



Grants Review Committee Agenda
Tuesday, February 20, 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 February 20, 2024, Grants Review Committee Agenda.

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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 January 16, 2024, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

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

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

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

Organization:	Neuro Vitality Center
Program:	<i>Neuro Vitality Foundation’s Fellowship Assistance Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000

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. 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.

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 of the request

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

Organization:	MS Fitness Challenge Inc.
Program:	<i>Exercise Study/Optimal Body Training Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
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 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 #3 at 2:10 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Coachella Valley H.S. Health Academy & HOSA
Program:	<i>Critical Conversations: Fentanyl Fatalities</i>
Requested Amount:	\$9,500
CVHS Health Academy & HOSA will produce a 3-hour town hall panel on the fentanyl crisis, its effects on schools, communities, public safety & healthcare, and what are we doing about it? Prior to the town hall and panel discussion, community organizations will have the opportunity to display their related services	

to attendees during a 1.5 hour pre-conference gallery walk. Additionally, high school students from the valley will be able to create poster boards, "in memory of" postings, and related content for display at the event. Refreshments will also be provided during the pre-conference session. The lessons provide a possibly exponential population that has the ability to teach others about the life-altering and deadly consequences of drug use, opioids and fentanyl experimentation.

Representative:	Simon Moore
Reviewer's Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 74, 76, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$9,500 and utilize the Education Grant funds.

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

Organization:	SMK Care Group
Program:	<i>SMK Approved Care Group, Inc. Campaign</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Chronic pain is a condition lasting one or more years, requiring regular medical attention or limiting activities of daily living [1]. Electroanalgesic Medicine has been available for the last two decades but is not widely known to veterans and the general public. It is Medicare-approved, and SMK's specialized equipment is FDA-approved. SMK's treatments will be available to Veteran patients at mobile pain and neuropathy management centers. Compared to medications and surgery, electroanalgesia is still a lesser-known treatment option.	
Representative:	Harry Stone
Reviewer's Scores:	80% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 78, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To deny the request

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

Small Grant #5 at 2:40 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	CV 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
Reviewer's Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 84, 94
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 9) Action Required

Organization:	Genuine, Animate, Navigate, Assist, Succeed, DBA., GANAS
Program:	<i>GANAS de Fiestas</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
GANAS will host a unique family fun event for the Eastern Coachella Valley in Oasis, CA. On April 13, 2024, we will create a space for the community to enjoy Free food, games, activities, giveaways, and connect with those offering resources in a unique way. An event like this has been seen in central valley before, but not in the Eastern Coachella Valley. We have connected with Oasis Elementary School to set it as our location for this event. This event's purpose is to bring a community together, impacting their social mental health, connect them with valuable resources in a unique way as well.	
Representative:	Martha Barragan
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$45,000

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

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Sponsorship #2 at 3:10 PM (Attach 8) Action Required

Organization:	CV Beautifying Solutions
Program:	<i>Refresh Fest: A Celebration of Health, Hygiene, and Wellness in the Park</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
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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Sponsorship Grant #3 at 3:25 PM (Attach 10) Action Required

Organization:	Olive Crest
Program:	<i>Wraparound Spring Event 2024</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
<p>Our annual Spring event is crafted to create a memorable experience for “wraparound” Program youth, families, and caregivers. Our passionate staff and enthusiastic volunteers are gearing up to ensure an exciting experience, complete with provided transportation as needed. The goal is to provide an uplifting family outing that illustrates to the children what a joyous, safe, and unforgettable springtime gathering can truly be. These children, often having experienced trauma, instability, and disruption in their young lives, have a critical need for experiences that promote normalcy, joy, and a sense of belonging. Traditional therapeutic interventions, while essential, may not fully address the need for positive, real-life experiences that foster a child's sense of inclusion and joy.</p>	
Representative:	Walter Mueller
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$17,500; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY22-23 Small Grant: \$6,675

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

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Sponsorship Grant #4 at 3:25 PM (Attach 11) Action Required

Organization:	Rotary Club of Indio
Program:	<i>Rotary Math Field Day for Middle School Children (RMFD)</i>
Requested Amount:	\$1,000.00
<p>Rotary Math Field Day (RMFD) is the only math competition in the Coachella Valley for middle school children. This Coachella Valley wide event provides students an opportunity to showcase their math ability among their Desert peers. There is no other academic event where students from different schools and school districts get to compete and get rewarded for their skills and efforts. For many, this is the only competition that allows children to visit and meet other students outside their own school, to interact and exchange ideas, and meet people from different cultures and economic backgrounds. This event provides a stage for all to meet, and shine based on their skills, nothing else. The event’s pinnacle is the award ceremony where everyone is gathered to hear who the best mathematician and the best school in math is. This is where you see everyone cheering and supporting each other for their efforts and celebrating each other’s accomplishments.</p>	
Representative:	Martha Mendez
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$1,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$1,000

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Sponsorship Grant #5 at 3:40 PM (Attach 12) Action Required

Organization:	Rotary Club of Coachella East
Program:	<i>Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
<p>Thousands of young people participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program annually. Young people are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expense paid camp to discuss leadership skills and learn those skills through practice. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs where students develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. The Rotary Club of Coachella East's goal is to offer the participants an incredibly unique opportunity to develop skills and obtain tools that will enable them to understand the needs of their communities further, become influential leaders, and engage in advocacy efforts to leverage critical resources that will improve the lives of the residents of the Coachella Valley. Participants engage in hands-on learning experiences over the academic school year through a structured leadership curriculum, civic engagement, networking, and community involvement opportunities. The program draws on the knowledge, skills, and, most importantly, the life experiences of those in the room, augmented by the lessons in the curriculum. Opportunities exist everywhere, and students are actively encouraged by their peers and advisors to engage themselves to the best of their abilities.</p>	
Representative:	Lorena Gomez
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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VII. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Updated Grant Flow Chart (Attach 13) - Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the updated Grant Flow Chart

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b. Update the allotments for the FY23-24 NPO Centric Grant Budget of \$35,000- On June 28, 2023, the Board approved that out of the \$35,000, \$25,000 is to be awarded under discretion of the NPO Centric Manager and \$10,000 is allocated for the Grants Review Committee to recommend NPO Centric Memberships to applicants. Due to the recent restructuring of the NPO Centric Membership and NPO Centric Grant process, it would be beneficial to allow the NPO Centric Manager to award the \$10,000 that was allocated for the Grants Review Committee since there is no fee associated with the NPO Centric

Membership when recommended by the Grants Review Committee. This reallocation will allow more organizations to receive tailored capacity building services.

Staff Recommendation: To reallocate the \$10,000 intended for the Grants Review Committee to the NPO Centric Manager to award.

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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.