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Planning Notes for 2015 Dobbs Fund

- Based on input from the group during the 2014 Dobbs Fund meeting, the goal for 2015 is to develop a pool of 9 organizations plus CARES (2014 multi-year grantee) and, from that pool, choose a docket of 7 candidates.
- The Community Foundation (CFGF) will organize a case study on CARES using a multi-year perspective, looking back on three years of work and organizational development. The group can choose to support CARES again in 2015 or if there is another organization that looks better as a multi-year grantee, the group can make a change.
- **By January 19**, CFGF will pull and share a master list of organizations from its service area using the following criteria:
 - Budget < \$1 million
 - Focus areas:
 - Education
 - Environment
 - Health – with particular interest in community based health clinics
 - Human services
 - Locally based
 - Emphasis on direct service so impact is clear
- **By February 20**, Dobbs Fund Chair and Vice-Chair and Dobbs Foundation President will narrow master list to 9 organizations plus CARES and submit that list to CFGF.
- **By March 2**, CFGF will provide organizational profiles to Dobbs Foundation President who will, in turn, share them with the Dobbs Fund for preferences.
- **By March 27**, Dobbs Fund members will submit recommendations for the docket.
- **By April 10**, Dobbs Fund Chair and Vice-Chair and Dobbs Foundation President will tally member input to narrow candidate pool to a docket of 7 organizations and e-mail CFGF staff with the list. CFGF team will solicit a statement describing each organization's highest use of \$10,000 and any additional information, as needed.
- **By June 5**, Final batch of information about candidates and post-grant reports will be sent to Dobbs Foundation President for circulation to Dobbs Fund members.
- **June 27 - 28**: Dobbs Fund Meeting. Agenda will include:
 - Video work on oral history (Saturday);
 - Case study: multi-year perspective on CARES
 - Post-grant reports with a review focused on major steps forward and backward
 - Grant decisions