



Livability Board Recommendations for Non-Profit Grant Funding

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Kathryn Spatz, Parks & Recreation Director
Re: Livability Board Recommendations for Non-Profit Grant Funding

1. OVERVIEW

The Board of Commissioners has historically appropriated \$50,000 to be distributed among qualified, registered, town-based non-profits that apply for funding for activities the town does not provide and that serve town residents. In late spring, 2016, the Livability Board was asked to become a part of this annual process. In 2017, the Livability Board updated the application for the non-profits to complete to include more information, particularly to ensure that funding was used for activities beyond basic operations; rather funding was to be requested for specific programs. On June 12, 2018, the Board of Commissioners adopted the FY18-19 operating budget, appropriating \$50,000 for non-profit funding but directed the Livability Board to present its guidelines to the Commissioners prior to reviewing current applications. The Commissioners authorized the Livability Board to move forward with this year's applications in July. The Livability Board reviewed the applications at its September 18 meeting. Past Chair Marty Metzker will present the advisory board's recommendations to the Commissioners.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Partnerships: The Town of Davidson will build on existing relationships to strengthen partnerships with strategic organizations and institutions. Tactical Priority #2 – Non-Profits.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Options:

- 1) Approval allocation of \$38,000.
- 2) Approve the allocation of \$38,000 and allocate the remaining \$12,000 to the organizations that provide regular programming to town residents, however did not specify specific projects in their proposals such as Ada Jenkins Center, Davidson Housing Coalition, Davidson Village Network.
- 3) Approve the allocation of \$38,000 and allocate the remaining \$12,000 to organizations that specify projects but do not have solid numbers of town residents served such as the Davidson Farmer's Market and LaunchLKN

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

We recommend the Board of Commissioners discuss the options presented by the Livability Board.

5. NEXT STEPS

Recommended action taken at the October 23 Commissioner meeting and the non-profits notified following board action.