



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, October 16, 2023, at 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 Meyer, Mike Gialdini, Van Tanner

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the October 16, 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 September 18, 2023, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

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

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

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

Organization:	Grassroots Junior Tennis
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Program:	<i>Grassroots Junior Tennis, Inc</i>
Requested Amount:	\$7,000
Located in the Coachella Valley, Grassroots Junior Tennis (GRJT) has instructed over 900 youth of all socioeconomic backgrounds since 2004. Children are primarily low-income and under resourced. This year 90% of participating youth are Hispanic. Youth primarily come from the Palm Springs and Desert Sands Unified School District. Each year, two four-month sessions of after school classes are offered by GRJT three times per week during the school year at Ruth Hardy Park, Palm Springs. Four tournaments and special events are also offered during the season.	
Representative:	Kay Butler
Reviewer's Scores:	88% Three reviewers scoring: 77, 93, 93
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY22-23: \$5,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$7,000.00

Motion:				
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Sponsorship #1 at 2:00 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	About Families
Program:	<i>Family Fall Festival</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The goal of our Fall Family Festival has always been to create a positive environment for children and families. We have re-focused our efforts to share important community information and resources. Ultimately, creating stronger, resilient community and family connections. There is a disconnect in the Coachella Valley between all the resources available to families and the disproportionate access to information for communities of color and lower socioeconomic status. Our community needs connection and sharing of resources. By bringing together many organizations and businesses in a collaborative effort to support families the Fall Family Festival is creating those connections. The festival also creates a unique and fun filled time for children. There will be any opportunities for them to explore, play and discover at the festival. About Families is dedicated to making this part of the festival as accessible to all children regardless of ability to pay.	
Representative:	Joanna Boles Whitlow
Prior RAP Funding:	22-23 Sponsorship: \$5,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000.00

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Sponsorship #2 at 2:20 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Transgender Health and Wellness Center
Program:	<i>Transgender Day of Remembrance</i>
Requested Amount:	\$2,469

Transgender Day of Remembrance 2023 is an event where transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex (TGI) individuals come together in unity to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. There are memorial events, outreach, and supportive services available at the event.	
Representative:	Thomi Clinton
Prior RAP Funding:	23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$2,469.00

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Sponsorship #3 at 2:40 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Variety Children’s Charities of the Desert
Program:	<i>28th Annual Bikes for Kids</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The Bikes for Kids Program honors the academic success and good citizenship of underprivileged and deserving Coachella Valley fourth-grade students by awarding bicycles and helmets during the holiday season each year. Over the years, the annual Bike Giveaway rewarded 8,325 children with new bikes, bike locks, helmets and safety gear.	
Representative:	Heidi Maldoon
Prior RAP Funding:	22-23 Small Grant: \$5,000; 22-23 Sponsorship: \$8,000; 22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$12,500

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000.00

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Sponsorship #4 at 3:00 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	Fenixia Foundation
Program:	<i>Coachella Valley Gala for Adults with Special Needs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The Gala, an event designed exclusively for older teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a groundbreaking collaborative event, the first of its kind in the Coachella Valley’s special needs community. The event holds a special place in our hearts as it will give individuals with disabilities the opportunity to experience the joy and glamor of attending a Gala that is put on by its community coming together to show the importance of inclusion.	
This event aims to foster friendships, a sense of community, inclusion, and better mental well-being for all attendees. This is just one of the many social event activities that Fenixia Foundation is hosting in 2024. Fenixia Foundation is organizing events and activities to help build this sense of belonging and get adults in the community to do what other neuro-typical adults do. For the special needs community (and	

most of humankind, honestly) having a comfortable, supportive space to create community and build friendships is a key contributor to mental health, self-confidence, and overall quality of life.	
Representative:	Lisa Valerio
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000.00

Motion:				
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VII. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Draft 2023-2024 Juvenile Intervention Grant Request for Proposal ([Attach 8](#)) Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the 2023-2024 Juvenile Intervention Grant Request for Proposal

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b. Allocate \$25,000 to Sponsorships- To meet the growing demand for Sponsorships, we intend to allocate an extra \$25,000 to the Sponsorship budget from our unallocated funds- Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the 2023-2024 Juvenile Intervention Grant Request for Proposal

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VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Grant Description Updates

IX. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Next scheduled meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023, at 1:30 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT