

MEMORANDUM

To: Gary Schmidt, County Administrator

From: Caroline Hill, Commission Policy Advisor

Date: June 2, 2022

Re: 2022 Small Grants Cycle

The 2022 Small Grants cycle is scheduled to open for applications on July 5 and expected to remain open until August 15. There are \$250k budgeted, pending formal approval by the BCC. County Administration and Public & Government Affairs staff have worked together to enhance community outreach and applicant experience. Below is a breakdown of this year's improvements:

- Fillable PDF application
- Application workshop
- Commissioner videos
- Increased Social Media push
- Scoring

This year, staff propose evaluating applications based on the following criteria:

- One-time expense
- New applicant
- Clear budget
- No other County funding
- Project using a BIPOC lens
- Community Prosperity Collaboratives
- Not a previous Small Grants recipient
- Application completeness
- Extra credit: Projects working on COVID-19 emotional impacts such as un reported child abuse, domestic violence, and mental health/substance abuse