

**HSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the March 25, 2020 Special Board Meeting**

**Via Conference Call Due to Coronavirus Quarantine**

**Members Present:** Nancy Isserlis, Board Chair; Mike Wilson, Grants Chair; Jason Thackston, Finance Chair; Daryll DeWald, Allison Glasunow, Kevin Oldenburg, Dave Vachon and Frank Velázquez.

**Members Absent**: Darryl Potyk

**Staff Present:**

Susan Ashe, Executive Director; Laura McAloon, Attorney

**Guests:**

None

Board Chair Nancy Isserlis welcomed everyone and called the conference call meeting to order at what was considered a Special Board Meeting, and so noticed, due to the statewide coronavirus rule to stay home and not meet in groups.

There was only one Agenda item for this Board meeting, and that was to hear a recommendation for funding HSSA’s grants to help fund COVID-19 impacts in Spokane County,

Mike Wilson, Grants Committee Chair, reported to the Board that nearly 40 proposals were received that totaled hundreds of thousands of dollars. recommended to the Board seven (7) grants to the following organizations:

The Guardian Foundation $ 12,000

Pioneer Human Services $ 18,000

The Salvation Army $ 30,000

Catholic Charities $ 40,000

Second Harvest $ 50,000

Innovia Foundation $ 50,000

 Total $240,000

While there were many worthwhile proposals that spoke to the growing need locally, it was determined these organizations largely had a broader multiplier effect than did HSSA on its own. One organization needed immediate support to maintain operations.

The HSSA Board unanimously supported the recommendations for funding. The Executive

Director was taxed with immediate follow-up with the recipients, including payment, and follow-up with non-recipients in order for them to know their status.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the HSSA Board is scheduled June 17, 2020,**

**3 PM, at Gonzaga University’s Hemmingson Center.**