



**Grants Review Committee**

**Monday, July 18, 2022, 1:30 PM PST**

RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260

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**AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. **ACCEPT AND FILE MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2022 MEETING (Attach 1) Action Required**

*Staff Recommendation: To approve the June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes.*

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- v. **DISCUSSION –**
  - a. Should RAP develop a policy for the frequency that an organization can apply for a grant;
  - b. Finalize definition of Juvenile Intervention programs (Attach 2) Action Required

**VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS:**

**Small Grant Request #1 (Attach 3) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Variety Children’s Charities of the Desert</b>
Program:	<i>Caring Connections</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$5,000</b>



Caring Connections, a program of Variety’s established Care Program, was created to meet the identified gap in service for early detection and intervention services for infants and young children who may have developmental delays or disorders by using a developmental screening tool which is parent-led. Caring Connections offers developmental screenings for children birth to age 5 to families at no cost, no insurance required. Families may self-refer, and targeted outreach of at-risk families will be conducted in collaboration with identified community partners including Family Resource Centers in DHS and Mecca, Boys and Girls Clubs, childcare providers, and an expanding number of additional community partners and agencies.	
Representative:	Heidi Maldoon
Reviewer’s Scores:	<b>85%</b> Four reviews scoring: 80,69,94,97
Prior RAP Funding:	2018 - \$5,000

**Staff Recommendation: To approve a Small Grant for the amount requested by Variety Children’s Charities of the Desert**

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**Small Grant Request #2 (Attach 4) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>A.C.T. for Multiple Sclerosis aka ACT for MS</b>
Program:	<i>Strength Training / Circulation Therapy</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$5,000</b>
Provide clients weekly sessions with physical trainers / circulation therapists - depending on the multiple sclerosis client's mobility, sessions can be one on one, semi-private or in a small group of 3 or 4 clients together. ACT for MS worked with HARC several years in a row and have statistical proof that these weekly sessions help our clients slow the physical decline caused by multiple sclerosis. For those clients with very little mobility, the massage sessions deliver much needed circulation to the muscles of the body. The added circulation aids in controlling pain and spasms, which are side effects for many of the clients.	
Representative:	Ann Greer
Reviewer’s Scores:	<b>80%</b> (Six Score totals: 89%, 71%, 89%, 80%, 80%, 71%)
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Mental Health Initiative \$50,000

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the Small Grant Request for \$5000 from A.C.T for Multiple Sclerosis**

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**Small Grant Request #3 (Attach 5) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Grassroots Junior Tennis, Inc.</b>
Program:	<i>Grassroots Junior Tennis</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$5,000</b>
Located in the Coachella Valley, Grassroots Junior Tennis (GRJT) has instructed over 800 youth of all socioeconomic backgrounds since 2004. Children are primarily low-income and underserved. This year	



90% of participating youth are Hispanic. Youth primarily come from the Palm Springs and Desert Sands Unified School Districts. Each year, two four-month sessions of after school classes are offered by GRJT three times per week during the school year. The target population consists of children, ages 8 through 16. Lessons are 60 minutes in length and include stroke analysis, stroke production, drills, match play strategy and sports science. There are approximately 30-35 youth in each semester. All equipment, such as rackets, balls, t-shirts, caps are provided free of charge to participating children.	
Representative:	Kay Butler
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>90%</b> (Three scores = 80%, 94%, 97%)
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the Small Grant for \$5000 requested by Grassroots Junior Tennis Inc.**

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**Small Grant Request #4 (Attach 6) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Hidden Harvest</b>
Program:	<i>Free, fresh produce for those in need</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$5,000</b>
Hidden Harvest has been gleaning fruits and vegetables from local farms and packing houses and giving it away for 21 years, to thousands of needy families and seniors each month. HH has rescued millions of pounds of healthy produce that would otherwise have gone to waste. Our farm partners donate this produce to us that must be transported in refrigerated trucks to our warehouse, unloaded and stored in our walk-in cooling space, sorted, washed and packed by our dedicated volunteer team, loaded back on the refrigerated truck and delivered to our Senior Markets and FIND Food Bank – all before it spoils. We provide direct services through Hidden Harvest's own low income Senior Markets - held at the same times and places each month, where staff and volunteers set up farmers market style carts of locally harvested fruits and vegetables. The Senior Markets are held in low income senior housing complexes and at senior centers in low income neighborhoods. We also distribute more than 55,000 low income families each month through the local emergency food system that includes more than 80 agencies.	
Representative:	Sandra Carroll
Average Score (4):	<b>89%</b> (80, 97, 89, 91)
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant 12/2019 \$5000

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the Small Grant for \$5000 requested by Hidden Harvest**

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**Performance Grant Request #1 (Attach 7) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Colorado River Senior Center</b>
Program:	<i>Food and Health Assistance</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$40,000</b>
We hope to continue our current Meals on Wheels program. Our program fits the needs of our community. We are constantly informed of individuals in need of our help. Our current program feeds the needs of approximately 90 people. We make a monthly menu, making sure of nutrition values, purchase needed ingredients and our board-certified cook prepares and cooks the meals on a daily basis. Meals are packaged and delivered daily by our great group of volunteers.	
Representative:	John Ewing
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>77%</b> (Four Score totals: 80, 61, 86, 79)
Prior RAP Funding:	This Performance Grant is in its 21 <sup>st</sup> year of receiving funding from RAP

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the Performance Grant Request for \$40,00 from the Colorado River Senior Center**

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**Performance Grant Request #2 (Attach 8) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Community Action Partnership</b>
Program:	<i>Cool &amp; Warm Centers</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$20,000</b>
The Cool & Warm Center program is a comprehensive strategy designed to reduce weather related health risks from extreme temperature conditions, especially among vulnerable low-income residents, such as the elderly, disabled, families with infants and young children. Residents are encouraged to visit a center to provide relief from the heat and cold, help reduce high-energy burdens, and learn valuable information on how to stay protected during extreme temperatures.	
Representative:	Olga Sanchez
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>79%</b> (Six Score totals: 69, 83, 77, 89, 71, 86)
Prior RAP Funding:	This grant is a multi-year funding request from RAP

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the Performance Grant Request for \$20,000 from the Community Action Partnership**

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**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – BLOOD DRIVE RECAP**

**VII. ADJOURN**

Upcoming meeting: Monday, September 19, 2022