CASE STUDIES

ARCH GRANTS - SAINT LOUIS

CHALLENGE

Arch Grants is a Missouri not-for-profit corporation. Their mission is to advance economic development through entrepreneurship. Each year, Arch Grants hosts a competition to attract applicants from around the world in competing for the opportunity to receive a $50,000 grant in exchange for moving their businesses to the St. Louis area for one year.

Arch Grants has a small office with no Administrative support. They have 10 board members and an average of 25-40 pages of documents each board meeting where the board meets 10 times per year. Their board members are high-level professionals who expect timely and thorough meetings. With such detailed meetings, extensive preparation in advance was a major requirement. They had a lot to do with little help.

SOLUTION

Arch Grants started using BoardPaq in February 2015. Using BoardPaq, allows for staff members and volunteers alike to stay informed year-round with real time updates. Board administrators and members are able to view meeting information ahead of time and are given much needed preparation time before each meeting.

By going paperless, office efficiency has risen noticeably. Digitally managed meetings via BoardPaq resulted both in a more environmentally and economically friendly office.

> **"BoardPaq is a very straight-forward platform for staff to maintain, and for board members of various technical abilities to navigate.**

IMPLEMENTATION

While BoardPaq offers unlimited training, Arch Grants was eager to set everything up on their own. After a few emails back and forth with their account Rep, their Admin Center was up and running. Arch Grants was successfully able to train their board within one week.

BoardPaq
board management solutions

TIME MANAGEMENT　　　EFFICIENCY　　　TRAINING

Due to the app's adaptability, Arch Grants did not need to purchase any additional equipment, allowing users the comfort of viewing their documents on their own familiar devices. BoardPaq has proven to be helpful to both board members of varying technical abilities to navigate, and for staff to maintain. The majority of board members are tech savvy and enjoy the benefits of going paperless, however the capability of printing the packet is a benefit for those board members that prefer staying on paper.

"For staff, BoardPaq is a game changer. For volunteers, BoardPaq is a tremendous tool to get and stay informed throughout the year."

Currently Arch Grants is only using the basic functions for their board meetings and have yet to use the app for committee meetings. They hope using the system for all board-related committee meetings and the segregation of materials for committee assignments will prove to be exceptionally helpful.

Overall, coordinating meetings and related documents through BoardPaq has resulted in more efficient and effective management of key volunteers.

About Arch Grants:

Arch Grants, registered as the Entrepreneur Startup Business Development Corporation, is a Missouri not-for-profit corporation that has achieved 501(c)(3) status with the Department of Treasury as a tax-deductible entity. Their mission is to create an entrepreneurial culture and infrastructure to build successful companies in St. Louis.

For more information visit their site:

www.archgrants.org