



Special Grants Review Committee Agenda
Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 9:00 AM Pacific Time
RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260

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Desert Healthcare District Members: Donna Craig, Jana Trew, Meghan Kane

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: Roll call**
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required**

Staff Recommendation: To approve the April 12, 2023, Grants Review Committee Agenda.

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- 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. **REVIEW OF GRANTS TRACKER: (Attach 1)**
- V. **GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:**

Mental Health Grant #1 at 9:40 AM (Attach 2) Action Required

Organization:	Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine
Program:	<i>Connections to Care Coachella Valley</i>
Requested Amount:	\$42,000
A task force was developed to consider viable and realistic options for providing behavioral health services to our patient population, ultimately deciding upon a plan to offer individual and small group support to help patients identify the issues causing them anxiety or depression, and then utilize Cognitive Behavioral	

Therapy (CBT) approaches to offer patients realistic, timely and appropriate tools they can develop and deploy to help lessen, and eventually alleviate, their anxiety and/or depression. Long term, intensive or pharmacotherapy interventions were not planned for as VIM staff/volunteer availability is not 24/7, nor is there an emergency contact option to deal with crisis or medication management issues. Members of the original task force are represented on a standing committee of the board - the Clinical Care Committee - and will provide secondary monitoring of the program, as well as provide direct support to program staff and volunteers, and indirectly through operations staff. Thus, our approach will be twofold: First, a Patient Advocate will complete SDOH assessments and utilize standardized tests (GAD-7 and PHQ-9) to measure individual anxiety or depression levels (or accept referrals for follow-up from other VIM staff/volunteers) and coordinate a beginning Plan of Care to address identified behavioral health issues. This will be reviewed in relation to the patient's SDOH assessment for any apparent or known connections. Patients may then be seen directly by the PA or a volunteer behavioral health (BH) provider for follow-up. Secondly, we will recruit behavioral health professionals interested in volunteering to provide no-charge, individual or group support, at VIM offices or from their office, according to our existing program design of volunteer utilization in service delivery. These providers will be scheduled similarly to other volunteer medical providers for direct support, and may further develop the Plan of Care. Initial support will be short-term (1-3 months), in either an individual or group setting.

Representative:	Doug Morin
Reviewer's Scores:	86% Six reviewers scoring: 74, 80, 80, 86, 94, 100
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grants: \$4,500, \$1,700

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Mental Health Grant #2 at 10:00 AM (Attach 3) Action Required

Organization:	Parkinson's Resource Organization
Program:	<i>Support Group Expansion</i>
Requested Amount:	\$100,000
<p>arkinson's Resource Organization (PRO) was created in 1990 to maximize quality of life for people with Parkinson's and their families/caregivers through education, resources, and person-to-person support. We serve more than 28,000 clients across Southern California and more across the greater U.S. and abroad. We are growing by 3 to 5 constituents per day (1800 per year), a 20% increase over pre-COVID rates. Since the beginning of COVID-19, attendance at our virtual support groups has more than tripled and continues to grow – even as we grew our offerings from 11 to 17 monthly meetings (with help from a 2021 RAP grant to fund IT upgrades!). Our support groups for caregivers and people with Parkinson's have been a core part of our programming since the beginning. In fact, Parkinson's Resource Organization was founded thirty years ago because double-caregiver Jo Rosen couldn't find the support she needed while caring for her mother and husband with Parkinson's. Jo got sick of being told "we don't have answers and we can't help you." She figured there were probably others like her – new to caregiving, facing a battle they know they will lose, trying anyway. The first support group for caregivers of people with Parkinson's was advertised on bulletin boards, held at a public library, and Jo brought her knitting just in case nobody showed up.</p>	
Representative:	Jo Rosen
Reviewer's Scores:	70% Four reviewers scoring: 66, 69, 69, 77
Prior RAP Funding:	2020 Small Grant: \$1,500

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Mental Health Grant #3 at 10:20 AM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Refuge Pregnancy Center
Program:	<i>Education Center</i>
Requested Amount:	\$37,200
<p>The Refuge Education Center (REC) is a division of Refuge Pregnancy Center. REC provides support and training to parents experiencing unanticipated pregnancies. Located in Indio, many of the expectant mothers and fathers reside in the East Coachella Valley. Clients from other nearby communities and Palo Verde Valley participate as well. All services are provided at no cost to the participants.</p> <p>As an extension of the Refuge Pregnancy Center (501 (c) 3) REC shares administrative and support expenses. Administrative staff includes a director, client’s services coordinator/trauma recovery specialist, receptionist, and office assistant. Clients become aware of the support available from REC through a variety of linkages with collaborative agencies. The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), Mama’s House, ABC Recovery, Oasis Behavior Health, local churches, medical professionals and Riverside County Court system all refer clients to Refuge. When appropriate Refuge would refer clients to these support agencies. In recent months, a significant number of families from additional cultural backgrounds, such as Portuguese, Persian/Arab and Asian, have been referred from the Galilee Center in Mecca.</p>	
Representative:	Michael Stearns
Reviewer’s Scores:	71% Five reviewers scoring: 54, 66, 74, 77, 83
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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Mental Health Grant #4 at 10:40 AM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Youth Leadership Institute
Program:	<i>Que Madre Media!</i>
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
<p>The Mental Health Awareness Week will be a week-long hybrid event hosted by ¡Que Madre! Media, a youth-led program that has dedicated advocacy efforts to de-stigmatizing and increasing access to mental health providers and services in the Eastern Coachella Valley since 2018. Young people will build connections with adult allies and partners who are passionate about mental health in order to plan the Mental Health Awareness Week. Young people will also receive support and training in a safe space to develop and strengthen their advocacy, leadership and community organizing skills in order to lead the organization of this event. In the ECV there is a gap for all health services, but most importantly mental health. Young people in the ECV are aware of how mental health stigmas and lack of access to culturally competent mental health providers can negatively impact the quality of life. We have seen how the pandemic has negatively amplified young people’s mental health. ¡Que Madre! believes in a holistic approach to mental health care that is rooted in community care practices. Therefore, planning for this event will be an intentional process. On top of the mental health impacts young people in the ECV are navigating, they also face additional barriers in accessing WiFi, transportation and power outages. At YLI we recognize these obstacles and will create intentional and accessible spaces that are mindful of young people’s wellbeing, where they can feel engaged and empowered.</p>	

Representative:	Olivia Rodriguez
Reviewer's Scores:	80% Six reviewers scoring: 71, 71, 77, 80, 91, 91
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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Mental Health Grant #5 at 11:00 AM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Consejo de Federaciones en Norte America
Program:	<i>Hablemos de Salud Mental 2.0/ Let's Talk About Mental Health 2.0</i>
Requested Amount:	\$58,646
<p>The program will be a continuation of the Hablemos de Salud Mental/Let's Talk About Mental Health 2022-23 project with an increase in the number of workshops and number of individuals reached. Workshop participants and other community members have expressed positive impacts, gratitude, and interest, and have requested more workshops to further their engagement. Furthermore, the Hablemos de Salud Mental 2.0/Let's Talk About Mental Health 2.0 will continue to promote preventative care and resources in the Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) to address the social stigma and stereotypes of mental health. COFEM proposes to reach 1,000 Latinx families and individuals by conducting community outreach and providing 10 participatory therapeutic workshops in a non-clinical environment, 6 informational sessions in collaboration with Vision y Compromiso, and resource referral guides.</p>	
Representative:	Vaness Moreno
Reviewer's Scores:	83% Five reviewers scoring: 74, 77, 80, 83, 91
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Health/Mental Health Initiative: \$45,000

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Mental Health Grant #6 at 11:20 AM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	Soroptimist House of Hope, Inc
Program:	<i>Substance Use Disorders Recovery Program for Women</i>
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
<p>Soroptimist House of Hope is addressing this urgent health and social crisis through our effective substance use disorders recovery and housing program conducted at our Treatment Center in Desert Hot Springs, California. The program serves low-income women ages 18 and over suffering from substance use disorders and helps them to achieve sobriety and self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Clients are referred to SHOH through the County of Riverside's Substance Use CARES program, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, and community-based organizations. At our 6-bed Treatment Center, residents participate in a 45 to 90 day program that includes housing, 12-step meetings, individual and group counseling, daily household duties, access to medical services, linkages to supportive services and</p>	

benefits, and life skills and planning workshops. We also provide post-residency Recovery Services offering clients additional assistance that promotes their ability to manage their own health and avoid relapse. The program is offered free of charge on an open, year-round basis. The Treatment Center is licensed and certified by the State of California Department of Health Care Services and is an approved Drug Medi-Cal and Incidental Medical Services provider for inpatient substance abuse services.

Representative:	Rebecca Norton
Reviewer's Scores:	89% Five reviewers scoring: 74, 89, 89, 94, 100
Prior RAP Funding:	2021 Mental Health Initiative: \$15,000

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Mental Health Grant #7 at 11:40 AM (Attach 8) Action Required

Organization:	Riverside County Office of Education
Program:	<i>Alternative Education Therapist</i>
Requested Amount:	\$150,000
<p>Riverside County Office of Education CAREspace currently provides mental health and related services including individual counseling, family counseling, classroom presentations, parent workshops, staff training, resources and referrals, TAY services, and Lucky PAWS to everyone in Riverside County. All of our services are free and are available in person and via telehealth. Services are easily accessible by completing a referral through our CAREspace website at www.rcoe.us/carespace. Individuals can also contact CAREspace at 951-276-CARE (2273) for support. Our CAREspace in Indio (through our partnership with the Riverside County Latino Commission) has a limited capacity to serve the Coachella Valley community because this location also serves our students in Alternative Education. The program proposal is to hire a therapist for Alternative Education to provide mental health and related services to our students in Alternative Education across the Coachella Valley. These mental health and related services would include individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, crisis counseling, social emotional learning screening and interventions, classroom presentations, parent workshops, and community resources and support for our students in Alternative Education.</p>	
Representative:	Lexi Backstrom
Reviewer's Scores:	83% Four reviewers scoring: 74, 74, 91, 91
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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Mental Health Grant #8 at 12:40 PM (Attach 9) Action Required

Organization:	Advancing Steps
Program:	<i>Mental Health Awareness Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$25,569
<p>Advancing Steps' program ensures access to quality mental health services for formerly incarcerated individuals. Clients often experience a lack of trust in the healthcare system based on their experiences in the carceral system. Training our entire staff on identifying mental health enhances connection with clients. It increases their awareness of mental and emotional health resources available to residents in</p>	

Riverside County. Advancing Steps utilizes a multi-channel approach to healthcare, incorporating systems that address access, policy, and delivery. Our staff conducts initial mental health screening assessments during the intake process, allowing the identification of mental health issues. Case Managers then refer clients to the Riverside University Health Systems for further mental health assessments and treatment plans. In addition to referrals, a mental health counselor will be available to discuss the importance of mental health awareness. After each session, clients can engage in one-on-one sessions with the counselor.

Representative:	Walker Beverly
Reviewer's Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 66, 71, 97
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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Mental Health Grant #9 at 1:00 PM (Attach 10) Action Required

Organization:	We Are One United
Program:	<i>Mental Health for All</i>
Requested Amount:	\$34,500
<p>Our program harnesses leadership, compassion, and technology to provide youth with mental health resources, safe spaces, and practical skills to navigate crises and reduce adverse experiences. We provide in-person and online forums to connect youth, community mentors, and behavioral health specialists. Our online learning system incorporates developmental assets and trauma prevention practices as youth engage in thought-provoking discussions, breakout groups, debates, role-playing, simulations, and polling. We will develop informative, engaging, and compelling social media campaigns by youth for youth to increase awareness of mental health on youth-centric platforms. We Are One United believes that to support youth mental health, we also need to support parents and caregivers with empowering and educational opportunities and help them grow their capabilities and reduce their vulnerability. We will use our Parent Learning Walks and Circle of Friends programs to have crucial conversations that will equip parents and caregivers to be better examples and resources for their charges. We anticipate challenges such as language barriers, cultural & societal stigmas, and building trust in communities that have been founded in inequity. We Are One United deploys teams of Community Resource Specialists uniquely positioned to work with these communities. Our team is well-trained, culturally competent, bilingual, and has experience working in the mental health and youth engagement spheres.</p>	
Representative:	John Epps
Reviewer's Scores:	73% Five reviewers scoring: 60, 71, 74, 80, 80
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$30,000

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Mental Health Grant #10 at 1:20 PM (Attach 11) Action Required

Organization:	Vision y Compromiso
Program:	<i>Improving Access to Mental Health and Emotional Health Resources in Blythe</i>
Requested Amount:	\$75,000

In order to promote equitable access to mental and emotional health resources in Blythe and the Palo Verde Valley, Visión y Compromiso (VyC) will use the Promotor Model, inter-personal approaches and peer-to-peer strategies to raise awareness about mental health topics. Peer-to-peer strategies are an effective strategy for providing Latino individuals and their families with information and support to improve mental health (Aguilar-Gaxiola S, et al. Community-Defined Solutions for Latino Mental Health Care Disparities, 2012). During 5/7/23-5/6/24, VyC will partner with Peace from Chaos in Blythe to reach the community, conduct outreach & education, reduce stigma, and share information about local resources via one-on-one conversations and community-wide events. VyC will also provide training (primarily in English) to develop local leadership (VyC's Promotoras Transforming Families and Communities core skills training), increase awareness about mental health issues (i.e. suicide prevention, mental health first aid), and build residents' skills to advocate for improved access to mental health resources through policy and systems change. VyC will leverage some of our own resources in Riverside County (promotores who deliver community education through a contract with RUHS-BH PEI, Inland Empire Regional Network of Promotoras, and a collaboration with the Latino Commission Counseling Center) to share information and increase access to mental health services (i.e. peer-to-peer strategies such as promotoras and Bailoterapia Circles, loosely translated as Cardio-Dance Therapy Circles) in Blythe and the Palo Verde Valley. We anticipate that 10% of people reached will be connected to mental health services.

Representative:	Debbie Arthur
Reviewer's Scores:	86% Five reviewers scoring: 71, 77, 91, 94, 97
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$49,254.80

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Mental Health Grant #11 at 1:40 PM (Attach 12) Action Required

Organization:	The Learning Different Alliance
Program:	<i>Creating a Healthy, Vibrant Coachella Valley</i>
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
The Learning Different Alliance, through the expertise and experience of Jennifer Cummings, CEO & Educational Specialist, will provide at-risk students & their parents with one-on-one academic support, behavioral modification activities, guidance counseling, parent-teacher-district IEP support and advocacy, and connection to additional academic and mental health services and resources. As a result, at-risk youth and their parents/guardians will receive the necessary support services to improve their mental and emotional well-being, as well as empower them to achieve their academic and/or career goals.	
Representative:	Jennifer Braun
Reviewer's Scores:	72% Five reviewers scoring: 63, 66, 74, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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Mental Health Grant #12 at 2:00 PM (Attach 13) Action Required

Organization:	About Families
Program:	<i>Parent Support Network</i>

Requested Amount:	\$62,000
<p>About Families main priorities are identifying childbearing persons at increased risk of experiencing PMADs, facilitating linkage to appropriate mental health services, non-judgmental one-on-one peer support, and empowering new parents' self- efficacy in their childrearing journeys. About Families is offering 3 support groups per week for parents with infants. These groups are facilitated by a postpartum health professional. One of the groups is facilitated in Spanish and takes place in Indio and on Zoom. The links between social networks and mental health is increasingly being recognized by public health. This program is based on that model and is one of the most popular programs of the organization. In addition to the 3 peer to peer support groups About Families is offering a support group for parents who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or infant. This group is facilitated by a Marriage and Family Therapist. A new program is being created this year to offer an in-person environment for new mothers and their infants to attend weekly groups in order to be supported in the transition to motherhood as well as exposed to best practices on how to respond to their baby and developing child based on current neuroscience research, infant attachment literature and attention to fostering parental regulation. This group will also be facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.</p>	
Representative:	Joanna Boles Whitlow
Reviewer's Scores:	74% Four reviewers scoring: 66, 71, 71, 89
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Sponsorship: \$5,000

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Mental Health Grant #13 at 2:20 PM (Attach 14) Action Required

Organization:	Barbara Sinatra Children's Center
Program:	<i>Blythe Expansion</i>
Requested Amount:	\$46,328.53
<p>Barbara Sinatra Children's Center (BSCC) seeks to expand clinical and forensic programming into the community of Blythe and Palo Verde communities. BSCC seeks support to continue the work and commitment to this under-resourced area. Due to the rural geographic location, removing barriers that exist such as low-income and limited transportation is vital in order for services to be accessible. BSCC has served the residents of Blythe and Palo Verde communities who have sought services in the Coachella Valley. Evaluating the limited capacity for youth and families of Blythe and Palo Verde to access our services is acknowledged and is an unmet need. BSCC will provide a BSCC clinician and a Group Therapy Clinical Intern, who is a full-time BSCC employee. They will co-facilitate three free of cost groups in one day within the Palo Verde School District. One group will be from each school; elementary, middle, and high school. BSCC will receive referrals from Child Protective Services (CPS) Regional Manager, Juan Jaimes and Palo Verde School District School Psychologist. CPS will act as the communication lead and liaison between BSCC and Palo Verde School District. The District will assist by providing a confidential space at each school site. Additionally, therapy groups will serve between 10-12 participants. The clinical support group will be held with a psychoeducation component. Psychoeducation will include topics of abuse such as the prevalence of abuse, reasons why it is difficult to disclose abuse, changes in family dynamics, common thoughts/feelings about self or situation when abuse is occurring, as well as after disclosure. Clinicians can provide healthy coping skills and interventions to reduce symptoms of trauma. Both BSCC Clinician and Group Therapy Intern will provide co-joint group therapy. Once appropriate, they will alternate weeks so group therapy can be provided weekly.</p>	
Representative:	Denise Rodriguez Bowman
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Four reviewers scoring: 71, 80, 80, 94

Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
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Sponsorship # 1 at 2:40 PM (Attach 16) Action Required

Organization:	Alianza Coachella Valley
Program:	<i>The Hue Music and Arts Festival</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
<p>The Hue Music and Arts Festival is a decade-long tradition for Eastern Coachella Valley Youth. Planned entirely by Alianza Coachella Valley's Youth Organizing Council program participants, for youth - The Hue brings together local musicians, artists and community partners. It is an important way to bring together the community and uplift local artists. The event is FREE to the public, providing an affordable, family friendly community resource, thanks to sponsors and local partners. Originally founded in response to the Coachella Music and Arts Festival - an event that attracts thousands from around the country, but is largely inaccessible to our local residents - The Hue became a household name in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The Hue emphasizes and nurtures creativity, public speaking, and leadership skills - giving young people the tools needed to secure the necessary permits for large-scale events, the ability to map event plans with City and County officials, and work on bringing local artists to the space. The Hue allows youth to engage in activism to create an environment of fun, while promoting civic education around important issues such as mental health, environmental challenges that our eastern Coachella Valley communities face and much more. All while also creating safe spaces for students to express themselves through art and build community with each other throughout the planning process.</p>	
Representative:	Patricia Carrillo
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$50,000

Staff Recommendation: to approve their request for \$5,000

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Sponsorship #2 at 3:00 PM (Attach 15) Action Required

Organization:	Peacemaker Corps Association
Program:	<i>Peace in the Streets</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
<p>Peacemaker Corps plans to organize a local event at the RAP Foundation in Coachella Valley featuring films from our Peace in the Streets Global Film Festival for world youth 18 and under. The Peacemaker Corps is an NGO affiliated with the United Nations. The PSGFF festival will be celebrating our 10th year in 2023. Over the years we have worked and received winning films from Coachella Valley youth via Boys and Girls Clubs, local schools, HUD housing and individual submissions. The event will include films from these young local film makers as well as meaningful films from global youth expressing their visions for their communities and the world. It is always so amazing how important, perceptive and enjoyable these under 5-minute films are. It is also important to highlight how critical telling their stories by making films and expressing their feelings, concerns and hopes are critical to the alleviation of some of the serious mental health issues that our youth today are now confronting. We plan to invite the local community to attend the event and learn more about PSGFF and Peacemaker Corps work with local and global youth. It is fitting</p>	

that we plan to have this event on April 22nd, International Earth Day. The SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals are always a main theme for PSGFF.	
Representative:	Suzanne Harvey
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: to approve their request for \$5,000

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Sponsorship #3 at 3:20 PM (Attach 17) Action Required

Organization:	Reynaldo J. Carreon MD Foundation
Program:	<i>Scholarship Awards Banquet</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
<p>The funding requested from the Regional Access Project Foundation is for the Carreon Foundations' annual Scholarship Awards Banquet. Since 1990 the Dr. Carreon Foundation has assisted Mexican-American students in the Coachella Valley and Blythe accomplish their dreams of higher education through scholarships and leadership opportunities. In 32 years we've awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships to over 800 students. Through matching programs with community partners and OneFuture Coachella Valley, we can expand funds available for scholarships in a significant way. This year, through a generous donation from the Desert Healthcare District of \$50,000 we will be able to extend our reach even more. Additionally, the Carreon Foundation Board of Directors has expanded our reach by making scholarships available to African-American students and other minority groups. Minority high school seniors and college-going alumni of the Foundation who maintain a 3.0 or above GPA, are active in extra-curricular activities and demonstrate leadership skills, and can express their dreams for a productive future are encouraged to apply for our scholarships in Mid-January of each year. All of our awardees come from low-income families and the cost of attending a banquet can be cost-prohibitive. The Carreon feels that family members who have not been able to attend college themselves should have an opportunity to celebrate an event that is so special to the family and the community in general. Your donation of \$5,000 will provide meals and celebrations to approximately 60 family members who would otherwise not be able to attend.</p>	
Representative:	Kathy McAdara
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant: \$1,500

Staff Recommendation: to approve their request for \$5,000

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Small Grant #1 at 3:40 PM (Attach 18) Action Required

Organization:	NAMI Coachella Valley
Program:	<i>NAMI Mental Health for All</i>
Requested Amount:	\$7,570
<p>Organize five resource fairs throughout the East Coachella Valley (Indio/Coachella, Mecca/North Shore, Thermal/Oasis, Blythe) and Desert Hot Springs/Indio Hills targeting underserved and Hispanic communities. Lack of information surrounding mental health issues can prevent people in Hispanic communities from getting the help and support they need. By providing resources and information about</p>	

mental and emotional health resources, we will be able to reduce the stigma and individuals and communities will seek the resources needed.

Bring together various Mental Health and Substance Use Providers

Representative:	Christine Thomstad
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 77, 80, 87,
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: to approve their request for \$7,570

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IX. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- a. RAP is seeking Readers to review grant applications.
- b. Next scheduled meetings are:

- Special Grants Review Committee Meeting: **Monday, April 17, 2023, at 10 AM-5 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.