

Hospital Relations 2020 Annual Meeting Report

Requests for grant applications were sent on October 2, 2019 to all twenty department chairs and administrators. Sixteen completed applications were received on or before the January 6, 2020 deadline. The hospital relations committee met on February 13, 2020 to review the grants and to decide on which grants best met the Women's Board criteria and the goals of the hospital. Eleven grants to be completely or partially funded were chosen and presented to the Executive Committee in early March.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the cancellation of Women's Board events, there was a significant reduction in income during the latter part of FY 2020 and no further Board meetings were held; however, via email discussion and subsequent voting it was decided to fund one grant immediately, Anesthesia. This grant is for equipment to enhance ventilators, much needed at this time.

Discussion also continued as to which grants and scholarships the Board could additionally fund, fewer than the eleven grants originally chosen. In late April, hospital put out a mandate which said, "No new medical or non-medical equipment projects will begin unless required to address critical patient or employee safety, regulatory compliance or business continuity". Dr. Redonda Miller confirmed that this applied to the Women's Board. Scholarships were also not funded due to the unpredictability of future income.

At this date, the Women's Board has funded only the one grant and no scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,
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