



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, November 14, 2022, 1:30 PM Pacific Time

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

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Committee Members: Craig Borba (Chair), Rosemary Ortega (Vice-Chair), Ann Dew, Aurora Wilson, Maria Blue, Mike Gialdini, Sandra Loureiro, Van Tanner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Roll call
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the November 14, 2022, Grants Review Committee Agenda.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
Conditional Approval:				

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- IV. **APPROVE GRANTS REVIEW MEETING MINUTES:** ([Attach 1](#)) Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the November 8, 2022, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
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v. REVIEW OF GRANTS TRACKER: ([Attach 2](#))

vi. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

Small Grant #1 at 1:40 PM ([Attach 3](#)) Action Required

Organization:	Camp Laurel Foundation
Program:	<i>2023 Summer Camp Programs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The Laurel Foundation is requesting \$10,000 to support hosting 10 youth from eastern Riverside County who are affected by HIV/AIDS and/or are transgender/gender diverse youth ages 6-17). The programs will consist of two, one-week resident camps in Southern California. The program is run as a typical summer camp session but has volunteer mental health professionals and volunteer medical staff, at camp 24/7 who work with the youth to improve their mental and physical health.	
Representative:	Margot Anderson
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 97, 66
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant for their HIV/AIDS Mental Health Program: \$5,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000

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Small Grant #2 at 1:55 PM ([Attach 4](#)) Action Required

Organization:	Desert Access & Mobility
Program:	<i>Part Time Driver</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Desert Access and Mobility is in desperate need of a part time driver. We are getting new daily requests for transportation from blind, handicapped and those persons who do not drive safely to take them to medical appointments, clinics, grocery stores, classes, work, and personal appointments. We are the only service of our kind in the Coachella Valley and are celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year.	
Representative:	Barbara Workman
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 94, 77, 74
Prior RAP Funding:	COVID-19 Grant for Recovery Transportation Services program for \$10,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000

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Small Grant #3 at 2:10 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Friends of Braille Institute
Program:	<i>Low Vision Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Braille Institute Coachella Valley provides free Low Vision rehabilitation services including education, prevention, and disease management for those with vision impairment throughout District 4 of Riverside County. Vision loss can harm one's emotional and physical health, including the ability to live independently, leading to more falls, fractures, hospital visits, and higher medical costs. Our Low Vision Team consists of experienced, certified Low Vision Specialists/Occupational Therapists.	
Representative:	Adele Tucker
Reviewer's Scores:	79% Three reviewers scoring: 74, 80, 83
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000

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Small Grant #4 at 2:25 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Friends of the Desert Mountain
Program:	<i>Environmental Connections Por Vida (ECV)</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Our program provides Coachella Valley-specific, hands-on environmental science education and field trips for local school-aged children. We incorporate cultural components into all of our programs, acknowledging the rich Indigenous history of our area, as well as making sure to meet the stated demands and needs of local schools for education opportunities that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM).	
Representative:	Karin Jaffie
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 77, 77, 91
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000

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Small Grants #5 at 2:40 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	Shay's Warriors- Life After Cancer
Program:	<i>I Am Hope Survivors Reset Retreat</i>
Requested Amount:	\$8,500
In 2022, we held our I AM HOPE SURVIVORS RESET RETREAT in Palm Springs. Our focus was limited to breast and other reproductive cancer survivors who are out of active treatments. The nomination and outreach process included underserved and underprivileged communities. We received 90 nominations with funding for 25 attendees. The retreat included workshops and specific programs for survivors to help them move past fear and provide tools to overcome anxiety that comes with life after cancer.	
Representative:	Shannon Moraga
Reviewer's Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 89, 74, 71
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 I Am Hope program for 3,300

Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$8,500

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VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: Small Grants Limited Funding- Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To consider recommending to the Board to increase the allocation for Small Grants by requesting it to come from unallocated funds.

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VIII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

A. Next scheduled meeting for the month of January: TBD

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