



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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 January 16, 2024, 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. APPROVE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: (Attach 1) Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the December 4, 2023, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

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

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| Organization: | Asthma & Allergy Foundation |
| Program: | <i>Asthma Newly Diagnosed Kit</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$10,000 |

The Asthma Newly Diagnosed Kit program will consist of a free backpack filled with easy-to-understand educational materials on asthma management, medical supplies, books, and hypoallergenic and washable teddy bears for families who have a child recently diagnosed with asthma or struggling with that condition. Historically, these kits have been assembled and distributed through a network of recruitment partners including school nurses, medical providers, and community health workers. To promote health equity, AAFA St. Louis works to concentrate recruitment efforts among communities that have historically suffered poor asthma-related health outcomes (e.g., minority and low-income populations).

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| Representative: | Sarah Barone |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 87% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 82, 100 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | N/A |

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request for \$10,000

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Small Grant #2 at 1:55 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

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| Organization: | Neuro Vitality Center |
| Program: | <i>Neuro Vitality Foundation's Fellowship Assistance Program</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$10,000 |
| <p>For more than 40 years the Neuro Vitality Center (formerly Stroke Activity Center) has worked with survivors of stroke, traumatic brain injuries and neurological disorders. It is the only comprehensive adult treatment center in the Coachella Valley for those challenged by neurological issues or chronic illnesses. We are a Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) state licensed program.</p> <p>While funding for services is covered by insurers offering CBAS benefits, many times patients are in a gap between Social Security Medicare and medical coverage. We offer a Fellowship Assistance Program to stroke and brain injury patients who are in immediate need of care, and because of insurance gaps, are unable to access much needed programs. Delay in receiving treatment can be devastating. Cost per day is \$85 and includes medical and nursing services, counseling, case management, speech therapy, exercise therapy, pharmaceutical consultations, nutritious breakfast and lunch, social activities and transportation.</p> | |
| Representative: | Allan Jensen |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 77% Three reviewers scoring: 62, 82, 84 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY19-20 Special Grant: \$95,737.00 |

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$7,500

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Small Grant #3 at 2:10 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

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| Organization: | MS Fitness Challenge Inc. |
| Program: | <i>Exercise Study/Optimal Body Training Program</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$10,000 |
| <p>This is a pilot exercise study documenting the effectiveness/results of 12-15 people with MS over a 12-week period using our Optimal Body Training methods. Monitored by the University of Georgia, the</p> | |

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| program will enable us to provide ongoing exercise programs of the highest effectiveness in helping people with MS overcome their limitations. | |
| Representative: | David Lyons |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 81% Three reviewers scoring: 53, 93, 96 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$4,748.00 |

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$10,000

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Small Grant #4 at 2:25 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

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| Organization: | Vision to Learn |
| Program: | <i>Free Vision Services for Students in the Desert Cities</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$60,000 |
| VTL is requesting \$60,000 to provide vision screenings, exams and glasses to students in eastern Coachella Valley. In these desert cities, school districts are in high need with each district being considered 100% Title 1. Vision To Learn (VTL) estimates that out of a sample group of 100 students, 30 students need eye exams and 24 of those students need glasses. This statistic raises significantly when looking at desert cities where, in VTL's most recent project, 48% of students were referred by vision screenings for eye exams, and 83% of those referred are getting glasses. This amount of need is not seen in most communities served by VTL. | |
| Representative: | Damian Carroll |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 86% Three reviewers scoring: 82, 84, 92 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000.00 |

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$60,000

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Small Grant #5 at 2:30 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

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| Organization: | Coachella Valley Beautifying Solutions |
| Program: | <i>Easter Outreach: Nourishing Lives, Sharing Hope</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$10,000 |
| The core essence of Easter Outreach goes beyond the act of distributing care packages; it encapsulates a profound commitment to compassion, community support, and human dignity. The program unfolds as a collaborative effort, with dedicated volunteers embodying the spirit of Easter as they venture into the streets, reaching out to those in vulnerable situations. Our volunteers become beacons of hope, bridging gaps in accessibility to essential resources. These are not just distributors; they are advocates for change, contributing to a brighter, more compassionate future for all. Our event will be a transformative experience for both volunteers and recipients, transcending the conventional notions of charity to embrace the principles of dignity, respect, and collective responsibility. | |
| Representative: | Kim Livreri |

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| Reviewer's Scores: | 77% Three reviewers scoring: 58, 84, 90 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY19-20 Small Grant: \$3,932.00 |

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 2:55 PM (Attach 8) Action Required

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| Organization: | Coachella Valley Beautifying Solutions |
| Program: | Refresh Fest: A Celebration of Health, Hygiene, and Wellness in the Park |
| Requested Amount: | \$5,000.00 |
| Refresh Fest aims to bridge this gap by creating a community-centric event that offers a comprehensive approach to health and wellness. By bringing together local guest speakers and community organizations, the project provides a one-stop platform for individuals to access vital resources. These include hygiene kits, literature and education on hygiene and self-grooming, plus connections to ongoing support services. | |
| Representative: | Kim Livreri |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY19-20 Small Grant: \$3,932.00 |

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$2,500

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VII. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Juvenile Intervention Grant Process Update- Action Required

The Juvenile Intervention Grant is a two-year grant. The year one program must continue into year two, aligning with our Juvenile Intervention Strategy Map. Juvenile Intervention funding requests should range from \$25,000 to a maximum of \$100,000 per year. Funds will be disbursed in two installments.

Depending on satisfactory compliance determined by the Grants Manager, the applicant will be eligible for up to the same amount for year two. Compliance will be reported to the Board for funding authorization.

Staff Recommendation: To approve the Juvenile Intervention Grant Process Update

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VIII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 1:30 PM

IX. **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.