

The Committee reviewed and approved the following mini-grant applications by splitting the remaining mini-grant budget between the two projects:

- Reaching for the Sky – Newtown Elementary School – approved for \$426 (requested: \$499)
- Sweet Strawberries to Eat – Newtown Elementary School – approved for \$426 (requested: \$481)

ACTION: HRPDC staff will award mini-grants.

7. Staff Reports

Budget – The current budget was reviewed and approved. The Committee discussed budget priorities for FY16 although carryover estimates will not be exact until August.

- The Committee budget will slightly increase for FY16 due to Smithfield officially joining HRPDC
- The Committee budget is flexible, can be changed at any time and is for planning purposes only.
- The Committee voted to remove \$2,500 from Media/PR and Printing & Giveaways to decrease the overall FY16 budget to \$75,000 and reserve an additional \$5,000 in reserves.

RFP Presentations – The RFP Committee selected Cahoon & Cross for the media and marketing services contract. This contract is renewable annually for five years.

askHRgreen.org All-Hands Meeting, June 16 at 11:30 AM at HRPDC. – The all-hands meeting will include a review of FY15 accomplishments, a first look at the latest round of survey results and strategizing for the FY16 Coastal Virginia Green Magazine.

Committee Leadership – In accordance with committee bylaws, the Committee should accept nominations for the Vice-Chairperson position. Donna Corbus of the City of Portsmouth (current Vice Chair) will begin as Chairperson starting July 1, therefore Vice-Chair nominees should come from a peninsula locality.

Promotional Items – The Water Awareness Committee will be ordering bags in July. The Committee should decide if they would like to purchase bags for FY16. Localities may also purchase their own supply of bags through HRPDC in addition to those purchased by the Committee or in the event that the Committee determines bags will not be ordered with Committee funds.

ACTION: HRPDC staff will update the FY16 budget and distribute the committee bylaws.

8. Locality Updates

- Norfolk – 914 volunteers, 27,000 pounds of litter picked up and 40 miles of shoreline Clean the Bay Day
- Suffolk – 60 volunteers and 2,000 pounds of litter collected for Clean the Bay Day
- Virginia Beach – successful Earth Day event with an estimated 7,000 people, GAC cleanup along 17th Street corridor and Clean the Bay Day Volunteer Picnic had 64 volunteers, VRA award for the Resource Recovery Center, Nancy Degges nominated for Cox Conserves Hero award
- Portsmouth – VRA award for Outstanding Government Agency, Adopt-A-Spot “soft” launch has already received 12 groups.
- Newport News – passive recreation facility approved for Denbigh facility, compost sale continues, working on community gardens in South East section of the city, 2 week summer SPARK program with at risk kids will feature various waste facility field trips.

Next Committee Meeting – July 14, 2015 at 10:00 AM at a location on the peninsula TBD.