



State Board
Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting

November 18, 2021

Zoom Webinar

11:30am- 1:00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome

Updates

2. Chief Partnership Officer Update – Derek Cromwell

- In my tenure so far, I have stressed my vision to what I believe is the cornerstone of Local Partnerships- Relationships, Support, & Accountability
- I have stressed that this philosophy is a 2-way street
- For our part, I have created several working groups to strengthen our internal operations and processes to help us better serve our Local Partnerships.
 - Process Improvement Working Group
 - Recruitment materials working group
 - Grant Process Working Group
- Also, in the works;
 - Local Partnerships Communications Plan- internal and external
 - Program Modeling Tool
- Lastly, as we strengthen our internal processes, we also understand I foremost responsibility- Fiduciary oversight.
 - Created a working group to develop a Local Partnership Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
 - Boots on the ground monitoring- ready for FY23.
 - Ensure the integrity of data being reported by LP's.
 - Ensure that state resources are being used in an appropriate manner
 - Ensure that the granted funds are being used as described in grant applications.



3. Director of Grant Making and Development- Betty Gardiner

- Update on ESSR Grant process

Action Items

1. Covid waivers for Carry Forward

- Due to the effects of Covid-19 since March of 2020, that effected FY20 and FY21, Local Partnerships have had a difficult time in expending grant funds for various reasons.
 - 15 Local Partnerships (see attached) have requested waivers to carry forward FY21 grant funding to be used in FY22 due to these covid barriers.
 - Abbeville, Allendale, Barnwell, Berkeley, Chester, Clarendon, Fairfield, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Marion, Oconee, Pickens, Sumter, & Union.
 - One time waiver to allow the identified counties an opportunity to expend the carry forward funds.
 - FY22 will be judged as normal unless otherwise decided by this committee and Board.

***Motion to approve the 15 Local Partnerships request for waiver to carry forward FY21 grant funds to be expended in FY22 according to the plans submitted to this committee by- Abbeville, Barnwell, Berkeley, Chester, Clarendon, Fairfield, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Marion, Oconee, Pickens, Sumter, & Union County First Steps.**

7. Next Meeting To be Determined

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