



**Economic and Workforce Development
Selection Committee (EWDSC)**

April 23, 2026

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Tucson, AZ

Minutes (not approved)

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Jacquelyne Vega at 9:03 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Mike Czechowski: Representative, City Manager's Office (Chairperson)
David Godlewski: Representative, City Manager's Office
Stephanie Healy: Representative, Ward 3
Lovely Ganthier: Representative, Ward 5
Eugene Kunde: Representative, Ward 6
Jacquelyne Vega: Representative, City Manager's Office (not part of quorum)
Irene Messina: Representative, City Manager's Office (not part of quorum)

Absent:

Benjamin Galaz: Representative, Ward 1
Andrea Leisner: Representative, Ward 2
Bobby Verenna: Representative, Ward 4

Quorum established.

2. Approval of April 10, 2024 meeting minutes

David Godlewski put forth a motion to approve the minutes. Stephanie Healy seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

3. Fiscal Year 2027-28 Grant Cycle Process

Jacquelyne Vega presented the 2027-2028 grant cycle process. She reviewed the following: amount of available funding, the four categories of grants, timeline of application and meetings, scoring sheets, and information folder.

Amount of available funding: \$600,000

Categories of funding:

Small business support: \$100,000

At-risk adults: \$300,000

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At-risk youth: \$100,000

Special events: \$100,000

Timeline:

April 27: Applications open

May 18: Applications close

May 22: Application materials are sent to committee for review

June 8: Committee first meeting

June 9: Committee second meeting

July 21: Discussed at Mayor and Council meeting

July/Aug: Contracts are issued

Jacquelyne reviewed application folders and spreadsheets of amount requested, recommendation, etc.

Lovely asked how it is managed to allocate funds between new and returning applicants. Jacquelyne said it's up to the committee. Mike suggested that each committee member speak with the council member who appointed them to discuss preferences.

Jacquelyne reviewed the rating tools and historical information (organizations that received funding and what they requested over the last three cycles).

Eugene asked if May 22 is the first time the committee will see applications. Jacquelyne said yes and that committee members should have their recommendations when meeting on June 8.

Lovely asked what is the scoring mechanism and how it's weighed. Jacquelyne said it's 80 points. For example, with a special events grant, it's:

30 points: event narrative

20 points: economic impact

15 points: equity impact

15 points: event evaluation and budget

4. Call to Audience

No audience present.

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

The next meetings of the EWDSC will be on June 8 at 2 p.m., and June 9 at 2 p.m.

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Mike said last time, the ask was more than \$600,00 and it was a lot of work to get down to that number. Said it's important for committee members to communicate with respective Council offices.

Gene asked if council members will have advance notification of applicant info. Mike said no and that committee members have been given responsibility by council members to review the information and make a decision. Said it's critical to have a touch point and to let council members know you are working on this.

6. Adjournment

Stephanie Healy left the meeting at 9:35 a.m. David Godlewski left meeting at 9:36 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.