

Funds Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2026, 1:00 PM

Cobleskill Extension Center, Cooperstown Education Center & Virtual Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

- Refresh Board understanding of mid-September Mohawk Valley Gives (MVG) campaign and encourage Board members to participate in promoting giving to CCESO through it.

1. **Call to Order** – Liz Callahan called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Liz Callahan called attendance. Members present were Nicole Blanchard, Shelby MacLeish, Andrew Marietta and Jason Stone. Jim Hayes was absent. Staff present was Liz Callahan.
3. **Program & Project Funding Requests:**
 - a. Farm-To-School Program: Currently funded through Jan 2027, CCESO has a ending application to continue funding through fall 2028.
 - b. Rehabilitation of the Otsego Education Center:
 - CCESO has been notified that two of our Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests (Reily, Gillibrand) are not advancing. We have not heard about the status of the Schumer request.
 - Renew America's Nonprofits (RAN): Grant proposal for energy efficiency improvement is stalled at the US Department of Energy.
 - NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is due on July 31, plan to request matching funds from local foundations
 - c. Cornell Collaboration with Cornell Legal Clinic, Industrial & Labor Relations is due 8/4, funding will support ag outreach and needs assessment in both counties
4. **Grant Funded Program Updates:**
 - a. SNAP Ed funding will end in September
 - b. EFNEP may cut 30% of funding State-wide, cuts will focus on underperforming programs
 - c. NYSERDA Community Energy Advisor support is anticipated until at least 2030
5. **Allocation Requests to Otsego County & Schoharie County (will be submitted in August)**
 - a. Elected official familiarization events at Otsego and Schoharie fairs. Dinner on 8/5 at OC Fair. Liz and Nicole will brainstorm on SC Fair options. Shelby suggested looking into doing something similar at the Junior Livestock Show, Andrew suggested we evaluate this option.
 - b. CCESO's projected 2027 Otsego County allocation is \$208,472, approximately a \$13K reduction. CCESO will illustrate how this will have an impact on the services provided to the county.
6. **Annual Appeal/Mohawk Valley Gives (MVG)**
 - a. The Appeal will be mailed around Sept 1 and will promote traditional giving options and participation in the Sept 18 MVG campaign.
 - b. Itch at the board meeting, CFOC giving section on the website, number of participating NFPS has gone up each year, CCESO's giving has gone up, awards for participating

- c. Refresh Board understanding of mid-September Mohawk Valley Gives (MVG) campaign and encourage Board members to participate in promoting giving to CCESO through it.
 - d. Online Auction (Spring 2027) – planning will resume after Appeal/MVG campaign.
7. **Review of Committee-Related Strategic Plan Resources & Capacity Objectives**
- a. Jason noted that CCESO is being creative, making new connections, looking for ways to manage with shortfalls. He added that so many of the things we are addressing today are things the association has been working towards for years.
 - b. The committee agreed that this is one of the most difficult times for funding, and it may not get better anytime soon.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.