

Grant Writing Report – 6/19/2017

- Adam put me in touch with Rick Trynoski. Rick said most of his experience was government grants, but he had some tips.
 - Try to establish personal contact with people on grant committees
 - Try to think of what businesses/establishments want to be on our program
 - In particular, he suggested smaller local banks and UPMC
- Rick also reviewed our Jump Street grant, and said he thought it was fine.
- The Jump Street grant application is due June 20. It is complete and submitted.
- “The Foundation For Enhancing Communities” (TFEC, “Arts For All”) grant application is due August 1
 - John Folby and “704” said they would offer letters of endorsement. I sent them PDF copies of their previous letters plus Word editable versions to make it easy for them to revise. I’m also planning a letter to Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.
 - Jennifer Strechay is the contact person. She sent me copies of 2015 and 2016 applications to use as a model.
 - A challenge for 2017 is that TFEC has changed the project period for which grants are requested from 8/1 – 7/31 to 1/1 – 12/31, which means we will have to send budgeting and background material for Spring 2018 instead of Christmas 2017.
- We got a grant from Pinnacle Health last year. I’ve emailed and phoned Tina Nixon, who is the contact person. She seems unaware of any follow-up we still may owe Pinnacle, so I suggest we just apply again.
- I have been checking other possible grant providers without much success, including Susquehanna Bank, UPMC, Tyco, Hershey. Any help in finding grant providers is more than welcome.