RAP FOUNDATION
Health, Mental Health, Juvenile Intervention

In partnership with:

DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

Health/Mental Health Request for Proposal
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History and Background

Regional Access Project Foundation

About Us:
The Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation was incorporated in 1992 as a 501 (c)(3) public benefit corporation to address unmet needs in health, mental health, and juvenile intervention for residents of eastern Riverside County through grants and technical assistance to not-for-profit service providers. Funding of the RAP Foundation is primarily through unique cooperative agreements between the RAP Foundation and the County of Riverside; and between the County of Riverside and the City of Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency.

Our Mission:
To provide funding, oversight, technical assistance, and guidance to nonprofit, community-based organizations or other collaborative groups which serve the populations of eastern Riverside County in the areas of health, mental health, and juvenile intervention.

Our Vision:
To enhance the quality of life for all residents of eastern Riverside County by investing in nonprofits and empowering them to effectively serve unmet needs identified by the RAP Board of Directors.

NPO Centric:
NPO Centric is a program of the RAP Foundation. It is a community resource center focused on strengthening and increasing the capacity of nonprofits in Riverside County. At NPO Centric, we help nonprofits build stronger, more sustainable organizations by providing them with information, resources, and access to professional expertise in planning, human resources, fundraising and development, marketing and branding, technology, and much more.

Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

About Us:
Created by the state of California in 1948, Desert Healthcare District is the parent of Desert Healthcare Foundation. The Foundation was originally formed in 1967 to support the activities of the nonprofit Desert Regional Medical Center and had its own separate board of directors. In 1997, the Directors of the District voted to lease Desert Regional Medical Center to Tenet Health Systems for 30 years, resulting in the hospital becoming a for-profit hospital. The Foundation essentially lost its job of fundraising for the hospital. The focus of the Foundation turned to operating several community programs. In 2003, the Foundation Board was dissolved and the District Board assumed responsibility. In 2005, the Board of Directors gave the direction to spin-off all Foundation programs to either existing nonprofit entities or to new start-up nonprofits. Operation support for usually one to two years went along with the spin-off. In 2012, the Desert Healthcare Foundation revised its Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to allow for support of healthcare and wellness services and programs across the entire Coachella Valley. The roles of the Foundation now include fiscal sponsor and incubator of new collaborative projects.

The mission and vision of the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation focus on the advancement of community wellness in the Coachella Valley:

Our Mission:
To achieve optimal health at all stages of life for all District residents.

Our Vision:
Equitably connecting Coachella Valley residents to health and wellness services and programs through philanthropy, health facilities, information and community education, and public policy.

Grant Description

The RAP Foundation's and Desert Healthcare District & Foundation's focus for this grant is to fund programs/projects that advocate improving the psychological, emotional, physical, and social well-being of residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley, particularly, the Health/Mental Health Grant is for programs intended to:

- Improve quality of mental health services to remote areas through innovative systems that address policy, access, and delivery channels.
- Improve awareness of mental and emotional health resource services for residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley through systems that address access, policy, and delivery channels.
- Support cultural competency of service providers and reduction of language/stigma/cultural barriers to service access for clients.

RAP Foundation and Desert Healthcare District & Foundation have partnered together for this grant. A total of $800,000 is available in cash grants, and $72,450 is available in technical assistance for the Health/Mental Health Grant. Funding requests can be made and used for any programmatic cost, such as staff time, supplies, general operations, etc.

All applicants will have the opportunity to request a technical assistance grant in addition to the cash grant request. The Technical Assistance Grant is valued at $3,800, which includes: 15 hours of consulting services and a Premium Local NPO Centric Membership.

For more details about the membership, [Click Here](#).

Technical Assistance grantees will have the opportunity to attend at least four NPO Centric workshops, utilize 15 hours of consulting services, and access ten resources from the Digital Portal during the grant period. Participation in these activities will be evaluated within the Midterm and Final Reports. The request can be made at the bottom of the online application.

Funded programs should create a lasting impact on the residents served. Organizations that request Health/Mental Health funds will be required to produce a report on the corresponding performance measures and must serve the identified target population as illustrated on the *Strategy Map* (pg. 8).

The grant period for awarded programs/projects is one year beginning on May 1, 2023. Organizations are invited to submit a proposal for their program/project. This is a competitive grant and not all qualifying applications will be funded. The amount of each Health/Mental Health Grant award will be dependent on the strength of the proposal and the capacity to serve.

Applicants that collaborate with other organizations on a grant request or organizations proposing to serve the Blythe area will be eligible for incentive points.

The RAP Foundation reserves the right to conduct a site visit to all funded agencies throughout the funding cycle.

The RAP Foundation strives for accountability and transparency in its funding decisions and relies on accurate data collection regarding populations served, measuring of progress and efficacy of funded services.

The RAP Foundation seeks to address unmet needs for low-income, underserved, and diverse communities and deliver crucial services to those most in need to benefit residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley, regardless of their age, race, religion, political philosophy, financial resources, or gender identity.

Should you have any questions about the Health/Mental Health Grant process, please feel free to contact Grants Manager, Gracie Montano at Gmontano@RAPFoundation.org.

Proposed Timeline
(Deadlines are subject to change if needed)

Date & Time:	Event:
Monday, January 30, 2023	Release of Health/Mental Health Request for Proposal (RFP)
Monday, February 13, 2023, from 10 AM- 11AM	Mandatory Bidders Meeting Via Zoom RSVP to Join: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwocuGgqj4uGddKYh_ReEf-5Mn9znANV5Fv
Monday, February 27, 2023, at 11:59 PM	Letter of Intent (LOI) is Due (Only one LOI per organization)
Monday, March 6, 2023	Staff Invites Eligible Organizations to Apply
Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11:59 PM	Application is Due

Monday, April 10, 2023	Readers Complete Their Reviews of Applications
Monday, April 10, 2023	Applicants Are Invited to Attend the Special Grants Committee Meeting on **April 11, 2023**, or the Grants Review Committee Meeting on **April 17, 2023**
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Grants Review Committee Interviews Potential Grantees (Interview time is approximate. Please allow extra time for delays)
Monday, April 17, 2023	Grants Review Committee Interviews Potential Grantees (Interview time is approximate. Please allow extra time for delays)
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	RAP Foundation Board of Directors Considers Grant Proposals
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	Award Notification Sent to Applicants
Monday, May 1, 2023	Funding Period for Grant Awards May Begin
Monday, October 23, 2023, from 11 AM- 12 PM	Meeting for Health/Mental Health Midterm Reporting Via Zoom RSVP to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkde2qqDkjH9NAeUN6oIZ8cIv75BhjMCWt
Monday, November 6, 2023, at 11:59 PM	Midterm Report is Due (Please review reporting guidelines for more details)
Monday, May 6, 2024	End of Grant Period
Monday, May 6, 2024, from 11 AM- 12 PM	Meeting for Health/Mental Health Final Reporting Via Zoom RSVP to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtf-2vpzssHdQjkgQoKlgxhCxjs_1dYcKM
Monday, May 20, 2024, at 11:59 PM	Final Report is Due 15 Days After End of Grant Period (Please review reporting guidelines for more details)

Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible to apply for the Health/Mental Health Grant, applicants must:

- Be a tax-exempt nonprofit, community-based organization, or collaborative group
- Attend the mandatory Bidders Meeting on **Monday, February 13, 2023, from 10 AM- 11 AM**
- Support one or more of the strategies identified in the *Strategy Map* (pg. 8)
- Serve the identified target population: PRIMARILY low-income residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley with an emphasis on BIPOC family units with children

Application Guidelines

The Health/Mental Health Application can be found on the RAP Foundation website in *Grant Opportunities* under the *Grants* tab: https://rapfoundation.org/grant-opportunities-2/.

The application is an online process and requires all applicants to have an active account with the RAP Foundation's grant tool, *Foundant*.

- If your organization does not have an account, you can create one by clicking on the link below and selecting the "Create New Account" button:
  https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=rapfoundation
- If have an existing account, but do not remember your password, please select the "Forgot your Password" button on the logon page:
  https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rapfoundation
- If you believe you may have an account, but are not sure, please contact Gracie Montano, Grants Manager at Gmontano@RAPFoundation.org.

Stage One: Letter of Intent

Organizations are required to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) online using *Foundant*, RAP's grant portal. Organizations are limited to submitting one proposal. The LOI form can be found on the RAP Foundation website. Click to apply for the Health/Mental Health Grant at:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=rapfoundation

LOIs are due on **Monday, February 27, 2023, at 11:59 PM**. LOIs that are submitted late will not be considered for funding. RAP Foundation staff will review all LOIs for eligibility and completeness. On **March 6, 2023**, eligible applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

Stage Two: Full Application

Applicants that are invited to submit a full application will have until **Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11:59 PM** to submit their Health/Mental Health Application via the Grantee Dashboard that can be accessed by heading to: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rapfoundation Applications can be reviewed and edited anytime beforehand to ensure completeness.

> Note: Applicants that collaborate with other organizations on a grant request or organizations proposing to serve the Blythe area will be eligible for incentive points.

Applicants can save their work by selecting the "Save Application" button each time at the bottom of the application. Upon completing all the required fields, submit the application by clicking on the "Submit Application" button at the bottom of the page. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Manager for eligibility and completeness and by the RAP Foundation's community of readers for scoring. Applicants will be notified of their score no later than **Monday, April 10, 2023**. Applicants that score 70% and above will be invited to present their grant request to the Grants Review Committee on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023,** or **Monday, April 17, 2023**.

Stage Three: Grants Review Committee

All applicants invited to attend the Grants Review Committee Meeting will be contacted via email with additional information and be provided with a time to attend the meeting. During the meeting, applicants will be expected to give a three-minute presentation/overview of their funding request and answer questions from the committee. Applicants may attend the meeting in person at the RAP offices or via Zoom.

Stage Four: Board Approval

All grant requests that are reviewed at the Grants Review Committee Meeting will be considered at the RAP Foundation Board Meeting on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**. Award notifications will be sent out on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**, by 5 PM.

Stage Five: Grant Agreement

If approved for funding, grantees will be required to sign a Grant Agreement online via the grant portal. Access your dashboard at: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rapfoundation

Any changes to the grant proposal must be reflected in the agreement.

Funds cannot be disbursed until the Grant Agreement is signed and approved. Once processed, it may take up to 10 business days for payment to be received.

Health/Mental Health Strategy Map

Organizations applying for the RAP Foundation's Health/Mental Health Grant are required to support one or more of the strategies and serve the identified target population defined in the *Strategy Map* below.

Goal:
All residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley are mentally and emotionally healthy.
Headline Indicator:
Increase number of residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley who have identified needing mental health services who are able to receive services.
Target Population:
PRIMARILY low-income residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley with an emphasis on BIPOC family units with children.
Result:
Residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley have equitable access to mental and emotional health resources.

Indicator:

Increase in number of residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley who have identified needing mental health services reporting that they have the ability to access resources.

Strategy #1:

Improve quality of mental health services to remote areas through innovative systems that address policy, access, and delivery channels.

Performance Measures:
- Number of clients served
- Number of clients served by non-traditional service delivery options (non-business hours, remote service delivery, mobile clinic delivery, new location for service, collaboration with other orgs, providing transportation for clients)
- Percent of clients served by non-traditional service delivery options (non-business hours, remote service delivery, mobile clinic delivery, new location for service, collaboration with other orgs, providing transportation for clients)
- Number of clients who reported positive outcomes related to improved access to services
- Percent of clients who reported positive outcomes related to improved access to services

Strategy #2:

Improve awareness of mental and emotional health resource services for residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley through systems that address access, policy, and delivery channels.

Performance Measures:
- Number of community engagement/awareness activities
- Number of clients/potential clients reached through awareness efforts
- Number of clients/potential clients who increased their knowledge of mental health resources (data development)
- Number of clients who were connected to mental health services

Strategy #3:

Support cultural competency of service providers and reduction of language/stigma/cultural barriers to service access for clients.

Performance Measures:
- Number of clients served
- Number of clients provided service in their native language
- Percent of clients provided service in their native language
- Number of service providers who received cultural competency training
- Number of service providers who are providing culturally competent service to clients

Reporting Guidelines

Cash Grant Reporting:

The RAP Foundation utilizes *Clear Impact,* a tool that follows the Results-Based Accountability (RBA) framework to track how much we did, how well we did it, and if anyone is better off as a result of the services and resources provided by RAP grantees by measuring impact to improve performance and hence "*turn the curve.*"

Grantees will be expected to self-report client data on the Strategies that align with the program/project. Grantees must submit and complete the following items for both the Midterm and Final Report:

1. Submit a budget: click here to download the RAP Budget Template (please only utilize the budget that has been provided)
2. Complete the Survey: grantees will be provided with a link to complete a survey via email. The survey consists of two sections, a narrative, and a quantitative section.
   a. For the narrative portion, you will be required to answer a few questions with a short paragraph.
   b. For the quantitative section, you will be entering the numbers and percentages for the data you collected on the strategies that align with your program.

Grantees will be provided with a guide and samples for how to collect the requested data from the *Strategy Map*. This document will be uploaded in your Grantee Dashboard as a document for you to download and refer to when needed.

Grantees can attend the two meetings that are scheduled respectfully two weeks prior to the midterm and final report deadlines to go over the reporting requirements. The meetings will be held via Zoom on:

- **Monday, October 23, 2023, from 11 AM-12 PM** for the Health/Mental Health Midterm Report
  RSVP with the link below to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkde2qqDkjH9NAeUN6oIZ8cIv75BhjMCWt

- **Monday, May 6, 2024, from 11 AM-12 PM** for the Health/Mental Health Final Report
  RSVP to with the link below join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtf-2vpzssHdQjkgQoKlgxhCxjs_1dYcKM

Technical Assistance Reporting:

Applicants that are granted a Technical Assistance Grant will be required to complete a Midterm and Final Report that will be assigned through *Foundant*, your grant portal. You will be asked three questions that reflect workshop attendance, one-on-one consulting services, and NPO Centric Digital portal utilization.

Start Your Application Here

Click here to apply: https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=rapfoundation
Click here to logon: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rapfoundation

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