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COMMISSIONER

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff New Orleans Criminal Justice Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2024

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tenisha Stevens, Commissioner Stevens welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Roll Call & Opening Remarks

Chief Judge Candice Bates-Anderson	Juvenile Court	Designee Present
Chief Public Defender Danny Engelberg	Public Defender	Present
Tobie Lamy	Probation and Parole	Absent
Councilmember Leslie Harris	City Council	Absent
Sheriff Susan Hutson	Sheriff	Absent
Judge Bobby Jones	Judge	Absent
Asya Howlette	Office of Youth and Families	Designee Present
Darren Lombard	Clerk of Court	Absent
Dr. Dwight McKenna	Coroner	Designee Present
Gilbert Montaña	Chief Administrator	Absent
Vice President Helena Moreno	City Council	Absent
Chief Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier	Criminal District Court	Designee Present
Commissioner Tenisha Stevens	Mayor’s Office	Present
Councilmember Oliver Thomas	City Council	Absent
Donesia Turner	City Attorney	Designee Present
Ms. Nikita White	State Office of Juvenile Justice	Present
District Attorney Jason Williams	District Attorney	Designee Present

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Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick	NOPD	Absent
Ms. Thelma French	Total Community Action	Present
Ms. Elizabeth Boh	Chief Executive Officer	Absent
Dr. Raynard Sanders	Citizen Representative-Equity	Present
Ms. Margaret Washington	Citizen Representative-Victims/Survivors	Absent
Mr. Ron McClain	Citizen Representative-Mental Health	Present

III. Consideration & Approval of the Minutes from December 17th, 2024

Commissioner Stevens asked for a motion to accept the adoption of the minutes. Kevin Hill moved to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Ron McClain and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. FY24 Victims of Crime Act Funding - \$861,426

Commissioner Stevens reiterated that the amount of VOCA funding available to allocate by the council for FY2024 is less than previous years. This decrease in funding has been expected and grantees have been made aware of this funding decrease for the last few years. She noted that the Grants Subcommittee met twice to review the notices of intent that were submitted and took their job of making a recommendation to the council very seriously. The Commissioner then invited Ms. Thelma French to give the Grants Subcommittee Update. Ms. Thelma French gave the following report:

Today we are voting to allocate Fiscal Year 2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding in the amount of \$861,426. The Notices of Intent were due to the Office of Criminal Justice Coordination on December 9th. The Notices of Intent were sent to councilmembers on December 30th, and the Grants Subcommittee met on January 13th at City Hall and then again virtually on January 22nd. The members who participated in the Grants Subcommittee Meetings were as follows:

Mr. Darren Martin - Councilmember Oliver Thomas' Office
 Ms. Treshawn Gaines - Clerk of Criminal District Court's Office
 Mrs. De'Anna Lavigne Lawson - Criminal District Court
 Dr. Raynard Sanders - Community Representative
 Mr. Ron McClain - Community Representative
 Ms. Margaret Washington - Community Representative
 Mr. Kevinn Hill - City of New Orleans Law Department
 Ms. Thelma French - TCA Representative and SKNOCJC CO-Chair
 Ms. Elizabeth Boh - New Orleans Business Council Representative
 Judge Candace Bates-Anderson - Juvenile Court
 Criminal Justice Commissioner Tenisha Stevens

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The subcommittee had very difficult decisions to make with the requests exceeding the available funding by over \$1,135,000. The Subcommittee members gave each of the agencies present at the January 13th meeting time to present their project and time to answer questions before getting into the larger discussion of how to recommend that the funding should be allocated. Several decisions were made to get us to final number. None of those decisions were made lightly but overall the subcommittee recommended the following allocation.

Agency Name	Original Request	Final Recommended Award
STAR	\$106,226.00	\$56,580.28
Covenant House	\$86,777.00	\$51,550.37
OPSO	\$62,428.00	\$0.00
New Orleans Mucisians Assistance Foundation	\$73,920.00	\$45,385.40
Catholic Charities	\$96,537.00	\$41,654.25
Orleans Parish Criminal Court	\$82,000.00	\$50,346.36
OPDA	\$65,285.00	\$40,083.68
NOPD	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Children's Hospital 1&2	\$376,480.00	\$96,075.59
Southeast Legal Services	\$51,625.00	\$28,817.98
Juvenile Court	\$221,327.00	\$90,869.04
Children's Bureau 1 Child Suvivors	\$262,701.00	\$161,293.16
Children's Bureau 2 Trauma Counseling	\$61,284.00	\$0.00
New Orleans Family Justice Alliance 1 Forensic	\$86,882.00	\$0.00
New Orleans Family Justice Alliance 2 Trafficking	\$226,478.00	\$139,052.96
CASA New Orleans	\$97,262.00	\$59,716.92

Ms. French ended her report with a motion to approve the Grants Subcommittee Recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron McClain, and the recommended allocation was put to a roll call vote. The motion passed with 10 yeas and 2 abstentions.

V. Councilmember Updates

No Councilmember updates were given.

VI. Community Updates

No Community Updates were given.

VII. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Commissioner Stevens thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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