



**MINUTES FOR PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY'S  
YOUTH & AMATEUR SPORTS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 | 10 a.m.  
Zoom Video Conference or Call In (646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID 876 3911 6360 | Passcode 357918

**Committee Members Attending**

Scarlett Spring – Committee Chair  
David Eberhart  
Dr. Anikar Chhabra

**Staff**

Tom Sadler, President & CEO  
BJ Morley, CFO  
Heather Rayfield, Grant Manager

**Guests**

Andy Bagnato – Bagnato Pflipsen Communications  
Kristen Pflipsen – Bagnator Pflipsen Communications

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present and the meeting having been duly noticed, Chair Scarlett Spring called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. **ACTION ITEM Consideration of Minutes from October 21, 2019 Meeting**

Chair Spring requested that CFO BJ Morley be removed from the attendees.

Chair Spring called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held October 21, 2019, as amended.

A motion to approve the minutes was duly made, followed by a second. The October 21, 2019 meeting minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved.

3. **ACTION ITEM Review and Recommendation for Approval of the FY2022 Biennial Grants Applications**

Chair Spring requested that Grant Manager Heather Rayfield provide a timeline for the FY2022 Biennial grants process for the Committee. Ms. Rayfield reviewed biennial grant timeline, beginning with the virtual workshops conducted in April 2021. In May 2021, CFO BJ Morley determined that there was \$2.5 million available for funding for the FY2022 biennial grant cycle. On June 30, 2021, twenty-seven applications were received and, after thorough review, twenty-six applications met the application requirements, totaling \$4.1 million in grant requests. Ms. Rayfield stated that each application meeting the application criteria was then evaluated based on the factors of consideration, which include: 1) projects adjacent, in proximity, or benefit to a public school, 2) being of benefit to a local community, 3) demonstrated financial need, 4) project sustainability, and 5) first-time applicants.

As there were more grant requests than funding available, Ms. Rayfield stated that staff communicated the funding constraints to the YAS Committee Chair. It was determined that previous grant recipients would not be as highly considered as first-time applicants, per the factors of consideration. Specifically, the FY2020 grant recipients who submitted for an FY2022 biennial grant were contacted that their application would not move forward in the review process, but would remain on reserve. Returning applicants, who received biennial grants prior to FY2020, were contacted to discover if their projects would still be viable at 65% of the original AZSTA grant request.

Ms. Rayfield concluded the timeline review by stating that site visits for applicants moving forward were conducted between August-October 2021 and that detailed application summaries, along with their budgets, were provided for all twenty-six eligible applications to the YAS committee members for review.

Chair Spring thanked Ms. Rayfield for the review and began the open discussion for the grant requests by stating that Legacy Cares has sent a letter requesting a change in the scope of the project. Chair Spring asked AZSTA President & CEO, Tom Sadler, if he had more information. Mr. Sadler reviewed the requested changes and the committee agreed that the application would not be recommended at this time as further documentation would be required.

Chair Spring asked if there was any further discussion on any of the grant requests. There being no further discussion, Chair Spring asked Ms. Rayfield to list the recommended grant requests for the record. Ms. Rayfield listed for the committee the proposed FY2022 YAS Biennial Grants as follows:

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Anthem Preparatory Academy	
Archway Classical Academy – Roosevelt	
Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc.	
City of Avondale	
City of Buckeye	
Civitan Foundation, Inc.	
Desert Youth Hockey Association	
Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley	
GiGi’s Playhouse Phoenix, LLC	
ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth	
Phoenix Children’s Hospital Foundation	
Phoenix Jewish Community Campus	
Scottsdale Preparatory Academy	
Tempe Union High School District #213	
Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center	
15 Organizations	\$2.25 Million

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Chair Spring called for a motion to recommend approval for the fifteen proposed FY2022 YAS Biennial Grant requests.

A motion by Member Eberhart, seconded by Member Chhabra, to recommend approval for the fifteen identified FY2022 YAS Biennial Grant requests. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rayfield provided the Committee with next steps for the biennial grant process, emphasizing that the grant requests required final approval at the Board of Directors meeting on November 19, 2021 and the projects could not begin until the funding agreement was fully executed.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Spring requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Member Eberhart, seconded by Member Chhabra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.