

## Attachment II: Community Agency Funding Review

CATEGORY	WORKING WELL	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT/
<b>Application for Funding</b>	<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>
<b>Agency Interview Process</b>	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.
<b>Commissioner Review and Funding Deliberations</b>	<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>
<b>Staff Assistance</b>	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>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Bidder's Conference is helping for applicants to learn about the funding requirements and the application process.	Fieldtrips to funded organizations would be helpful.