

# City of GREENSBORO North Carolina

# City Council Work Session April 28, 2015

**Outside Agency Funding** 



#### **Recent History**

- A portion of the City Budget is set aside to support outside agencies
- Funding is used for annual operating expenditures
- Funding is used for major event based support
- Focus on Cultural and Economic Development Agencies
- Organizations submit requests that document adherence to City MAP Goals, performance measures and community collaborations
- A staff team reviews requests



#### **Funding Amount/Sources**

- General Fund
  - Traditional Source of Funding
  - Annual allocation estimated @ \$670,000
  - Amounts can vary yearly; submit to budget review and potential reduction based on overall budget situation
- ED Fund Supplement
  - Fund initiated in FY 12-13 (0.25 cents); increased to 0.5 cents in FY 13-14
  - Provides additional outside agency funding, targeted to economic development support (i.e. Chamber Initiatives, Folk Festival)
  - Annual allocation estimated @ \$500,000



#### FY 15-16 Budget Development

- Total Available Allocation
  - \$670,000 General Fund
  - \$500,000 ED Fund
  - \$1,170,000 total
- Total Requests
  - \$1,773,000 total requests
  - Includes previously approved multi year commitments
    - Civil Rights Museum (\$250,000 final payment under current contract)
    - National Folk Festival (NFF) (\$75,000 commitment; year two of three)
    - NC A&T Track Event (\$40,000 final payment under current contract)



Agency	FY 13-14 Awarded		FY 14-15 Awarded		15-16 Requested	
General Fund-101	<del>-</del>					
Architectural Salvage of Greensboro	\$	30,850	\$	14,850	\$	26,500
Blandwood Mansion	\$	16,750	\$	16,750	\$	36,000
DGI: Operations	\$	190,000	\$	190,000	\$	190,000
DGI: Downtown Development	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
East Market Street Development Corporation	\$	32,400	\$	32,400	\$	50,000
Faith Action					\$	15,000
Fellowship Hall					\$	75,000
Welfare Reform Liaison Project, Inc.					\$	50,000
Greensboro Children's Museum	\$	75,000	\$	75,000	\$	100,000
Greensboro Sports Commission	\$	67,500	\$	67,500	\$	85,000
Piedmont Triad Partnership	\$	30,132	\$	30,132		
The Greensboro Partnership - GEDA: GPED	\$	130,500	\$	130,500	\$	130,500
Piedmont Triad Charitable Foundation: Wyndam Championship	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
General Fund Total	\$	683,132	\$	667,132	\$	868,000
ED FUND-208						
Arts Greensboro: 17 Days			\$	25,000	\$	25,000
Arts Greensboro: National Folk Festival			\$	75,000	\$	100,000
Greensboro Community Development Fund			\$	150,000	\$	250,000
Piedmont Triad Film Commission	\$	27,000	\$	27,000	\$	30,000
The Greensboro Partnership - GEDA:Triad Startup Lab	\$	79,356	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
Triad Stage	\$	75,000	\$	75,000	\$	75,000
Triad Local First	\$	25,000	\$	6,000	\$	35,000
Economic Development Fund Total	\$	206,356	\$	458,000	\$	615,000
All Funds Total	\$	889,488	\$	1,125,132	**\$ 1	1,483,000

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include previously committed funds of \$290,000 for ICRCM and NC A&T State Track Event



#### **Next Steps**

- A staff team is currently reviewing requests
  - Team includes members from Executive/ED, Neighborhood Development, Libraries, Budget and Evaluation
  - Recommendations for funding to be submitted to City Manager
  - Requesting agencies will receive notice of City Manager's budget recommendation to City Council



#### Formalize Outside Agency Process

- City Council directed staff to provide alternative to current outside agency grant and loan processes
- Reviewed other municipalities process
- Staff sought to improve the outside agency funding review process
  - Build upon current strengths (annual application process; annual financial audit requirements)
  - Broaden access to funding process
  - Involve both community and staff in evaluation process
- Process based on a fixed allocation of resources
- Potential Changes to Review/Allocation process for FY 16-17



#### Creation of a Community Partner Board

- Advisory Board appointed by Council
  - Nine members
    - Five appointed by district
    - Four at-large
- Assist in identifying other parameters to process
- Review applications and requesting agencies
- Provide funding recommendations to Manager
- Committee would develop recommendations annually (once a year) for operating funding requests



#### **Proposed Agency Request Process**

- Application will include:
  - Information on the organization, financial information, and the request
  - Eligibility requirements
  - City oversight expectations
- Reviewed by Community Partner Board
- Applications are scored on specific criteria
  - Public Purpose
  - Matching funds
  - Impact/Outcomes
  - Public Support

- Documentation
- Alignment with City's Goals/Objectives
- Collaboration Effort
- Recommendations made to CMO for budget
- Annual compliance review conducted by Internal Audit



#### **Funding Sources**

- All future funding is contingent on budget availability
- General Fund
  - Annual Operating Grants = \$670,000
- Economic Development Fund
  - Annual Operating Grants = \$500,000



#### Capital Request Funding

- Currently spending \$800,000 per year on large capital projects from the Economic Development Fund
- Recommend similar proposed Outside Agency Process
- Utilize the Community Partner Board
- Review request quarterly
- Recommendation from board made to City Council
- Funding is capped at annual budgeted level



#### **Next Steps**

- Council endorsement of the proposed process
- Staff will finalize implementation steps and bring back to City Council for approval
- Council appointment of Community Partner Board
- Program will begin July 1, 2015
- All currently funded agency will need to apply for funding in FY 16-17