

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
VERDANT HEALTH COMMISSION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

**Hybrid: In-Person at Verdant Community Wellness Center and via Zoom
January 30, 2023
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners
Present**

Jim Distelhorst, MD, President
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner
Carolyn Brennan, Commissioner
Karianna Wilson, Commissioner
** Bob Knowles, Commissioner (excused absence)*

Staff

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent
Riene Simpson, CPA, Director of Finance
Leslie Silverman, Interim Director of Community Impact & Grantmaking
Erin Boehm, Interim Grants Manager
Kaysi Caballero, Executive Assistant/Office Manager
Monika Star, Wellness Center Assistant
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker
Kirk Mathis, Digital Communications & Marketing Manager
Sandra Huber, Community Engagement Manager

Guests

Kit Massengale
Lahai Health
Marisol Bejarano
Tom Laing

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

**Land and
Enslaved People's
Acknowledgement**

President Distelhorst read the acknowledgement.

**Discussion:
Review of Spring
2023 Grant
Applications**

Ms. Silverman presented a portfolio balance of all grant applications received (E:11:23), the proposed proposal recommended to fund, and what amount of funding will be remaining. Fifteen applicants will be discussed this evening who are under review for final recommendation of partial funding.

President Distelhorst clarified how Verdant has split its funding with this first grant cycle of the year. Verdant has \$8.2 Million budgeted for the year 2023 and has front-loaded the funding for \$5.9 Million in this first cycle of the year and the remaining balance to be paid out in the Fall 2023 cycle. If the Board

doesn't approve the full \$5.9 Million with this cycle, it will roll over to the budget for the Fall 2023 cycle.

Ms. Boehm shared some statistics on this Spring pool of grant applicants and funding status (E:12:23). There are 14 applications for a total of \$1,438,128 which will not be funded due to low score and/or incomplete applications.

Commissioners will have a chance to provide feedback on this grantmaking process via a short 6-7 question survey, then discuss the feedback in the February committee meetings.

- Ms. Silverman added we are looking forward to the discussion about our grantmaking, how it aligns with our strategic priorities, and what we want to see from these organizations we support in the future.

Ms. Silverman walked Commissioners through the 15 applicants recommended to partially fund, to determine if there are any changes in the recommendations by the Board, before final funding decisions are made (E:13:23).

- Commissioners are comfortable with the funding decisions they made at the 1/24/23 Special Board meeting and have no changes for tonight's approval.

Dr. Edwards asked Commissioners whether the remaining \$1.29 Million balance will be moved to the Fall 2023 budget for future funding. Commissioners agreed to move the remaining balance to the next cycle. This remaining balance will be available to spend in Fall 2023 for a total grant budget of \$5.5 Million.

Dr. Edwards asked Commissioners when they will decide which Commissioners/committee is involved in scoring the Fall 2023 cycle – if all will review again or if just the Program Committee will review the next grant applicants.

- Commissioner Wilson would like to discuss with the full board how they plan to score the Fall 2023 grants.

Spring 2023 Grant Award Decisions

President Distelhorst made a motion to approve the Spring 2023 funding requests as follows in the table below, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Priority Area	Applicant	Amount Awarded
Food Security	Edmonds Food Bank	\$121,000.00
Food Security	Foundation for Edmonds School District	\$140,000.00
Food Security	Helping Hands Project Organization	\$60,000.00
Food Security	Homage	\$260,000.00
Food Security	Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington	\$0.00
Food Security	Lynnwood Food Bank	\$0.00

Food Security	Millennia Ministries	\$0.00
Food Security	Puget Sound Kidney Centers Foundation	\$0.00
Food Security SUBTOTAL		\$581,000.00
Healthcare Access	Becks Place	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	ChildStrive	\$260,000.00
Healthcare Access	Chinese service center	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$200,000.00
Healthcare Access	Edmonds School District	\$71,390.00
Healthcare Access	Edmonds Senior Center	\$96,000.00
Healthcare Access	Kinderling	\$40,000.00
Healthcare Access	Lahai Health	\$285,000.00
Healthcare Access	Latino Educational Training Institute	\$101,000.00
Healthcare Access	Medical Teams International	\$150,000.00
Healthcare Access	Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation	\$60,000.00
Healthcare Access	Project Access NW	\$100,000.00
Healthcare Access	South County Fire	\$0.00
Healthcare Access	UTSAV	\$75,000.00
Healthcare Access	Wonderland Child and Family Servcies	\$150,000.00
Healthcare Access	YMCA of Greater Seattle	\$73,000.00
Healthcare Access	YWCA Seattle, King, Snohomish	\$73,000.00
Healthcare Access SUBTOTAL		\$1,734,390.00
Mental Health	Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County	\$100,000.00
Mental Health	Cascadia Art Museum	\$0.00
Mental Health	Center for Human Services	\$176,000.00
Mental Health	City of Edmonds Human Services	\$0.00
Mental Health	Compass Health	\$225,000.00
Mental Health	Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County	\$198,000.00
Mental Health	Drug Abuse Council of Snohomish County dba Sound Pathways/Pacific Treatment Alternatives	\$161,522.00
Mental Health	Edmonds Center for the Arts	\$10,000.00
Mental Health	Edmonds College Foundation	\$206,441.00
Mental Health	Edmonds School District	\$450,000.00
Mental Health	Gambian Talents Promotion now Washington West African Center	\$115,000.00
Mental Health	Inside Health Institute	\$0.00

Mental Health	Korean Community Service Center	\$164,000.00
Mental Health	Latino Educational Training Institute	\$68,722.50
Mental Health	Madres de Casino Rd (Fiscal Sponsor: Little Red School House - ChildStrive)	\$0.00
Mental Health	Northwest Neighbors Network	\$0.00
Mental Health	Parent Trust for Washington Children	\$30,447.00
Mental Health	Project Girl Mentoring Program	\$130,000.00
Mental Health	Snohomish County Legal Services	\$0.00
Mental Health	Support 7	\$0.00
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SUBTOTAL		\$2,035,132.50
	GRAND FUNDING TOTAL	\$4,350,522.50

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Knutsen appreciates the hard work that staff did to prepare for this grantmaking cycle.

President Distelhorst would like the community to know Verdant's three priority areas of Food Security, Mental Health, and Healthcare Access and how strongly we feel about them so they are aware how closely we will align with those priorities.

Commissioner Wilson would like to at least be able to view the applicants, even if she is not required to score Fall 2023 applicants, so that she can be fully informed before making final funding decisions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. by President Distelhorst.

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 President

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 Secretary