

Date: August 6, 2020
To: ESTF Members
From: Linda Thomas, Co-Chair
Re: Role of Task Force with Legislation

This is a discussion paper for purposes of describing the Task Force's role once recommendations have been presented to the Assembly.

BACKGROUND

- (1) When the ESTF recommended the Rental Housing Assistance Program to the Assembly, it was administered through AHDC and Lauren MacVay worked through initial concerns with AHDC prior to the Ordinance being issued, as well as follow up on the program's effectiveness.
- (2) When the Business Sustainability Grant Phase 1 was approved with administration by JEDC, the ESTF requested to be a part of the initial planning for the Administrative process to assure clarity of intent on and help work out areas of confusion in the initial planning process for grant administration. We had three Task Force members involved working with JEDC, Max Mertz, Susan Bell, and Lauren MacVay.
- (3) The Jobs/Trails program that was initiated by ESTF, is being administered through CBJ. There are no Task Force members involved in grant administration.
- (4) The Nonprofit Grant program that adopted on 8/3/20 will be administered by Juneau Community Foundation (JCF.) Linda Thomas and Terra Peters worked with Amy Skilbred to develop the high-level overview of grant parameters. There will be no further effort on the part of the Task Force members for grant administration.
- (5) The Arts Program that is in progress, is planned to be administered by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council (JAHC.) There will be no further effort on the part of the Task Force members for grant administration.

DISCUSSION

The ESTF should determine our role in ongoing programs/grants as they are implemented and move forward and based upon prior experience over the last four months with the programs mentioned above.

I am proposing that once a recommendation has been made to the Assembly, our role is to respond to Assembly questions and do what we can to help them decide on the Recommendation. Once a recommendation and/or Ordinance is adopted by the Assembly, I propose that moving forward, including all of the above grant programs and the next Phase 2&3 of Bus. Sustainability Grants that our Task Force members are not involved in grant administration except at the request of the Mayor or Assembly.

However, we should be included on correspondence and updates of status on these programs, to help the Task Force in future recommendations. This is to separate our Task Force from the Administration responsibilities and focus our time on the economic landscape and future recommendations.