



**Grants Review Committee Agenda**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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 January 17, 2023, Grants Review Committee Agenda.*

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

- 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 14, 2022, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.*

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v. REVIEW OF GRANTS TRACKER: ([Attach 2](#))

vi. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

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

Organization:	<b>Coachella Valley Housing Coalition</b>
Program:	<i>Afterschool Programs</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition's after-school programs play a vital role in providing safe and accessible after-school programs for children who need it the most. Recognizing that while a stable, safe, and decent home provides enormous advantages for low-income families striving to chart a more secure and hopeful future, children need more than housing to overcome barriers to success. Participants are all residents of our low-income multi-family developments.</p>	
Representative:	Bruce Yeager
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>82%</b> Three reviewers scoring: 77, 80, 89
Prior RAP Funding:	FY 2015-16 Re-Think Your Drink Project

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

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**Small Grant #2 at 2:10 PM ([Attach 4](#)) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Read With Me Volunteers</b>
Program:	<i>Read With Me General Operations</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>Read with Me recruits retired volunteers for 17 CV schools for this early-intervention literacy program. RWM bonds non-English-reading children living in third world living conditions together with underutilized educated retired adults. We tutor 4,200 children and engage 10,000 children a year to help them with English language acquisition and provide them books. We establish a local "community partner" such as churches for every school to recruit volunteers. We donate two books to every child in our 17 participating schools. We fund charter bus transportation to transport volunteers to some of our schools, one more than 38 miles away. Volunteers work in the classroom on campus under the direction of the teacher, using materials assigned by the teacher and with specific students. Our volunteers typically provide more than 24,000 free hours of tutoring annually to develop students' mastery of key foundational reading skills. We spend \$90,000 to buy books to give to 9,353 students in the needy Coachella Valley schools.</p>	
Representative:	Louise Cummings
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>90%</b> Three reviewers scoring: 80, 89, 100
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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**Small Grant #3 at 2:35 PM (Attach 5) Action Required**

Organization:	<b>Green Room Theatre Company</b>
Program:	<i>"Novio Boy" Theatre Education Program for Under-served Coachella Valley Youth</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$9,700</b>
<p>Our touring production of Gary Soto's "Novio Boy" will provide theatre-in-education and literacy training to hundreds of students and dozens of teachers in under-resourced Coachella Valley schools. Both in-school and after-school/school enrichment programs have seed funding from the California Arts Council, but need additional funding. "Novio Boy" is an endearing celebration of close family ties, bilingualism, and resiliency. This project will help the community recover after three years of pandemic stress and social isolation. Funds from the RAP Foundation grant will enable Green Room Theatre Company Coachella Valley to expand its service to under-resourced schools, helping provide more performances and hiring additional outstanding actors and designers. Celebrated local artist Michael Angelo Hernandez will provide scenic art for the sets. Performances are proposed in partnership with two school districts with high levels of English Language Learners and families below the poverty level: Coachella Valley USD (Unified School District) and Desert Sands USD These districts are eager to incorporate supplemental activities like theatre programs with their bilingual programs. In-school training in theatre-in-education will be held with teachers, who will then discuss the play with students. An after-school program is planned to build on our theatre and ballet folklorico classes at Theodore Roosevelt and Lyndon Baines Johnson Elementary Schools in Indio. In partnership with local Ballet Forlklorica Alma de Metzli, this will provide a creative learning experience exploring theatre, dance, and literacy, while boosting social-emotional skills. Green Room Theatre Company Coachella Valley has become a major asset for Coachella Valley education and performing arts despite a limited budget. GRTCCV and the "Novio Boy" project have won acclaim from many Coachella Valley leaders. Susan Francis, immediate Past President and CEO of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, recently wrote that the "Novio Boy" project is "a highly worthwhile effort that will greatly benefit under-served students and their families in the East Coachella Valley. I have seen the excellent work of GRTCCV through some years of their support and interaction with the Ophelia Project, a mentoring program for girls I created, serving 19 schools throughout this valley. GRTCCV provided many opportunities for the youth I have served." "GRTCCV are leaders in our community in bringing charities together to better the lives of our children in the Valley," wrote Patti Gribow, a television producer and actress active in the Ophelia Project. "I can greatly appreciate the excellence of GRTCCV and the value of this project."</p>	
Representative:	David Catanzarite
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>82%</b> Three reviewers scoring: 74, 80, 91
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$9,700**

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**VII. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Revisions for Grants Review Committee Structure ([Attach 6](#)) Action Required**

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the revisions and file the Grants Review Committee Structure**

Motion:				
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**b. Juvenile Intervention Request for Proposal ([Attach 7](#)) Action Required**

**Staff Recommendation: To recommend to the Board to approve the Juvenile Intervention Request for Proposal**

Motion:				
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**VIII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:**

**a. Next scheduled meeting is February 14, 2023, at 1:30 PM.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Agenda Posting: Agendas will be posted on the Foundation website [www.RAPFoundation.org](http://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 three days prior to the meeting date on the website. 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 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.