



STATE OF WASHINGTON

**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**Accessible Communities (AC) Minutes  
April 3, 2024, 4:30-5:30 pm**

**1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call:**

**Steve Lewis, Chair; Clarence Eskridge, Vice-Chair; Dave Carl, Cullyn Foxlee, Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; and Angie West.**

**Absent: Autumn Harris**

**Guests: Lyn Snowdon, and Steven McCray.**

**Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator**

**2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes and March**

**Agenda. Damiana made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes and Clarence seconded the motion. All were in favor and the agenda and minutes were approved as written.**

**3. Review of current AC financial report and status of approved grants with pending contracts or other issues delaying implementation. Elaine reported there have been no changes since last month.**

**4. Review scope of projects we are willing to fund - especially when projects fall into things that the counties should under normal ADA rules.**

**There was a discussion about allowing ACACs to submit more than one project proposal per funding cycle. We have allowed counties to submit more than one project before.**

**ADA Improvements: counties often don't have the funding to make ADA improvements and we have funded such improvements in the past.**

- 5. We received five project proposals but only four will be considered at this time. Benton County has withdrawn their proposal due to time constraints.**
  - a. Island County: Ferry Sticker Project (\$2,431.16). Cullyn will serve as the lead reviewer. It was suggested that we should suggest a similar project for other counties with ferry systems.**
  - b. Jefferson County: Port Townsend Streets Accessibility Upgrades (\$35,000). Clarence will serve as the lead reviewer.**
  - c. Thurston County: Thurston County Fairgrounds – Carpenter Road ADA Crossing Improvements Project (\$50,000). Dave Carl will serve as the lead reviewer.**
  - d. Thurston County: Voter Center Handrail (\$21,957). Angie will serve as the lead reviewer.**

**As a reminder, members will recuse themselves from voting for a project if they live in that county. They can serve as a lead reviewer if they do so with full transparency.**

- 6. Select Lead Reviewers to manage proposals we choose to move forward. Please see the above section.**
- 7. Select proposal presentation date. Wednesday, April 24 at 4:00 pm.**
- 8. Vote on proposals on May 1, 2024.**

**9. AC Operations Manual. Tabled until next meeting.**

**Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:  
May 1, 2024, at 4:30 pm**