

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Administration Policy/Rules Committee

FROM: A. Victor Rawl, Committee Chairman

DATE: December 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Community Investment Policy

At the Administration Policy/Rules Committee of December 15, 2016, Community Investment Policy will be on the agenda for voting purposes. The proposal is as follows:

The maximum amount to be allocated to any entity will be \$50,000.

Eligibility Criteria (also must be in application form)

An applicant is not qualified to receive Community Investment Funds if:

1. it is not a 501(c)3 IRS Revenue Code.
2. it does not provide a public purpose as defined by SC Supreme Court's four-part test.

The test can be summarized as:

First, what is the ultimate goal of benefit to the public intended by the project;

Second, whether public or private parties will be the primary beneficiaries;

Third, whether a particular project is speculative;

Fourth, whether a public interest will be ultimately served and to what degree.

3. it does not have and/or provide a mission statement and a detailed summary of how agency will use funds.
4. it does not clearly state how the service, program, or project meets a County goal or benefit that is not otherwise met.
5. it does not have proof of business status, by-laws, articles of incorporation (if applicable).
6. it does not provide a line item budget for current fiscal year to include all other sources of revenue by name.
7. it does not serve the population of the County as a whole.
8. it receives CDBG, HOME, ESG, or other County funding.
9. it allocates more than 15% of its revenue to anything other than services.

10. any funds are used to promote a religious purpose.
11. names and address of all managers, applicants, or board members are not provided.

Scoring Criteria

1. Fulfills a priority need in the areas of education, children's services, housing, nutrition, etc.
2. Demonstrates financial stability
3. Grassroots (i.e. locally established and run)
4. Costs of services to individuals served
5. How long has it existed
6. Financial condition
7. Reliance on public funds

Deviation from this policy requires unanimous consent.