

Good to hear from you – I hope things have settled down. I am going to copy and paste a response I sent to Jana this morning to help with your questions. Text, email or call if you need anything – oh, by the way – where were those deer? I didn't see a single one – only wolves, bear and moose.

Thank you for your patience in getting a reply; I believe I only have two more furlough days before the end of the year. We are not sure what 2021 will bring, but are expecting up to 15 days of unpaid furlough.

I will attempt to answer your questions, more likely in bullet format.

The PHS committee passed a recommendation on to the City Council for a vote this Friday. Nothing has been approved, as of yet. However, the committee passed:

- **A 6-month extension of the CPP contracts – meaning neighborhoods will receive 50% of 2020 allocation levels from January 1, 2021, until June 31, 2021**
- **The base funding amounts have not been approved.** These numbers will be discussed at the budget hearing along with the total program allocation. **The proposal is for neighborhoods to receive \$20,000 base funds (pro-rated) in 2021; \$15,000 in 2022; and, \$10,000 in 2022 and on-going**
 - Many members talked about increasing the total allocation to ensure neighborhoods would receive at least \$25,000
 - The budget office was asked to create scenarios that would allow for an increase in the total allocation to increase the base funding amount (\$25,000)
- The Council directive in May asked CURA and NCR to look at the framework, that was passed, and make recommendations to increase equity in a budget-neutral way (stay at \$4.1 Million).
 - The proposed funding structure is based on a race-neutral structure
 - The proposed guidelines make no mention of race, but rather equity
- The Neighborhoods 2020 program, I believe, will be an 18-month contract starting July 1 and continuing until December 2022

You asked about the equitable engagement funding. This fund is only available to neighborhood organizations (the allocations are dedicated to each organization through a funding formula). However, you are correct in that steps need to occur for neighborhoods to receive these funds. An equitable engagement plan must be submitted with the application to show how a neighborhood will engage with historically un/under-engaged. I do want to mention that staff time is an eligible expense in this area (engagement based staff costs).

The equitable partnership fund is a competitive fund. This fund is for CBO and Neighborhood Organizations to partner on a project. Midtown is an example of working with CBO's in cooperation, for a project, that would be fundable.

I believe the council heard, very clearly, from public comments that more funding is needed for the program – and is why they are asking the budget office to explore other options.

I will be working remotely until further notice. Please feel free to email or call my cell phone.

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