

March, 10, 2026

The meeting of the City of Fairmont Opioid Ad-Hoc Committee was held at 1:03 p.m. on the 10th day of March, 2026 in the City Manager's conference room at 200 Jackson Street in Fairmont, West Virginia.

City Manager Travis Blosser called the meeting to order.

Mr. Blosser took a roll call of members.

Travis Blosser, Jack Frost, Gerry Schmidt, and Kevin Sansalone were present.

Ryan Talbert was absent.

**IN RE: ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr. Sansalone moved to nominate Mr. Blosser as chair of the committee.

Mr. Frost seconded.

Mr. Blosser was appointed chair by a voice vote of the committee.

**IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES FOR APPLICATION CONSIDERATION**

Mr. Blosser recognized City of Fairmont Grant Administrator Rene Graves for her recommendations.

Ms. Graves recommended that the committee allow for the partial funding of applications.

She recommended that the committee implement a minimum score for an application to be considered for funding; she recommended that this minimum score be 60% of the maximum possible cumulative score from the present scoring members.

She recommended that applicants receiving new funding should be in good standing with all previously received City-issued grants. She noted that this rule would mainly apply to organizations returning to ask for a second round of funding.

Mr. Blosser asked if there were any questions from the committee.

Mr. Sansalone asked if Ms. Graves could further explain the 60% minimum score.

Ms. Graves explained that the total possible points from a single scorer is 32 points. With all scorers present, the total possible cumulative points an application could receive would be 128 points. An application would have to receive at least 60% of 128 to be considered, which would be 76 points.

David Kirk, the City’s Communications Manager, clarified that since there were only three scores present at this meeting, the maximum total possible score would be 96, which set the 60% score threshold to 57 points.

Mr. Blosser made a motion to establish the rules as presented by Ms. Graves, which included:

- Establishing that applications must meet a minimum score of 60% of the total possible score to be considered for funding.
- The committee can partially fund requests.
- Applicants must be in good standing with all previous grants awarded by the City of Fairmont.

Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion, and the measure passed by voice vote.

**IN RE: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Blosser made a motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session to facilitate the adjudication of the applications.

Mr. Sansalone seconded the motion and the committee entered executive session at 1:07 p.m.

**IN RE: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Blosser reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:16 p.m.

**IN RE: READING OF SCORES AND FINDINGS**

Mr. Blosser read through the total, cumulative scores of each submitted application and reiterated that, due to the minimum score rule established, only applications that receive at least a total score of 57 will qualify for consideration of funding.

<u>TYGART VALLEY UNITED WAY:</u> .....	74.5
<u>UNION RESCUE MISSION:</u> .....	34
<u>COMPASSION CENTRAL:</u> .....	22
<u>MVA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.:</u> .....	66.5
<u>CITY OF FAIRMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT:</u> .....	81
<u>MARSHALL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CORP.:</u> .....	32.5
<u>CITY OF FAIRMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT:</u> .....	83

**IN RE: RECOMMENDATION OF ELIGIBLE APPLICATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Blosser made a motion to recommend the Tygart Valley United Way’s application be forwarded to City Council for consideration to receive its requested funding of \$61,500.

Mr. Frost seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Blosser made a motion to recommend the MVA Health Centers, Inc.'s application be forwarded to City Council for consideration to receive its requested funding of \$40,000.

Mr. Frost seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Blosser made a motion to recommend the City of Fairmont Police Department's application be forwarded to City Council for consideration to receive its requested funding of \$93,500.

Mr. Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Blosser made a motion to recommend the City of Fairmont Fire Department's application be forwarded to City Council for consideration to receive its requested funding of \$95,270.

Mr. Sansalone seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

**IN RE: MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Blosser looked to his fellow committee members for comments; seeing none, he gave his own comments, reminding applicants who were not considered for funding at this meeting that there is nothing precluding them from refining their applications and resubmitting.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Blosser seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.