average scores.

Motion to recommend approval for CCA-110 and CCA-111. The motion was 2nd and the vote was unanimous

Motion to recommend denial of CCA-109 and CCA-112. The motion was 2nd and the vote was unanimous

Motion was made to adjourn and 2nd to approve. Meeting was adjourned.