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Borough of Eatontown
Community Benefits Agreement Committee
March 31, 2026, 6pm
MINUTES

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

The minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting were approved.

1. Balance Summary as of March 31, 2026

Amount of Community Benefit Agreement	\$ 5,000,000.00
Amount Previously Awarded	(351,800.00)
Amount Awarded March 31, 2026	(429,450.00)
Amount Held for Future Projects	-
Available Balance	<u>\$ 4,218,750.00</u>

2. Requests Received To be Considered

The following requests were considered. Each request had been received in writing and was read to the committee. Regarding 18-2026, Talerico, Anderson and Diedrichsen abstained. Regarding 19-2026 Anderson abstained. The Committee discussed a religious institution receiving the funds and

commented on how the AME Zion Church is the oldest church in town. Due to its age and construction, it is least able to offer access for individuals with mobility challenges to enter the building. The Committee compared this to the other religious institutions in town, all of which have buildings which are more modern. The group wanted to make it clear that the funds are to promote increased access to the historical church and not to promote one religion over any other. Regarding 20-2026, Anderson abstained. The Borough Administrator explained items 22-2026, 23-2026 and 24-2026 and how each of these items contributed to enhanced municipal operations, efficiencies and access to government services. The entire list below was awarded.

Request ID	Requestor	Amount Requested
18-2026	Eatontown Lions Club	115,000.00
19-2026	Mt. Zion AME Zion Church	33,000.00
20-2026	Eatontown Senior Housing Corporation 2nd Request	18,950.00
21-2026	Monmouth Regional High School Second Request	500.00
22-2026	Borough Administrator - IT Upgrades	20,000.00
23-2026	Borough Administrator - Borough Webpage	200,000.00
24-2026	Borough Administrator - DPW Lewis Street	42,000.00
		\$ 429,450.00

3. Future Items to Consider

The Mayor noted that we are still awaiting requests from the Fire Company and Ambulance Corps. Their leaders know that they may submit their requests when they wish.

4. General Discussion on Larger Projects

The group continued its discussion on creating a pipeline from the elementary school through Monmouth Regional for arts performances and education.

Dave Byer discussed Project Write Now and Writer's Room. Some ideas include programs at each school level, possible screen writing classes in Eatontown recreation programs, and an adult community writing program among others.

Group members agreed to discuss between meetings on topics that interested the various segments of the community they represented.

Sean explained how he and Justin continued their discussion on the Downtown and various initiatives they have been thinking about as ways to both increase foot traffic to the area and highlight Eatontown in general. They discussed painting shop windows, murals and various promotional events.

The group discussed ways to generally improve the Downtown.

5. Questions/Comments/Next Meeting

The group selected April 21st at 6pm for the next meeting.