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Raymond T. Cole Fund Proposed Plan

*Presented to 46th District
Democrats – August 20, 2009*

Background

- Raymond T. Cole, a Treasurer of the 46th District Democrats for a number of years during the 1990s, left \$60,000 to the 46th District Democrats.
- The District has received \$60,000 from the Cole estate; a small additional remainder may arrive once the estate is finally settled.

Raymond T. Cole Fund Committee

- Committee Members:

*Jan Ames, Pat Emerson,
Kathryn Lewis, Chad Lupkes,
Betty Means, Janet Miller,
Stan Moffett, Jason Sawatzki,
Javier Valdez, Mariah Voutilainen.*

- **Jan Ames** was appointed as Committee Chair

Raymond T. Cole Fund Presentation

- This presentation will cover:
 - Guiding Principles
 - Initial fund allocation
 - Criteria
 - Committee evaluation process
 - Timeline for the proposal and evaluation process.
- The District Executive Board reviewed and approved the plan at its August 4 meeting.

Guiding Principles

- Values of Raymond T. Cole: **Education, Ethics, 46th District Democrats.**
- Special Projects and Opportunities
- Process will be Transparent, Fair, Flexible and as Non-Bureaucratic as possible
- Separate from the 46th District Democrats Operating Budget
 - Within the Overall Budget. (Budget Account: 8000)
- Committee Recommendations >> 46th District Executive Board >> General Membership
- The Committee will provide progress reports to the 46th District Democrats.
 - Quarterly Reports
 - Outcomes Summary

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Initial Allocation

- Up to \$10,000 by the end of 2010.
- The remainder will be invested in low-risk investment vehicles with rolling maturation dates.

Initial Funding Categories

- Fundraising
 - Projects that will recoup the grant amount (or a major portion thereof)
 - Any proceeds above and beyond restoring the Fund from the event may either be returned to the Fund or deposited in the 46th District Democrats Operating budget.
- Capital Projects
 - e.g., purchasing a sound system for the District
- Organization-Building
 - e.g., initiating a grade school program to foster civics and activism,
 - e.g., providing scholarships for LD members to receive training in areas of activism and the political process

Criteria

- The Cole Committee will use the following criteria for project proposals.
- All Projects will be consistent with the Vision, Values, and Platform of the 46th District Democrats.
- Projects are required to meet some or all of the following criteria.

The Project . . .

- Results in real improvement in people's lives and our communities
- Builds the 46th Legislative District Democrats through enhanced reputation, more members and volunteers, new allies
- Gives people in the 46th Legislative District a sense of empowerment and energy toward activism
- Builds leadership or organizing skills of the 46th LD Democrats' members
- Builds 46th LD Democrats' relationships with other Party/community groups, and the community at large
- Is 'doable' within the projected timeline and has a high likelihood of success
- Is non-divisive among members of the 46th District Democrats
- Serves a fundraising role or recoups its costs

Committee Evaluation Process

- The Cole Committee is developing a process of scoring and evaluating the projects based on our criteria.
- Currently in Rough Draft format.
- Not all projects must meet all criteria.

Proposed Timeline - Round One

- August 20, 2009 Cole Fund Administrators present proposal to 46th General Membership
- August 21, 2009 Opening of Application Process (Letters of Intent)
- Sept 30, 2009 Deadline for receiving Letters of Intent
- Oct. 7, 2009 Deadline for Committee to notify applicants that Fund is/is not interested in receiving Grant Request Application
- Oct. 21, 2009 Deadline for Committee to receive Grant Request Applications
- Nov. 3, 2009 Cole Fund presents recommendations to 46th E-Board
- Nov. 19, 2009 46th General Membership votes on grant allocations
- Nov. 30, 2009 Deadline for Committee to notify all applicants and to fund those that are approved.

Once successful grant applicants have been selected, a member of the Committee will be assigned to each project to serve as advisor and liaison.

Proposed Timeline - Round Two

- December 1-31, 2009 Application Process (Letters of Intent)
- February 28, 2010 Estimated deadline for notifying & funding successful applicants

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