

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Community Investment Fund 2030 Board

March 14, 2023, 10 a.m.
Legislative Office Building (LOB), Hearing Room 1E
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Welcome of New Board Members
2. Comments from the Chairs
3. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2022, Meeting
4. CIF Round 2 Application Overview
5. CIF Round 2 Applications for Funding – See Schedule A
6. CIF Policy Recommended Change – See Attachment
7. Reminder of Round 3 Timeline – See page 2
8. For the Good of the Order – Comments from Board Members
9. Adjournment

Supplement to Item 6:

**CIF Round 3 Policy Recommendations
Proposed for March 14, 2023 Board Meeting**

NEW CIF GRANT PARAMETER – MINIMUM PROJECT BUDGET OF \$1.5M

- DECD proposes to maintain minimum CIF request at \$250K, but add requirement that total project budget be at least \$1.5M
- The goal is to encourage more significant projects to apply while not disqualifying projects with a small gap
- If this policy had been in place for rounds 1 and 2, the application pool would have been 228 eligible applications (~27% decrease in applications)
- The applicant pool would have been 32% Municipal / 68% NPO&CDC with the biggest project areas remaining Housing, Construction/Expansion of Public Facility, and Brownfield Remediation

PLANNING GRANT

- DECD proposes to create a standardized award for planning grants
- The goal is to streamline review of very early-stage applications rather than have them submit all the same material as a project seeking capital funds that is much further along in the process
- The planning awards would be set at a \$250K award that can go towards specific expenses including community engagement process, feasibility studies, sustainability analysis and plan, development of project plan, conceptual drawings, construction budget development

PARTIAL FUNDING (No change)

- DECD proposes to maintain the option to partially fund capital projects
- Differs from a planning grant in that it can be used for soft costs or hard costs
- Most likely use case for partial funding is to fund a first phase of a capital project

Reminder of CIF Round 3 Timeline (CIF Board approved 12/13/22):

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SCHEDULE A - CIF Projects Round 2 - Proposed
3/10/2023

Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	Proposed Award
1 Borough of Naugatuck	Naugatuck Industrial Park - Phase III	Naugatuck	\$ 3,000,000
2 Boys & Girls Club of Hartford	Northwest Boys & Girls Club Renovation	Hartford	\$ 1,600,000
3 Career Resources	The Bridge on Main	Bridgeport	\$ 4,536,250
4 City of Bridgeport	Civic Block	Bridgeport	\$ 3,500,000
5 City of Bristol	Route 72 Corridor Improvement	Bristol	\$ 6,850,000
6 City of Hartford	Hart is Where the Home Is/Mary Shepard	Hartford	\$ 4,570,000
7 City of New Haven	Long Wharf Responsible Growth Plan/Long Wharf Park	New Haven	\$ 12,100,000
8 City of New London	Community Center	New London	\$ 7,236,237
9 City of Stamford	West Side Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity	Stamford	\$ 1,092,200
10 Climate Haven	Climate Haven	New Haven	\$ 910,744
11 Danbury Hackerspace	Danbury Hackerspace - Innovation Studios	Danbury	\$ 510,761
12 Grace Congregate Housing	Grace House Capital Improvements	Waterbury	\$ 921,564
13 Mary Wade	Boardman Residential Care Home Renovation Planning	New Haven	\$ 700,000
14 McCall Foundation, Inc.	Family Wellness Center of McCall Behavioral Health Network	Torrington	\$ 1,421,250
15 Meriden New Britain Berlin YMCA	Meriden New Britain Berlin YMCA Childcare Expansion	New Britain	\$ 1,700,000
16 New Reach	Health, Safety and Efficiency Initiative: Phase 2	New Haven	\$ 2,213,003
17 Norwalk Redevelopment Agency	Oak Grove Apartments and Learning Center	Norwalk	\$ 1,800,000
18 Norwalk Redevelopment Agency	Redevelopment of 55 MLK, Jr. Drive	Norwalk	\$ 8,000,000
19 Norwich Community Development Corporation	Business Park North	Norwich	\$ 11,391,193
20 Pacific House	41 - 45 Stillwater Avenue	Stamford	\$ 2,450,000
21 Riverfront Recapture	Riverfront Recapture Regional Trail System	Windsor	\$ 522,500
22 Town of East Windsor	Park Hill and School Hill Water Line Extension	East Windsor	\$ 4,000,000
23 Town of Hamden	Arts & Cultural Center/Demolition & Planning	Hamden	\$ 5,400,000
24 Town of Manchester	Downtown for All/Streetscape	Manchester	\$ 7,500,000
25 Town of Plymouth	Plymouth Transformational Plan	Plymouth	\$ 250,000
26 Town of Preston	Poquetanuck Village Traffic Calming Phase 1	Preston	\$ 400,000
27 Town of Stratford	South End Community Center	Stratford	\$ 2,446,463
28 Upper Albany Neighborhood Revitalization Zone	Purchase of 333 Homestead Avenue	Hartford	\$ 1,500,000
		Total	\$ 98,522,165

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**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2030
ROUND 2 BOARD RECOMMENDED PROJECT SUMMARIES**

BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK - \$6,000,000

“Naugatuck Industrial Park Phase III”

CIF funding will facilitate the redevelopment of the 86-acre site formerly known as the Uniroyal Chemical/United States Rubber Company. Funds will be utilized for the construction of permanent and temporary access roads to prepare the site for development.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HARTFORD (Hartford) - \$1,600,000

“Northwest Boys & Girls Renovation”

CIF will enable the renovation of 18,000 ft² of space featuring amenities designed to provide Hartford youth with services including classroom space, makerspace/technology lab, learning center, gymnasium, art space, and indoor hydroponic garden. The project will allow the award recipient to expand its programmatic offerings and number of youths served in after-school, weekend and summer programming.

CAREER RESOURCES (Bridgeport) - \$4,536,250

“The Bridge on Main”

This CIF award assists the renovation of 1085-1095 Main Street, a 42,500 ft² building, to facilitate a suite of programs designed to help level the playing field for returning citizens and justice-impacted individuals. Programs will include job training, job placement, case management, referrals to support services, and onsite social enterprises. Additional spaces will be designed and available for use by tenants, local businesses, and organizations for community events.

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT - \$3,500,000

“Civic Block”

CIF funds will aid the completion of the East End development known as Civic Block. Funds will be used to complete construction to create 35,000 ft² of retail space, including a grocery store in a neighborhood that is currently a food desert.

CITY OF BRISTOL - \$6,850,000

“Route 72 Corridor Improvement Proposal”

CIF will fund one element of the City’s Route 72 Corridor Improvement Plan, focused on pedestrian safety enhancements, traffic calming and streetscape improvements on Riverside Avenue and Park Street.

CITY OF HARTFORD - \$4,570,000

“Hart Is Where the Home Is”

CIF will fund an element of the City’s proposal to create a home ownership program focused on developing in-fill housing and rehabilitating existing housing stock across the city. The Round 2 grant will fund pre-development work to support re-development of Mary Shepard Place in the Clay-Arsenal neighborhood.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN - \$12,100,000

“Long Wharf Responsible Growth Plan”

CIF will assist with the City of New Haven’s Long Wharf Responsible Growth Plan to revitalize the waterfront district. Grant activity will focus on the revitalization of Long Wharf Park. Features in the park include public site furniture, lighting, playground, bike paths, outdoor fitness, upgraded walkways and Food Truck pavilion.

CITY OF NEW LONDON - \$7,236,237

“Community Center”

CIF funds will provide the final construction costs of the new Community and Recreation Center in New London. The new facility will feature recreation activities, rooms for education and community use, and will house the City’s recreation and youth affairs departments.

CITY OF STAMFORD - \$1,092,200

“West Side Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity”

CIF funding will complete design and engineering for the City’s pedestrian infrastructure plan for pedestrian safety and mobility on the side streets of the West Side neighborhood. These improvements will slow vehicles, add new crosswalks, increase tree coverage, improve pedestrian safety with raised crosswalks and bump outs, and install 30 new bus shelters in a neighborhood with the highest rate of pedestrian crashes in the city.

CLIMATEHAVEN (New Haven) - \$910,744

“ClimateHaven”

CIF funding will build-out ClimateHaven’s 10,000 ft² clima-tech business incubator. The space will contain co-working space, prototyping space, and shared resources for program participants pursuing start-up businesses focused on a sustainable, renewable future.

DANBURY HACKERSPACE (Danbury) - \$510,761

“Danbury Hackerspace – Innovation Studios”

CIF will fund the construction and build out of the Danbury Hackerspace location in the former Crown Plaza Hotel in Danbury. Danbury Hackerspace will operate a makerspace with co-working space, wood and metal shops, 3D printing, laser cutting, commercial kitchen and pottery studio.

GRACE CONGREGATE HOUSING (Waterbury) - \$921,564

“Grace House Capital Improvements”

CIF funding will be utilized for renovation and retention of 40 units of low to moderate income elderly housing. Renovations include roof replacement, exterior masonry work, new energy efficient windows, and remodeled kitchens.

MARY WADE HOME (New Haven) - \$700,000

“Boardman Residential Care Home Renovation – Planning”

CIF funding will be utilized to finalize renovation plans for the Boardman Residential Care Home, which houses 45 seniors living at or below the federal poverty level. The project will preserve existing housing stock and renovate a historic structure.

MCCALL FOUNDATION, INC (Torrington) - \$1,421,250

“Family Wellness Center of the McCall Behavioral Health Network”

This CIF award supports the restoration and renovation of a 7,000 ft² vacant historic property in the Torrington Historic District. The Wellness Center will allow for three current lines of service to be housed in a single location, reducing barriers of access for families. The Center’s programs will focus service provision on providing access to Spanish speaking families.

MERIDEN-NEW BRITAIN-BERLIN YMCA (New Britain) - \$1,700,000

“Meriden New Britain Berlin YMCA Childcare Expansion”

CIF will fund the renovation of unused racquetball courts, repurposing them to create six additional childcare classrooms within the NAEYC accredited center. This expansion will allow increased childcare capacity for 72 children.

NEW REACH, INC (New Haven) - \$2,213,003

“Health, Safety and Efficiency Initiative: Phase 2”

CIF will assist in funding capital improvements to Life Haven, a homeless shelter with a capacity to serve 20 families. Facility improvements include a complete roof replacement, electrical service upgrade to support the installation of mini-split heating/cooling units and elevator replacement.

NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Norwalk) - \$8,000,000

“Re-development of 55 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Drive”

CIF will fund site infrastructure to replace a 5-acre city-owned parking lot with a mixed-income, mixed-use, transit-oriented development. The development is slated for 472 units of new housing, 40,000 ft² of commercial space, a public space including a pedestrian promenade and 25,000 ft² public park, as well as public and commuter parking.

NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Norwalk) - \$1,800,000

“Oak Grove Apartments and Learning Center”

This CIF award will facilitate the development of a 7.6-acre site into Oak Grove, a 69-unit affordable housing development. The development will also feature a 5,000 ft² learning center, which will serve both the Oak Grove residents and the adjacent 200-unit Colonial Village apartment complex, providing afterschool programs for ages K-5th to support working parents and caregivers.

NORWICH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Norwich) - \$11,391,193

“Business Park North”

CIF funding will construct an arterial roadway, pedestrian/bike lane, bus stops and stormwater management, as well as utility installation and upgrades. This work will facilitate the access to, and construction of, 12 sites hosting buildings ranging from 9,000 ft² to 500,000 ft² for warehouse, manufacturing, distribution, and office space uses.

PACIFIC HOUSE (Stamford) - \$2,450,000

“41 – 45 Stillwater Avenue”

CIF will fund the construction of 39 new affordable, supportive housing units in a 4-story, 38,833 ft² structure. The project will provide a mix of one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units to serve individuals and families. Ground floor office space in the building will house Pacific House headquarters and case management services for tenants.

RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE (Windsor) - \$522,500

“Riverfront Recapture Regional Trail System”

CIF funding will complete a Riverwalk extension and build a bridge spanning Decker’s Brook, closing the gap in the trail system between Hartford and Windsor’s Riverwalks. This 825’ trail section completes a seven-mile Riverwalk system. The application includes a project labor agreement to hire a work crew of previously incarcerated persons.

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR - \$4,000,000

“Park Hill and School Hill Water Line Extension”

CIF Funding will be used to extend the public water line along Windsorville and Old Ellington Rd to provide safe and reliable drinking water to 31 residences with contaminated wells, as well as the East Windsor Housing Authority’s Park Hill complex of 84 units. The extension will also provide the necessary infrastructure for the Housing Authority to implement a second phase and develop 123 new affordable units of housing.

TOWN OF HAMDEN - \$5,400,000

“Arts & Cultural Center / Middle School Demolition”

This CIF award will enable the re-development of a former middle school that currently stands as a blighted, vacant structure within an Environmental Justice Block Group. CIF grant funds will go towards demolition and abatement of the structure, and community planning activities for the creation of a Community Campus on the site.

TOWN OF MANCHESTER - \$7,500,000

“Downtown for All – Streetscape”

This CIF award will go towards the re-development of Main Street, which will be re-designed to become more accessible and safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project incorporates traffic calming strategies to create better traffic flow, while improving safety by adding bicycle lanes, pedestrian walkways.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH - \$250,000

“Plymouth Transformational Plan”

CIF funding will be used to engage a community development consultant to conduct a three-part community-wide survey to create engagement and collect data towards the development of a prioritized plan for community and economic growth in the town.

TOWN OF PRESTON - \$400,000

“Poquetanuck Village Traffic Calming Phase 1”

CIF funding will be used by the town to complete the engineering for Phase I and II of the Poquetanuck Village Traffic Calming Master Plan, in anticipation of a LOTCIP grant towards the construction. The project will create traffic calming, pedestrian safety and aesthetic improvements in the historic village including sidewalks, streetlights, safety and directional signage, crosswalks and a multi-use trail connecting to various community amenities including the Tri-Town Trail and Preston Community Park.

TOWN OF STRATFORD - \$2,446,463

“South End Community Center”

CIF will fund the interior and exterior renovation of the South End Community Center. The improvements will result in expanded after school program capacity, additional office space for social service programming, expansion of capacity in the community food pantry, expanded capacity for daycare programming enrollment and increase the accessibility of space for seniors.

UPPER ALBANY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE (Hartford) - \$1,500,000
“Purchase of 333 Homestead Avenue”

This CIF award will be used by Upper Albany NRZ towards the acquisition of the Salvation Army facility at 333 Homestead Avenue. The agency is exploring several potential uses for the final development including senior housing, intergenerational programming, and a farmer-fresh produce retail market.

Eligible Projects must require at least \$250,000 of state funding, [and a total project budget of at least \\$1,500,000](#). There is no limit on the number of proposals which an Eligible Applicant may submit for each round of CIF funding. An Eligible Applicant may re-submit a proposal from a previous round, provided that it provide justification as to why the proposal is more meretricious as compared to the previous occasion on which it was submitted.

There are two categories of Eligible Projects: Capital Improvements and Small Business Supports.

Examples of eligible Capital Improvements include:

- Brownfield remediation;
- Affordable housing;
- Establishment of or improvements to water and sewer infrastructure to support smaller scale economic development, pedestrian safety, and traffic calming improvements;
- Establishment of or improvements to energy resiliency or clean energy projects and land acquisition and capital projects to construct; and
- Rehabilitation or renovation of buildings and structures to facilitate or improve home rehabilitation programs and facilities such as libraries and senior centers.
- [Planning](#)

Potential uses of funds include construction costs; acquisition of land (subject to procedures required by state law); and fixtures, furniture, and equipment. Professional services and other “soft costs” may be funded however, the Administrator’s preference is to minimize such costs, in keeping with best economic development practices.

[Planning Grant awards are for a set amount of \\$250,000. Eligible activities to be funded by a planning grant include community engagement processes, feasibility studies, sustainability analysis and planning, development of project plan, conceptual drawings and construction budget documents.](#)

Small Business Support programs may be proposed by an Eligible Applicant for the purpose of providing:

- A revolving loan program, micro loans, or gap financing, to small businesses located within such municipality; or
- Start-up funds to establish a small business in any eligible municipality.

The Statute requires that any proposed loan or financing must utilize an interest rate that does not vary from the prevailing market rate.

An eligible “small business” shall be defined, as in Section 32-7g(a) of the General Statutes, as a business organization which does or shall (1) employ not more than one hundred employees, (2) have operations in Connecticut, and (3) be in good standing with the payment of all state and local taxes and with all state agencies.

CIF funds may support establishment and operation of small business support programs administered by an Eligible Applicant; no CIF funds shall be allocated directly to an individual business.

Projects Receiving Priority

As required by the Statute, the Board shall give priority to eligible projects for any of the following reasons:

1. The application is proposed by a municipality that (A) has implemented local hiring preferences pursuant to section 7-112 of the General Statutes, or (B) has or will leverage municipal, private, philanthropic or federal funds for such project;
2. The application has a project labor agreement or employs or will employ ex-offenders or individuals with physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

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MINUTES:

1. Welcome and Roll Call

A meeting of the Community Investment Fund 2030 Board was held at the Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT, on December 13, 2022, at 10 AM. Chair and Speaker of the House Matthew Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

Members in Attendance:

Speaker Ritter

Senate President Looney

Minority Leader Candelora

Representative Borer

Senator McCrory

Paul Mounds, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

Jonathan Dach, Office of the Governor

Commissioner Gifford

Eileen Michael, Commissioner Gilman designee

Deputy Secretary of State Bates, SOTS designee

Deputy Commissioner Daum, DECD designee

Margaret Chapple, Attorney General Designee

Jennifer Putetti, OTT designee

Charlotte Moller, Comptroller Designee

Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno, Housing

Members Online:

Majority Leader Duff

Senator Moore

Representative Felipe

Secretary Beckham

Minority Leader Kelly

Majority Leader Rojas

Others in Attendance:

Matthew Pugliese, Director, Community Investment Fund

2. Comments from the Chairs

Speaker Ritter brought the Board's attention to Representative Borer who was attending her last Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF) board meeting. He expressed gratitude for her service to the state and role in developing the CIF. Representative Borer spoke to the transformation work of the board.

Speaker Ritter thanked Paul Mounds, outgoing Governor's Chief of Staff, for his assistance with CIF. Mr. Mounds thanked the board and spoke to the continuing transformational work the board can do for the state.

Speaker Ritter also noted outgoing Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) David Lehman for his efforts to create CIF.

3. Approval of Minutes from Sept 27, 2022, Meeting

On a motion by Representative Borer, seconded by Senator Looney, the CIF Board unanimously approved the minutes of their September 27, 2022, meeting, as presented, with no discussion.

4. Old Business

a. Letters of Support from Board Members

Director of CIF Matthew Pugliese reviewed the discussion held at the prior meeting regarding members of the CIF Board writing, or not writing, letters of support for municipal CIF applicants to receive statutory prioritization. As administrator for the CIF, DECD proposed updated language for the CIF Policy document. He read the language which had been made available to the CIF Board members prior to the meeting.

Board members, who are members of the general assembly, will not provide written letters of support to municipal applications for statutory prioritization of such application.

In the event that both the Senator and Representative for the district in a municipality where the project is located are sitting on the board, the absence of a letter will not penalize the municipal applicant.

Mr. Mounds questioned the need for legislative action to make this clarification.

DECD Deputy Commissioner Alexandra Daum responded with confidence that this was a policy level clarification only, without the need for legislative action.

Minority Leader Candelora inquired if the policy would also apply to non-profit organization (NPO) applicants. Mr. Pugliese clarified NPOs do not receive statutory prioritization.

A voice vote was held on the proposed amendment to the policy language. The decision was made to amend the language as suggested.

b. Timeline Adjustment for Round 2 Review and Decision; Round 3

Mr. Pugliese reviewed the proposed timeline for Round 2 in relation to the statute and CIF policy. At the prior meeting, members requested having more time to review applications and executive summaries. The proposed timeline was made available to CIF Board members prior to the meeting. Commissioner Designee

Daum noted the proposed timeline was a compromise based on the statutory requirement to have at least two rounds per year.

Johnathan Dach asked for an indication of the amount of applications for Round 2. Mr. Pugliese responded with the number of requested SharePoint folders from applicants indicating an incoming application pool of at least 100. This seems to indicate even more interest than in Round 1. He also briefly explained the abbreviated re-application process.

Senator Looney asked if DECD planned to prepare the Executive Summaries for Round 2 applications. Mr. Pugliese confirmed that the same approach will be taken in review of Round 2 applications, and materials will be provided to the Board in the same manner.

Senator Moore asked for an indication between re-applications and new applications. Commissioner Designee Daum confirmed this would be done.

Speaker Ritter asked for a confirmation of the amount of funding available in Round 2. Mr. Pugliese noted the amount was approximately \$99 million. Mr. Mounds confirmed the available funding is up to \$175 million per year.

Mr. Pugliese informed the CIF Board members he would be in touch with them after the close of Round 2's application phase with the total number of proposals and the amount requested.

5. New Business

a. Round 1 Project Updates and Round 2 Outreach

Mr. Pugliese reported on December 8, 2022, the State Bond Commission approved funding for all 26 Round 1 CIF projects as recommended by the CIF Board. The contracting process will soon be underway for these projects.

Mr. Pugliese introduced Assistant Director of CIF, Melinda Wilson.

Mr. Pugliese reviewed outreach to municipalities for Round 2. Thirty-three of the fifty-five eligible communities applied in Round 1. CIF staff met with all the municipalities that did not apply in Round 1 to clarify the opportunity. CIF staff have held over 100 one-on-one meetings to guide the application process with potential applicants for Round 2. Round 2 has the potential to have more applicants than Round 1.

b. Ethics Overview

Peter Lewandowski from the State Ethics Office gave a brief presentation on conflicts of interests (COI) in relation to elected officials taking official action.

As public officials, conflicts arise if a public official receives direct financial benefit or loss. This is distinct from other professions. It requires public officials to abstain from official action when a reasonable expectation of distinct financial gain is present for the official or spouses, dependents, parents, spouses of the official's children, and associated businesses. One exception would be to present a written statement, recorded in the official minutes of the meeting, that despite the COI, one can function in the public's interest. The CIF letter of support policy may address this issue. When it comes to appearance, it is left to the discretion of the official whether to take action or not. The term associated business does not include NPOs that a public official may serve as a volunteer director. Nothing under the code of ethics affects a public official from voting provided the official does not get financial benefit.

The Office of State Ethics is available for questions as a resource.

Deputy Commissioner Daum inquired about public statements made by public

officials around applications prior to the CIF Board's deliberation. Mr. Lewandowski noted it is part of a public official's job to advocate for the communities represented. Nothing in the code of ethics would prohibit public statements regarding applications provided the official does not gain financial benefit.

Speaker Ritter spoke to the uniqueness and efficacy of the CIF Board with different points of view being represented.

Mr. Mounds followed up on Deputy Commissioner Daum's question. He spoke to the importance to the sanctity of the CIF Board to not comment on pending applications to give the members the ability to review applications without judgement and look at projects independently for all applicants. This enables all applications to have due consideration. Commissioner Designee Daum agreed with Mr. Mound's comments and noted that while not an issue from a procedural standpoint, applicants have felt that their application was not getting duly considered and perhaps the members could consider limiting those comments if possible.

Mr. Lewandowski noted that individual state agencies and boards can address circumstances that are pertinent to them and very common. This can go beyond the code.

Speaker Ritter spoke to the meritorious nature of the CIF Board to have economic impact. He agreed with the comments raised by Mr. Mounds and Commissioner Designee Daum.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Senator Looney, seconded by Paul Mounds, the Community Investment Fund 2030 Board unanimously adjourned at 10:31 AM.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR ITEM 4a.

On bottom of page 7 of CIF Program and Policy Guidelines

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ITEM 4b

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ROUND 2 REVIEW

- This timeline doubles the amount of time the CIF Board had to review Round 1 material from 10 days to 21 days

ROUND 2

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