



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, December 4, 2023, at 1:30 PM Pacific Time
 RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260
 2625 N Cypress Rd Palm Springs CA 92262

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Craig Borba (Chair), Rosemary Ortega (Vice-Chair), Ann Dew, Aurora Wilson, Maria Meyer, Mike Gialdini, Van Tanner

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the December 4, 2023, Grants Review Committee Agenda.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Persons wishing to speak are requested to be recognized at the appropriate time. General comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes

IV. APPROVE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: (Attach 1) Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the November 6, 2023, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. GRANTS TRACKER FY2023-2024: (Attach 2)

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

Small Grant #1 at 1:45 PM (Attach 3) Action Required

Organization:	Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy
Program:	<i>Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000

Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy Program proposal to expand to provide 200 disabled individuals in the "District" with a life-changing experience is in direct alignment with the RAP Foundation's Health and Mental Health Focus Areas as it increases access to healthcare to an underserved population. The program provides therapy to individuals at no-cost to the families. Goals for those in the program are based on medical studies reporting many significant benefits from the program including improvements in physical strength, balance, coordination, mobility, self-confidence, self-control, peer interaction, social skills, and independence.	
Representative:	Jennifer Heggie
Reviewer's Scores:	83% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 82, 88
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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Small Grant #2 at 2:00 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Magnificat Indio CA Maria Reina de la Paz
Program:	<i>Magnificat Indio Spanish Chapter- Prayer Meals and Day of Evangelization</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Magnificat Spanish Chapter in Indio, A ministry to Catholic women, is a private association of the Christian faithful. It is a Diocesan recognized Catholic Organization, under the jurisdiction of the local Diocese of San Bernardino. Magnificat provides community activities for Hispanic women to meet, pray, and learn together and integrate into the society where they live, work, and raise their children in their quest to grow in their spirituality. Magnificat Indio Spanish Chapter organizes three prayer breakfasts and one special event annually to achieve this goal. The fee for the prayer meals and event has a minimal cost and although many of these women want to attend their financial situation does not allow them. This request is to fill the gap by sponsoring 219 women throughout the year in the attendance of a prayer breakfast or a special event.	
Representative:	Gloria Gomez
Reviewer's Scores:	77% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 76, 78
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To deny request for \$5,000

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Small Grant #3 at 2:15 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Camp Laurel Foundation
Program:	<i>2024 Youth Mental Health Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
PROGRAMS: RESIDENT CAMPS: Mental health is one of the most critical issues facing youth affected by HIV/AIDS and transgender/gender-diverse youth today. Our resident camp programs focus on building important support groups, and mental health coping skills for anxiety and depression. EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS: Workshops include HIV education, gender identity, transgender rights, healthy	

relationships, computer science, tutoring, resume writing, job interviews, etc.) DAY CAMPS: Our day camp programs provide social support for the youth and their families. These events are produced by The Laurel Foundation in partnership with local corporations such as the Pediatric AIDS Coalition/UCLA and Hollywood Heart. LIFE SKILLS RETREAT: A three-day mountain retreat for high school-aged youth, focusing on teaching resume writing, job interviews, college application writing, finance, health relationships, etc. The Laurel Foundation is requesting support for youth from Coachella Valley and East Riverside County to attend our programs.

Representative:	Margot Anderson
Reviewer's Scores:	83% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 80, 90
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY22-23: \$7,500; Small Grant FY21-22: \$5,000

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

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Small Grant #4 at 2:30 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66
Program:	<i>Variety's Freedom, Future, and Care Programs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Our Freedom Program offers customized adaptive mobility bikes and strollers for children with physical and mental disabilities who would otherwise not have the ability to experience the independence and the recreational and therapeutic benefits of the bikes and community events. The Future Program delivers life-enriching services and education while promoting self-esteem to children. Socially inclusive experiences and activities for children with special needs and their families are expanding. The Care Program offers developmental screenings for children 0-5 to identify delays and connect parents to resources for intervention and prevention in order to vastly improve outcomes for children experiencing a developmental or physical challenge.	
Representative:	Heidi Maldoon
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Four reviewers scoring: 72, 76, 86, 93
Prior RAP Funding:	Sponsorship FY23-24: \$5,000; Juvenile Intervention FY22-23: \$12,500; Sponsorship FY22-23 \$8,000

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

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Small Grant #5 at 2:45 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	The LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert
Program:	<i>Equipment for Hybrid Meeting Technology</i>
Requested Amount:	\$3,500
Ending isolation and loneliness has been one of The Center's strategic initiatives for many years. Since the Covid pandemic, so many of our community members have gotten used to zoom meetings instead of meeting in person. Also, not everyone is comfortable in public places and still prefer to isolate. That being said, the demand for "hybrid" meetings, workshops and classes has been elevated. Having the	

advanced technology of the Meeting OWL 3 cameras would enhance our community engagement with the various support groups, 12 step programs, classes and workshops that happen daily at The Center's Palm Springs location.	
Representative:	David Salinas
Reviewer's Scores:	87% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 86, 94
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$3,500

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Small Grant #6 at 3:00 PM (Attach 8) Action Required

Organization:	CREATE Center for the Arts
Program:	<i>YarnAlive!</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
CREATE Center is launching the YarnAlive! Program in order to provide at-risk and underserved youth with a creative and responsible outlet to express themselves and connect with their community. The YarnAlive! program also builds upon skills that are the foundation for success in school and future careers. Weaving encourages critical thinking and problem-solving to adapt patterns and designs to different shapes in public spaces. Students will learn teamwork skills, designing projects together, delegating parts to each member of the team, and learning how to combine everyone's contribution for a finished product. Yarn Bombing also encourages students to appreciate cultural diversity and the unique perspectives and styles of their peers. Students from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences will come together to complete a project and connect to the greater Coachella Valley community.	
Representative:	Danielle Wagner
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 76, 91
Prior RAP Funding:	Sponsorship FY22-23: \$2,500, \$2,500

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

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Small Grant #7 at 3:15 PM (Attach 9) Action Required

Organization:	American Red Cross
Program:	<i>Home Fire Relief and Recovery</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The goal of the Home Fire Campaign is to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to home fires. Outreach work provides families and communities with the tools and resources to prevent and prepare for home fires. The goal is to help stabilize families in crisis, prevent temporary homelessness and financial insolvency, reduce family stress and begin the recovery process, leading to long-term recovery. We focus our outreach on populations that are more vulnerable to home fires. These populations include the elderly, low-income individuals, and certain racial groups. We provide lifesaving fire prevention and preparedness information and tools before a fire, and relief and recovery services following a fire.	
Representative:	Avery Bell

Reviewer's Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 84, 86, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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Small Grant #8 at 3:30 PM (Attach 10) Action Required

Organization:	Coachella Valley Youth Golf Foundation
Program:	<i>First Tee's School Golf Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>We provide school districts with all the necessary equipment, complete lesson plans, professional training, outreach and support needed to maintain the First Tee School Programs. We also provide 6-Week Programs at green grass facilities in Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Indio impacting some 900 children; and after school programs, operated by Desert Recreation District team members, currently with 13 active sites reaching 2,400 children. The unmet need is to provide our School Golf Program to students at Coachella Valley Unified School District, an estimated 6500-7000 students. First Tee Coachella Valley hopes to expand capacity to reach all three Unified School Districts this coming year. We strongly believe all local children should experience the life skills and core values inherent in the game and have the opportunity to access a golf course.</p>	
Representative:	Kyle Winn
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 74, 82, 90
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY22-23: \$10,000

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

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 3:45 PM (Attach 11) Action Required

Organization:	Autism Society Inland Empire
Program:	<i>Light Up the Holidays for Autism</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
<p>While most families find the winter holiday season exciting and joyful, many special needs families struggle this time of year. Holiday crowds, strong scents, loud gatherings, and disruptions to routines can overwhelm kids with sensory sensitivity and can lead to meltdowns or increased anxiety. These unique challenges can often lead to feelings of loneliness, isolation, and depression for children and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by limiting how they experience the holidays. Our 2023, Light Up the Holidays for Autism event will be held in partnership with The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens. Families will enjoy private pre-Wildlights activities and reindeer games, cookies and warm cider, keepsake ornament craft, a visit and photos with Sensory Santa, and gifts for all children within each household from CA Highway Patrol. The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens has also arranged for our families to receive 30 minutes early access to Wildlights before the public.</p>	
Representative:	Juanita Hernandez

Prior RAP Funding:	Sponsorship FY22-23: \$500 Mental Health Grant FY21-22: \$25,000
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Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000

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CEO Discretionary #1 at 4:00 PM (Attach 12) Action Required

Organization:	Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California
Program:	<i>Working Coachella:</i>
Requested Amount:	\$15,000.00
<p>Working Coachella is a documentary project by noted labor organizer and photojournalist David Bacon. Over 30 years, he has produced thousands of photographs and scores of interviews, often used to advocate for the rights of migrants and farm workers. In Bacon's words, the project's mission is to use photographs and narrative oral histories to reduce anti-immigrant hysteria, and to help win respect for the culture and labor of the indigenous workers who produce the food we eat. In addition to agricultural labor and issues of environmental justice, Bacon documents family and community life, the health and environmental issues facing the community, and the efforts of the workers and their families to thrive and make a better life.</p>	
Representative:	Sabrina Gonzalez
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$15,000 utilizing CEO Discretionary funds

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

Sponsorship Grant #2 (Attach 13) Action Required – On May 24, 2023, the Board motioned to “ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$5,000 utilizing Sponsorship Funds. The applicant will have to submit the new application on grants portal for recording purposes but the approval decision is completed with this action.”

Organization:	Women Leaders Forum
Program:	<i>Young Women Leaders Mentorship Program Awards</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
<p>Young Women Leaders (YWL) is an engaging educational outreach program that has served high school seniors throughout the Coachella Valley since 2001. Students who participate in the program receive training, informational resources, and access to women leaders in the community who serve as role models. Participants are partnered one-on-one with a mentor who helps guide them through the program, informs them of opportunities available to them, and teaches them valuable networking skills, business etiquette and leadership skills. Seniors who successfully complete the educational programming and project requirements are eligible to apply for either a need-based or merit scholarship. To date, WLF has distributed close to \$800,000 in scholarship awards to 210 deserving young women in the community. This program focuses on young women who are vulnerable of falling through the cracks and may be overlooked by other mentoring and/or scholarship programs for various reasons including their grades, socio-economic status and access to school-sponsored programs. Our request is for funding of our annual</p>	

scholarship awards luncheon and ceremony for those girls who successfully complete the program and are awarded scholarships to continue their education post-high school.	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000 intended for last year's 2022 event but instead will be used for the 2023 event with the same conditions.

Motion:				
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Performance Grant #1 (Attach 14) Action Required

Organization:	Colorado River Senior Center
Program:	Food & Health Assistance
Requested Amount:	\$40,000.00
Food insecurity is and sadly always will be a problem with the homebound population. Our Meals on Wheels program continues to ensure that those homebound citizens do get at least one nutritional meal a day. As this funding will be applied to the salary of the Food Service Manager and the Cook #1 there won't be any change for this year over last year's funding cycle.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Performance Grant FY21-22: \$40,000, \$38,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$40,000

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

VII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- a. Next scheduled meeting: Monday, January 15, 2023, at 1:30 PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Agenda Posting: Agendas will be posted on the Foundation website at <https://www.rapfoundation.org> a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting date. All public record documents for matters on the open session of the Agenda are available for inspection upon request three (3) days prior to the meeting date. If a public record document that relates to a matter on the open session of the Agenda is distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date, the public record document shall be available for inspection at the same time it is distributed at the address listed above. Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.