

Thornton Assistance Funds Committee Duties

The Thornton Assistance Funds (TAF) Committee is a seven-member citizen led advisory committee that reviews the grant applications and provides recommendations to City Council. Nonprofits with 501(c)3 status that serve the basic needs for food, housing, health, and medical and/or human services are eligible to apply for the funds.

Committee Representatives

All members are residents of Thornton. Each member represents an area or expertise:

- Mayoral Representative
- Ward 1 Representative
- Ward 2 Representative
- Ward 3 Representative
- Ward 4 Representative
- At-Large Representative with Financial Analysis Expertise
- At-Large Representative with Human Services/Nonprofit Expertise

Time Commitments

The committee meets weekly from February through April. The schedule for 2012 is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 21, 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Orientation Meeting
- Monday, February 27, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Applicant Interviews
- Monday, March 5, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Applicant Interviews
- Monday, March 12, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Applicant Interviews
- Monday, March 19, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Applicant Interviews
- Monday, March 26, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Applicant Interviews
- Monday, April 2, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Discuss Funding Recommendations
- Tuesday, April 24 or May 1, at 5:45 p.m. – Present Recommendations to City Council
- Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. – Formal Council Approval of the Grants

Roles and Responsibilities

At the kick-off meeting, TAF members are provided a copy of all the applications and associated material. We will discuss the interview process, go through the binders, elect a chair, and discuss scoring criteria. The committee will meet weekly to interview applicants and ask questions. Members are provided with dinner before we start the interviews. It is imperative that members do not miss any of these meetings as each agency is scored not only on the information in their application, but in their responses during the interview process. At the end of the interviews, the committee will develop recommendations for funding and present this information to Council. Council will formally adopt a resolution with final funding allocations.

Conflicts

Residents may not work for, volunteer for, serve on any board or benefit from any organization that is applying for funds.

Questions

Please contact Neighborhood Services staff if you have any questions on the committee at 303-538-7600 or neighbor@cityofthornton.net. Ask for Nicole, Susanna, or Jennie.