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Borough of Eatontown
Community Benefits Agreement Committee
May 19, 2026, 6pm
MINUTES

Committee Members	Dec 16 2025	Jan 20 2026	Feb 17 2026	Mar 31 2026	Apr 21 2026	May 19 2026						
Ralph Anderson	P	P	P	P	P	P						
William Diedrichsen	P	P	P	P	P	P						
David Byer	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Caroline Krueger	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Sean McIntyre	A	P	E	P	P	E						
Justin Myles	P	E	P	E	E	P						
Linda Rogers	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Lisa Vazquez	P	P	P	E	P	P						
Amanda Zuroick	P	P	P	E	E	E						
Don Corcione	P	E	E	E	P	E						
William Lucia	P	E	E	P	E	E						
Anthony Talerico, Jr.	P	P	P	P	P	P						

The minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting were approved.

1. Balance Summary

Amount of Community Benefit Agreement	\$ 5,000,000.00
Amount Previously Awarded	(811,250.00)
Amount Awarded May 19, 2026	(142,500.00)
Amount Held for Future Projects	-
Available Balance	<u>\$ 4,046,250.00</u>

2. Requests Received To be Considered

The Committee considered the requests below and approved them all with the following notes:

28-2026 The Committee notes that part of this request is \$30,000 for a capital improvement, namely the installation of a sign in front of the Firehouse. While the group doesn't oppose the sign, it believes that significant capital requests should come from the Governing Body or Administrator. The Mayor will communicate this to the Fire Department. The group decided not to approve uniforms at this time thinking that all required uniforms are provided by the Borough and any dress uniforms could be bought with the First Aid Squad at better rates in a larger order. The group approved a total of \$19,000 for the Fire Department which will go toward the items listed in their May 13, 2026 letter, excluding the \$30,000 sign and \$5,500 for uniforms and \$2,700 external building lighting, also a Capital project. This total is \$18,400 which the group will round to \$19,000. This includes items and events for camaraderie amongst the volunteers which the Committee recognizes as very important for our emergency services. Future requests will be considered.

30-2026 The Committee notes that part of this request is \$20,000 for uniforms which it would like to defer for the same reason as stated above. \$20,000 of the request is for a webpage and recruitment video. The Committee would like to defer on that for now as this cost is greater than the Borough's new webpage. Perhaps, better pricing can be obtained? The request also includes \$1,800 for external building lighting. The Committee would like to defer that for the same reason as above. Perhaps these two requests can be coordinated by the Administrator? The group decided to award \$19,000 for new and more technologically advanced CPR equipment, storage for the equipment, File for Life Medical History Forms and items and events for camaraderie amongst the volunteers which the Committee recognizes as very important for our emergency services. Future requests will be considered.

31-2026 The Committee approved funding for all the Service Projects requests totaling \$3,500 as well as approximately \$200 per Girl Scout to offset their Campership, or approximately \$6,000. In total, \$9,500 was approved which was rounded up from their \$9,325 request. The Girl Scout groups will receive the funds to be allocated accordingly such that each service project is funded and each group will receive \$200 per camper for Campership assistance. This campership assistance approximates that which was given to the Boy Scouts.

26-2026	St. Vincent de Paul Society, Inc.	10,000.00
	Councilwoman Candace Faust - Cemetery	
27-2026	Preservation and Remediation	25,000.00
28-2026	Eatontown Truck and Hose Co. No 1	56,600.00
29-2026	Eatontown PBA	60,000.00
30-2026	Eatontown Volunteer Ambulance Corps	71,800.00
31-2026	Eatontown Girl Scouts	9,325.00
		232,725.00

Total approved \$142,500, denied \$90,400.

3. Future Items to Consider

Dave updated the group on his discussions with Janice and how he intends to include the schools with a screen writing workshop. The Mayor updated the group on the creation of an Arts Council and how he is speaking with area Arts Councils to see how they did it. The group learned that MRHS will send an updated quote for the June meeting.

4. General Discussion on Larger Projects

The group remains interested in a large-scale recreation amenity, project or indoor space.

5. Questions/Comments/Next Meeting ??