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Wisconsin National and Community Service Board Executive Committee Minutes

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Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Christine Beatty, Angie Ahlgrim, Paula Horning & Tony Hallman

Board Members Present: Theresa Clark, Ibrahim Jalloh, Ben Lehner, Amy McDowell, Ben Olsen, Donald Placidi

Staff Members Present: Jeanne Duffy, Alexis Matthews & Ruhamah Bauman

Christine Beatty called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

Christine provided an overview of the need to convert new, formula funded AmeriCorps program grants to planning grants due to COVID-19. Marian University is unable to start a new program due to college students attending classes remotely. Partners for Community Development is experiencing fundraising challenges due to COVID-19 and the challenges of engaging high schools remotely as a new program.

	Program Request	Planning Grant CNCS Request	Difference
Marian University	50,861	60,840	(9,979)
Partners for Community Development	107,148	56,306	50,842
Excess Funding			40,863

Action: Tony made a motion to approve converting Marian University and Partners for Community Development program grants into planning grants. Angie seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed that this is an effective method for not losing new programs. All voted in favor in the motion.

This action resulted in \$40,863 of unused program funding. Jeanne explained that staff does not have a definite plan on how to spend the funding and would like to put the funds in reserve for future use by creating a formula “placeholder” application. Christine stated that we had to give all programs equal opportunity to apply for additional funding. Staff assured her that we will make the opportunity of additional funding available to all formula programs as we cannot transfer funding to competitively funded programs and that once we had a plan to spend the \$40,863 we would approach the Board for approval.



Action: Paula moved that the unused funds due to converting the program grants to planning grants be placed in a placeholder application for future use. Tony seconded the motion. All voted in favor in the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm with a motion from Tony, seconded by Paula and all in accordance.

