

Attachment II: Community Agency Funding Review

CATEGORY	WORKING WELL	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT/
Application for Funding	<p>Keep CDBG and Social Services separate.</p> <p>Request funding information and breakdown of Area Median Income (AMI) targeting.</p>	<p>Alignment with Strategic Priorities question not helpful (agencies can just check off that they support Strategic Priorities; Strategic Priorities are complete; with upcoming Strategic Plan there will be new priorities).</p> <p>Provide new applicants with an example application.</p>
Agency Interview Process	Interview structure (agency provides information, commissioners ask questions, discussion time post interview).	Ensure that questions asked by Commissioners not at the ARC are asked by Commissioners present at ARC and/or by staff.
Commissioner Review and Funding Deliberations	<p>Commissioners work well together, respect one another's recommendations.</p> <p>The Commissioners report back from other ARCs at the CSC meeting is helpful.</p>	<p>Commissioners need clarity around how they should be assessing applicants (to what extent is background knowledge of an organization considered, are applicants assessed based on their application or their interview).</p> <p>Provide Chairs with "cheat sheet".</p> <p>Create a common language around equity.</p> <p>Staff should provide Commissioners with historical funding information on agencies (what they've requested, what they've been awarded) for previous 3 years.</p>
Staff Assistance	Having staff at ARC to answer questions about agencies and let Commissions know about any performance issue is helpful.	<p>Provide Commissioners with a consolidated PDF of all applications.</p> <p>Staff should walk Commissioners through CDS, and create a resource library on the CDS website.</p>
Miscellaneous	Bidder's Conference is helping for applicants to learn about the funding requirements and the application process.	Fieldtrips to funded organizations would be helpful.