



Special Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, June 12, 2023, at 1:30 PM Pacific Time

RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260
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Board members must attend in person. The public may participate in person or by way of Zoom/Teleconference:

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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 June 12, 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 May 22, 2023, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. REVIEW OF FY2022-2023 GRANTS TRACKER: (Attach 2)

VI. REVIEW OF FY2023-2024 GRANTS TRACKER: (Attach 3)

VII. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST (FY23-24 budget):

Small Grant #1 at 1:40 PM via Zoom (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	The Ranch Recovery Center, Inc.
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Program:	<i>Mesa Vista (Men's Sober Living) and Hacienda Valdez (Women's Residential Treatment)</i>
Requested Amount:	\$9,340
<p>The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc. was established as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in November 1972. Since its founding, our organization has grown from one facility to four facilities, providing alcohol and drug treatment services to men, women, and families. Our four facilities include: The Ranch (Men's detoxification and residential treatment program), Hacienda Valdez (Women's detoxification and residential treatment program), Mesa Vista (Men's Sober Living), and Harmony House (Women's Sober Living). We serve a cross-section of our communities with a large percentage of those we serve made up of no- and low-income individuals and families. Our organization serves around 475 to 525 people annually and we offer detoxification, primary residential treatment, transitional/sober living, aftercare groups and family program services. We are seeking funds to perform upgrades at two of our facilities. At our men's sober living facility, Mesa Vista, we need to purchase a new water heater to replace the current failing one. At our women's residential facility, Hacienda Valdez, we need to purchase and replace a total of 4 shower door throughout 4 units. These facility upgrades will help us maintain the safe, healthy environment that is needed for our residents to begin their recovery from various substance use disorders.</p>	
Representative:	Jolie Petkov and Rick Mesa
Reviewer's Scores:	87% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 87, 93
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To inquire more information from applicant

Motion:				
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Special/Contingency Grant Request #1 at 2:00 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Lift to Rise
Program:	<i>Securing Greater Investment to Drive Regional Affordability</i>
Requested Amount:	\$100,000
<p>Building on 5 years of growing community momentum, Lift to Rise seeks support from the Regional Access Project Foundation to continue our bold work to radically transform the trajectory of affordability for all Coachella Valley residents, through driving our shared regional agenda to significantly increase affordable housing supply, securing greater regional community investment, leading a regional, state and federal advocacy agenda that shapes our local policy landscape, educating and activating the leadership of a greater base of community residents and officials, and strengthening our growing internal backbone that coordinates, convenes and supports our collaborative of more than 60 partner organizations. These efforts will ultimately result in a 30% decrease in rent-burdened households in the Coachella Valley through the production of 10,000 new units of affordable housing by 2028. These units will provide safe, stable, and affordable housing for roughly 35,000 Coachella Valley residents earning at or below 80% of area median income. Between 2010-2018 only 38 units of affordable housing were built per year. Now, with deep, intentional cross-sector collaboration, there are more than 1,500 units currently under development and more than 7,000 units in our shared regional pipeline of new units. To continue driving this significant momentum, we need the RAP Foundation's continued significant investment.</p>	
Representative:	Heather Vaikona
Reviewer's Scores:	80% Three reviewers scoring: 73, 83, 83

Prior RAP Funding:	Year-1: April 2015 \$12,000; Year-2: June 2016 \$50,000; Year-3: June 2017 \$50,000; Year-4: July 2018 \$75,000; Year-4: March 2020 \$50,000; COVID Relief payments Year-5: September 2020 \$100,000; Covid Relief - Stabilizing Families grants
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Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$100,000 and include on FY23-24 grants budget

Motion:				
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Performance Grant #1 (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Community Action Partnership
Program:	<i>Cool & Warm Centers</i>
Requested Amount:	\$20,000
<p>The Cool & Warm Center program is a comprehensive strategy designed to reduce the heat-related health risks from extreme temperature conditions, especially among vulnerable low-income residents, such as the elderly, disabled, families with infants and young children living in disadvantaged communities. All residents are encouraged to visit a Cool & Warm Center to help reduce high-energy burdens during the summer and winter months and to provide relief from the heat and cold in where access to adequate cooling or heating is not available. Cool Centers are activated when the National Weather Service, monitored by Community Action staff, forecasts temperatures of 100 degrees or higher. A Heat Warning is issued, and each affected area will need to activate by displaying a cool center sign, setting up a welcoming table with a sign in sheet, water, nutritional snacks and community resources, and providing other material to help each individual stay healthy. Since high temperatures are constant in the desert area, Cool Centers in this region will be accessible to residents almost every day. Warm Centers are activated when temperatures drop to 40 degrees or below and the same process is followed.</p>	
Representative:	N/A
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 83, 89
Prior RAP Funding:	Cool & Warm Centers FY22-23: \$20,000; FY21-22: \$20,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve their request for \$20,000 and include on FY23-24 grants budget

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VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Grant Fund Reallocations for Small Grants- Lift to Rise is requesting \$100,000 as a Special Grant request. To approve the request, \$57,500 from FY22-23 Small Grants budget is required to be transferred to the FY22-23 Special/Emergency funds. The grant request will be included and processed on the FY23-24 Grants Tracker for Emergency/Contingency.

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$57,500 to be transferred to the FY22-23 Special/Emergency Funds.

Motion:				
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b. FY2023-2024 Funding Priorities ([Attach 7](#))

Staff Recommendation: To approve the FY2023-2024 Funding Priorities

Motion:				
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IX. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Next scheduled meeting: Monday, September 18, 2023, at 1:30 PM

x. 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.