

March 31, 2021

Report of the ad-hoc Committee to “to review, develop and recommend the implementation of the original motion with a report to the Board by March 31, 2021” referring to the motion described in Minute 31.

Committee Members:

A&F Committee, Director Norris and 2nd Vice President Vallio.

Director Baker was elected to chair the committee and write the report to the Board.

The Committee Recommends the implementation of the Motion with the following criteria.

1) Name of Program: Youth Licensing Grant Program

2) Definition of Program – Qualification and benefits

- a) This program will provide a one-time \$35 payment of the FCC administrative fee for each person under 18 years of age who passes one or more amateur radio exams taken on the same day at a single exam session. To be eligible, the tests must be given by any team of ARRL Volunteer Examiners under the auspices of the ARRL VEC that will result in the first issue of an FCC amateur radio license.
- b) The license applicant or their parent/guardian must voluntarily provide evidence of age and apply for this program at the time of testing.
- c) Applicants that qualify as specified above pay a reduced \$5 examination fee. No part of this fee will be retained by the testing organization.
- d) This Grant is intended to be a one-time per person benefit and will not be paid twice for any individual.

3) Funding and Governance

- a) The initial scope of this program requires \$35 each for up to 1000 new hams under the age of 18 years old – an initial commitment of \$35,000 of ARRL funding.
- b) This program stipulates a \$5 fee for these same new hams, a reduction of the minimum required fee of \$10 to the ARRL VEC. This will result in a potential minimum loss of revenue of \$5 for each, for a total of \$5,000.
- c) Potential administrative costs for the implementation of this program have not been examined.
- d) Additional benefits or an extension of this program may be allocated via the Administration and Finance Committee before or near the exhaustion of funds as requested by Staff.
- e) This program length is indefinite - it may be renewed or terminated by the Administration and Finance Committee or the Board of Directors.

4) VEC Administration

- a) Staff will determine the method of qualifying applicants by the VE Team. One suggestion is to have a qualifying form to be filled out by the applicant, affirming that they have not reached their 18th birthday.
- b) As of the creation of this document, the method of payment to the FCC has not been finalized. It is envisioned that the VEC will be able to pay the FCC directly via ARRL credit card or Electronic Funds Transfer, but the mechanism will be determined by staff depending upon the FCC mechanism.