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**To:** Board Members  
**From:** Christian Wallis / Amy Abrams  
**Date:** February 5, 2025  
**Subject:** Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee Minutes – **January 8, 2025**

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The Committee met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or in-person at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, California. In some cases, discussion of items may have taken place out of sequence during the meeting.

**Attendees:** Director Gloria Chadwick, Chair  
Director Nadia Farjood, Member  
Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer  
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer  
Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Portia Seautelle, License to Freedom (via Zoom)

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Director Chadwick at approximately 1:00 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as posted.
- C. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- D. Guest Presentations**

License to Freedom was scheduled to conduct a presentation regarding their grant application in order to better understand its program and the reasoning behind the dollar amount requested, which has doubled from last year. However, due to technical issues, the presentation with Portia Seautelle was unable to take place. After brief discussion, the committee agreed it would instead conduct a facility tour on a date that worked for their calendars. The committee members will receive a copy of the License to Freedom's slide presentation.

**E. Reports/Discussion/Possible Action Items**

1. FY24-25 Monthly Grant & Sponsorship Tracking Report

(This agenda item was not discussed.)

2. Grant and Sponsorship Requests

Director Farjood expressed concerns about the current grant review process at the District, suggesting the need for a standardized scoring rubric and a more transparent process. Until a standardized scoring rubric is in place for evaluating grant applications, she will not be able to support or participate in the accepting or denying of grants. Director Chadwick requested that Director Farjood create a proposal for the development of a scoring rubric to be presented to the Board for further discussion.

Director Farjood discussed the practice of informing organizations about potential grants before the full Board's decision and stated this could create unrealistic expectations and undermine the public process. Currently, the grant recipients are contacted via email once the grant application has been recommended.

Director Chadwick stated all current grant applications will go forward to the Board for full discussion with no recommendation.

3. FY23-24 Monthly Grantee Reporting Index

(This agenda item was not discussed.)

4. FY24-25 Monthly Grantee Reporting Index

(This agenda item was not discussed.)

**F. General Information/Communications**

**G. Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is on the calendar for Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

**H. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.