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***Proposition 1 Proposals Not Recommended by Staff for Funding***

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**Staff Report**

**SUMMARY**

At its April 26, 2017 meeting, the Board requested that the Program and Policy Subcommittee discuss approaches the Board may take related to Proposition 1 Grant proposals that staff does not recommend for funding ("denied projects"). The Board must take a vote to approve proposals for funding. However, it is within the Board's discretion to determine its policy related to handling proposals it does not wish to fund; three alternatives are presented herein.

**PROCESS TO DATE**

For two grant cycles to date, staff did not recommend funding for several proposals that did not meet the minimum scoring threshold. For each proposal, the staff report to the Board included the amount requested and whether or not it was recommended for funding. For all recommended proposals, details of the proposed project were also included. Full application materials for all projects were available to Board members during the proposal evaluation process, and to the public upon request. Staff notified all applicants of their proposal's status and their right to address the Board at the meeting where action on the proposals would be taken. The Board voted to approve funding for projects recommended for funding, and separately voted to deny funding to proposals that did not meet the minimum scoring threshold.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The following alternatives for handling grant proposals that do not meet the minimum scoring threshold are presented to the Committee for discussion in order to inform a related policy decision by the full Board.

**Alternative 1:**

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The Board does not take action specific to proposals that do not meet the minimum scoring threshold. Staff reports would continue to list all proposals, the amount requested, and whether or not each is recommended for funding. For projects that meet the minimum scoring threshold, details of proposed projects would also continue to be included.

If proposals that meet the minimum scoring threshold request more than the total funds available, staff would prioritize those projects consistent with framework in the Grant Guidelines and make recommendations up to the total funding available. (This may result in recommendations to partially fund some projects.) Full application materials would continue be available to Board members during the proposal evaluation process, and to the public upon request. Staff would notify all applicants of their proposal's status and their right to address the Board when it considers funding recommendations.

This approach is consistent with the practices of other departments that grant Proposition 1 funding and provides flexibility if a grant cycle is over-subscribed.

**Alternative 2:**

Same as Alternative 1, except that for proposals that are not recommended for funding, additional details (final score and a brief note of the proposals' weaknesses) would be provided in the staff report. This alternative requires additional staff time to prepare the staff report.

**Alternative 3:**

Same as Alternative 2, except that the Board would vote to deny funding to any project(s) that is not recommended for funding. This alternative restricts alternatives in the event a cycle is over-subscribed.

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