

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
February 21, 2024
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners
Present**

Karianna Wilson, President
Carolyn Brennan, Secretary
Jim Distelhorst, MD, Commissioner
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner
Bob Knowles, Commissioner

Staff

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent
Riene Simpson, CPA, Director of Finance
Ceil Erickson, Director of Community Impact
Erin Boehm, Interim Grants Manager
Kaysi Caballero, Executive Assistant/Office Manager
Annika Sahota, Community Engagement Specialist
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker

Guests

Lahai Health
Jan Culp, ChildStrive
Tom Laing, LETI
Nelly Romero, LETI

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by President Wilson.

**Land and
Enslaved
People's
Acknowledgement**

President Wilson read the acknowledgement.

**Discussion:
Review of
Spring 2024
Grant
Applications**

Verdant received 47 applications totaling \$7,771,206. Ms. Erickson walked attendees through the internal process involved in reviewing and scoring the Spring 2024 funding applications. The decisions from tonight's special meeting will be on the consent agenda for final approval at the regular Board meeting on 2/28/24.

She reminded Commissioners to be aware of potential bias as we review these funding requests.

Spring 2024 Grant Award Decisions

The outcomes from the committee review structure are informing today's discussions. Applications where Commissioners wanted further discussion will be reviewed tonight.

Ms. Erickson provided a summary of each funding request. Funding award amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County	\$75,000.00
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$100,000 (12mos.)/\$75,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Fully Fund	Foundation for Edmonds School District	\$117,075.00
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$156,100 (12mos.)/\$117,075 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Fully Fund	Washington Kids in Transition	\$75,000.00
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$100,000 (12mos.)/\$75,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Fully Fund	Concern For Neighbors Food Bank	\$22,500.00
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$30,000 (12mos.)/\$22,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Support 7	\$25,511.00
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$34,015 (12mos.)/\$25,511 (9mos.), Commissioner Knowles seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			

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Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Edmonds Senior Center	\$82,500.00
Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$110,000 (12mos.)/\$82,500 (9mos.) prioritizing foot care services, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Inside Health Institute	\$37,500.00
Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$50,000 (12mos.)/\$37,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Medical Teams International	\$112,500.00
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to fund this request for \$150,000 (12mos.)/\$112,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Knowles seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Latino Educational Training Institute	\$132,000.00
Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$176,000 (12mos.)/\$132,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Knowles seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Edmonds College Foundation	\$165,000.00
Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$220,000 (12mos.)/\$165,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Mercy House @ St. Pius X	\$49,500.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request for \$66,000 (12mos.)/\$49,500 (9mos.) prioritizing personnel and direct program costs, Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Decline Fund	Edmonds Center for the Arts	\$0.00
Commissioners agreed to decline funding.			

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Mental Health	Decline Fund	Association for Collective Community Engagement on Safety and Security (ACCESS Project)	\$0.00
Commissioners agreed to decline funding.			
Mental Health	Decline Fund	Helping Hands Project Organization	\$0.00
Commissioners agreed to decline funding.			
Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	Homage dba Senior Services of Snohomish County	\$0.00
Commissioners agreed to decline funding.			
Food Security	Decline Fund	Snohomish Healing Project	\$0.00
Commissioners agreed to decline funding.			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation	\$37,500.00
Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$50,000 (12mos.)/\$37,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Brennan and Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Motion Passed.			
Food Security	Fully Fund	Hand in Hand	\$11,250.00
Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request for \$15,000 (12mos.)/\$11,250 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Project Girl Mentoring Program	\$105,750.00
Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$141,000 (12mos.)/\$105,750 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.			

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Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	YWCA Seattle, King, Snohomish	\$66,260.00
<i>Commissioner Knowles made a motion to fund this request for \$88,346 (12mos.)/\$66,260 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Parent Trust for Washington Children	\$23,977.00
<i>Commissioner Wilson made a motion to fund this request for \$31,969 (12mos.)/\$23,977 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	ChildStrive	\$150,000.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request for \$200,000 (12mos.)/\$150,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Kindering	\$30,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$40,000 (12mos.)/\$30,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County	\$141,750.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$189,000 (12mos.)/\$141,750 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Korean Community Service Center	\$108,750.00
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$145,000 (12mos.)/\$108,750 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	UTSAV	\$56,250.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$75,000 (12mos.)/\$56,250 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Motion Passed.</i>			

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Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Project Access NW	\$75,000.00
<i>Commissioner Wilson made a motion to fund this request for \$100,000 (12mos.)/\$75,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Wonderland Child & Family Services	\$75,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$100,000 (12mos.)/\$75,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Washington West African Center Formally GTP	\$45,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$115,000 (12mos.)/\$86,250 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Knowles, Commissioner Wilson, and Commissioner Brennan voted nay. Motion Failed.</i>			
<i>Commissioner Distelhorst made a motion to fund this request for \$60,000 (12mos.)/\$45,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Decline Fund	City of Edmonds Human Services	\$0.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$35,000 (12mos.)/\$26,250 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Knowles, and Commissioner Brennan voted nay. Motion Failed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	Chinese Service Center dba Asian Service Center	\$0.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$50,000 (12mos.)/\$37,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Knowles, and Commissioner Brennan voted nay. Motion Failed.</i>			

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Mental Health	Partially Fund	Therapeutic Health Services	\$217,500.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$290,000 (12mos.)/\$217,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Decline Fund	Second Chance Outreach	\$0.00
<i>Commissioners agreed to decline funding.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Decline Fund	Washington State Family and Community Engagement Trust	\$0.00
<i>Commissioners agreed to decline funding.</i>			
Mental Health	Decline Fund	Lynnwood Police Department	\$0.00
<i>Commissioners agreed to decline funding.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Fully Fund	Lahai Health	\$223,875.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$298,500 (12mos.)/\$223,875 (9mos.), Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Center for Human Services	\$135,000.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$180,000 (12mos.)/\$135,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Partially Fund	Drug Abuse Council of Snohomish County dba Sound Pathways/Pacific Treatment Alternatives	\$98,438.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$131,250 (12mos.)/\$98,438 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			

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Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$76,058.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request for \$101,410 (12mos.)/\$76,058 (9mos.) prioritizing the uninsured adult dental program, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Food Security	Partially Fund	Edmonds Food Bank	\$112,500.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$121,000 (12mos.)/\$90,750 (9mos.), Commissioner Brennan seconded.</i>			
<i>Commissioner Knowles amended the motion to fund this request for \$150,000 (12mos.)/\$112,500 (9mos.). Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Fully Fund	Edmonds School District (FRA)	\$337,500.00
<i>Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request for \$450,000 (12mos.)/\$337,500 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Healthcare Access	Partially Fund	Cornerstone Medical Services Foundation	\$35,250.00
<i>Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request for \$47,000 (12mos.)/\$35,250 (9mos.) prioritizing dental services, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.</i>			
Mental Health	Decline Fund	Asian American Chemical Dependency Treatment Services	\$0.00
<i>Commissioners agreed to decline funding.</i>			

Applications for Full Board Discussion

There were four applications that required additional discussion between the full Board of Commissioners.

1. YMCA of Greater Seattle (African Diaspora Health Navigation):

For this specific navigator, Verdant is the sole funder. The Board discussed whether or not Verdant is responsible for funding this program or if the YMCA should be able to find alternative funding.

Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request for \$121,372 (12mos.)/\$91,029 (9mos.). Commissioner Distelhorst, Commissioner Wilson, and Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Commissioner Knutsen abstained from the vote. Motion Failed.

2. Compass Health (Community Transitions):

The Board discussed why Verdant is being asked to fund staffing for other municipalities and if it is Verdant's responsibility.

Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request at \$104,405 (12mos.)/\$78,304 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Wilson voted nay. Motion passed.

3. Korean Women's Association (Immigrant and Refugee Holistic Health Program):

Commissioner Brennan made a motion to fund this request at \$100,000 (12mos.)/\$75,000 (9mos.), Commissioner Knutsen seconded. Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Motion passed.

4. Edmonds School District (School Based Health Centers):

The Board discussed whether it is Verdant's responsibility to continue to fund the startup of School Based Health Centers in perpetuity.

Commissioner Knutsen made a motion to fund this request at \$75,836 (12mos.)/\$56,877 (9mos.), Commissioner Distelhorst seconded. Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Knowles voted nay. Motion passed.

Verdant Messaging

Commissioners discussed the communication that will be sent out to the organizations receiving funding in the Spring 2024 cycle. This letter will explain that funding is provided for a nine-month contract beginning April 1, 2024 and through December 31, 2024.

- Commissioners requested that Superintendent Lisa Edwards contact the District attorney to determine if we need to use the term "contract" or "invest" in this letter.
- Dr. Edwards requested that Commissioners provide any further feedback on this letter by Monday 2/26/24 so that the letter is finalized before contracts are awarded.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioners thanked the Verdant staff for their work behind the scenes in preparing for this meeting and keeping a running tally as Commissioners made their funding decisions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Secretary Brennan.

ATTEST BY:

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Karianna Wilson
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President

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Carolyn Brennan
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Secretary