



**Regional Access Project Foundation
Juvenile Intervention Request for Proposal
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History and Background

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 nonprofits, 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.

Grant Description

The RAP Foundation's focus for this grant is to fund age-appropriate programs/projects that enable all juveniles, as defined by RAP as young people (age category 0-24), especially those at risk, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens, particularly, the Juvenile Intervention Grant is for programs intended to:

- Increase the number of safe, positive, and inclusive spaces for juveniles to support their social and emotional development
- Improve awareness of safe, positive, and inclusive spaces for juveniles to support their social and emotional development
- Increase and improve parent/guardian education to help juveniles thrive and gain positive, nurturing relationships
- Promote access and support cultural competency of juvenile clients with education of language/stigma/ cultural barriers to service access for youth
- Increase and promote healthy lifestyles for juveniles which include: nutrition, fitness, and behavioral health

A total of \$300,000 is available for cash grants, and \$35,000 is available for technical assistance for the Juvenile Intervention 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 juveniles served. Organizations that request Juvenile Intervention 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 Juvenile Intervention 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 Juvenile Intervention 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 Juvenile Intervention Request for Proposal (RFP)
Monday, February 6, 2023, from 10 AM- 11 AM	Mandatory Bidders Meeting Via Zoom RSVP to Join: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwod-2orToqHdwa034YgZ33yENe-oGofFVa
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, at 9 AM	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 10 AM- 11 AM	Meeting for Juvenile Intervention Midterm Reporting Via Zoom RSVP to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZakdeysqjMrHNYEggGwRzTN39AAyRB6Rs9W
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 10 AM- 11 AM	Meeting for Juvenile Intervention Final Reporting Via Zoom RSVP to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pd-6hrTwjH9OidsN20FAv6D3UDfAl81Hg
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 Juvenile Intervention Grant, applicants must:

- Be a tax-exempt nonprofit, community-based organization, or collaborative group
- Attend the mandatory Bidders Meeting on **Monday, February 6, 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: All youth in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley (age category 0-24)

Application Guidelines

The Juvenile Intervention 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/Home/Logon?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 Juvenile Intervention 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 **Monday, 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 Juvenile Intervention 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.

Juvenile Intervention Strategy Map

Organizations applying for the RAP Foundation’s Juvenile Intervention 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 juveniles in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.
Headline Indicator:
Increase the number of juveniles to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.
Target Population:
All youth in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley (age category 0-24) with an emphasis on hard to serve populations.
Strategy #1:
Increase the number of safe, positive, and inclusive spaces for juveniles to support their social and emotional development.
Performance Measures:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of spaces created
Strategy #2:
Improve awareness of safe, positive, and inclusive spaces for juveniles to support their social and emotional development.
Performance Measures:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community engagement/awareness activities • Number of juveniles reached through awareness efforts • Number of juveniles who were connected to safe, positive, and inclusive spaces

- Number of juveniles who reported positive outcomes related to increased and improved awareness of inclusive spaces

Strategy #3:

Increase and improve parent/guardian education to help juveniles thrive and gain positive, nurturing relationships.

Performance Measures:

- Number of parents/guardians served
- Number of parents/guardians who reported positive outcomes related to increased and improved education
- Percent of parents/guardians who reported positive outcomes related to increased and improved education
- Number of parents/guardians who reported effective results by implementing the strategies learned
- Percent of parents/guardians who reported effective results by implementing the strategies learned

Strategy #4:

Promote access and support cultural competency of juvenile clients with education of language/stigma/ cultural barriers to service access for youth.

Performance Measures:

- Number of juveniles served
- Number of juveniles provided service in their native language
- Percent of juveniles provided service in their native language
- Number of juveniles who received culturally competent services
- Percent of juveniles who received culturally competent services
- Number of juveniles who reported positive outcomes related to receiving culturally competent services
- Percent of juveniles who reported positive outcomes related to receiving culturally competent services

Strategy #5:

Increase and promote healthy lifestyles for juveniles which include: nutrition, fitness, and behavioral health.

Performance Measures:

- Number of juveniles served
- Number of instances of healthy lifestyle services/activities
- Percent of instances of healthy lifestyle services/activities
- Number of juveniles who completed healthy lifestyle services/activities
- Percent of juveniles who completed healthy lifestyle services/activities
- Number of juveniles who reported positive healthy lifestyle outcomes

- Percent of juveniles who reported positive healthy lifestyle outcomes

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 10 AM-11AM** for the Juvenile Intervention Midterm Report
RSVP with the link below to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91512920291>
- **Monday, May 6, 2024, from 10 AM-11AM** for the Juvenile Intervention Final Report
RSVP to with the link below join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91512920291>

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>

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