



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, March 18, 2024, at 1:30 PM Pacific Time

RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260
 1600 Holcombe Blvd Houston Texas 77030

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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 March 18, 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 February 20, 2024, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS:

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

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| Organization: | Angel View |
| Program: | <i>Increasing Access to Medical Care for Children Disabilities</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$19,200; FY24-25: \$19,200 |
| For this project, we will target 200 low-income families raising children with disabilities of the total of 600 that we will serve this year. Two full-time case managers will help parents take actions to improve their children’s access to primary and specialty medical care as explained below. Angel view will create a safe place for children with disabilities to get all the support and care they need. We propose to distribute information to 250 families (1,000 people) at these fairs and at one-on-one case management sessions, connect families with safe places and activities for children with disabilities and to help clients find mental health providers accepted by their insurance. | |
| Representative: | Kristin Bloomer |
| Reviewer’s Scores: | 80% Three reviewers scoring: 74, 78, 88 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY22-23: \$10,000 |

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

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| Organization: | Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center |
| Program: | <i>Coalition to End Human Trafficking Coachella Valley Riverside County</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$50,000; FY24-25: \$50,000 |
| The Barbara Sinatra Children's Center, in collaboration with the Coalition to End Human Trafficking Coachella Valley Riverside County, aims to raise awareness about human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and sextortion in the community. The current program goals include conducting awareness campaigns with youth and young adults in the Coachella Valley, Blythe, and Palo Verde communities through various outreach efforts. | |
| Representative: | Denise Rodriguez Bowman |
| Reviewer’s Scores: | 89% Three reviewers scoring: 84, 84, 98 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | Yes |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$47,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$26,700 |

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

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| Organization: | Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley |
| Program: | <i>Developing Youth Through the Ages</i> |

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| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000 |
| <p>BGCofCV's Passport to Manhood/Palabra program is a culturally responsive, targeted effort to engage young men in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership, and positive behavior. The program is designed to specifically target young men who do not have a positive male role model or have had legal/academic troubles.</p> <p>BGCofCV's Girl Power program is an integral part of the Smart Girls program that focuses on the holistic development of young women. This program provides a safe and supportive environment where girls can express themselves without fear of judgment and be their authentic selves.</p> | |
| Representative: | Maria Jimenez |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 78% Three reviewers scoring: 70, 80, 84 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$35,000 |

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

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| Organization: | Chance Initiative |
| Program: | <i>Youth Services</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$20,000; FY24-25: \$20,000 |
| <p>Chance Initiative has focused on adults and youth returning home from being incarcerated or that are on probation or parole by making their re-entry as soft as possible through mentorship, life skills and job preparedness. Chance Initiative has formed a strong bond with the youth and their families and has helped some of the youth as they returned home by providing basic needs for their re-entry. Chance Initiative visits the YTEC Facility and is actively engaged with incarcerated youth, Chance Initiative looks to further helping youth offenders by offering In-Institution life coaching and mentorship to juveniles both at Indio Juvenile Hall and at the ALAN M. CROGAN Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC).</p> | |
| Representative: | Rick Saldivar |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 84% Three reviewers scoring: 74, 88, 89 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | N/A |

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

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| Organization: | Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert |
| Program: | <i>STEAM for Older Kids</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$30,000; FY24-25: \$30,000 |
| <p>Our funding request is to create a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) facility specifically designed for students in grades 6-12 to nurture curiosity, foster creativity and cultivate essential skills necessary for future success. We are taking a holistic approach to education, recognizing</p> | |

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| that education goes beyond mere knowledge transmission. The facility will offer life skills classes that encompass a diverse range of practical topics such as financial literacy, public speaking, automotive maintenance and college and job application guidance. | |
| Representative: | Cindy Bureson |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 79% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 76, 86 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | Yes |
| Prior RAP Funding: | N/A |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #6 at 2:55 PM (Attach 8) Action Required

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| Organization: | Focus First Counseling and Education, Inc. |
| Program: | <i>Kids Growing Up in Blythe Program</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$45,800; FY24-25: \$45,800 |
| The Kids Growing Up In Blythe Program will allow specific educational courses to provide youth and their families growth with a sense of cultural awareness and acceptance through various forms of teaching to include land acknowledgements of the indigenous people, nature walks and hikes, karaoke day, children's theatre and performance art development teachings, yoga classes, nutrition classes, gardening classes, hiking club, and various cultural art projects catered toward the target population and age demographic. | |
| Representative: | Amy Daniel |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 83% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 80, 94 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | Yes |
| Prior RAP Funding: | N/A |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #7 at 3:10 PM (Attach 9) Action Required

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| Organization: | GENIUNE ANIMATE NAVIGATE ASSIST SUCEED, DBA., GANAS |
| Program: | <i>Padres con GANAS</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$30,000; FY24-25: \$30,000 |
| We are requesting continuation of funding for the Padres con GANAS (Parents with Desire) program which targets Hispanic/Latino special needs community and their families in the Coachella Valley. GANAS works with this target population by educating and training parents to advocate for their loved ones. The two peer-mentors have a combined experience of over 18 years working with the target population educating and training on service navigation to improve their loved one's quality of life so they could live to their fullest potential. | |
| Representative: | Martha Barragan |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 81% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 82, 84 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | Yes |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$45,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #8 at 3:25 PM (Attach 10) Action Required

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| Organization: | Green Room Theatre Company |
| Program: | <i>Green Room Theatre Ballet Folklorico Outreach</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000 |
| <p>Currently, our program consists of 7-10 weeks of fun and rigorous weekly lessons, a public showcase for the students to demonstrate their new dance skills, and after the recital, we have to move on. With this expanded, more available year-long program, we could continue to provide the sustained social-emotional support and learning that the students crave. With this grant, we will expand our program to fill the gap and support more juveniles for longer. The partnership with Desert Recreation will allow us to offer classes at one location on an ongoing basis throughout the year and exercise more control over the content and pacing of the instruction. With no geographic restrictions, we can potentially serve elementary to high school students from throughout all areas of the Coachella Valley.</p> | |
| Representative: | Frank Markowitz |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 89% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 94, 96 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY222-23 Small Grant: \$9,700; FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch: \$1,000 |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #9 at 3:40 PM (Attach 11) Action Required

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| Organization: | John F Kennedy Memorial foundation |
| Program: | <i>Ophelia Project Teen Mentoring Program</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$15,000; FY24-25: \$15,000 |
| <p>Ophelia Project is a proven comprehensive five-year team mentoring program serving at-risk but capable teen girls in 8th through 12th grade who may be at risk of becoming high school dropouts, as determined by their school counselors. The program provides enrichment curriculum designed to: increase GPA and graduation rates, improve academic achievement, encourage college preparation and career readiness, and provides resources for higher education.</p> | |
| Representative: | Debbie Phipps |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 91% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 84, 90 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$15,000 |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #10 at 3:55 PM (Attach 12) Action Required

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| Organization: | Martha's Village and Kitchen Inc. |
| Program: | <i>Martha's Juvenile Intervention Expansion Program</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000 |
| Martha's will leverage its experience and expertise to expand its services onsite as well as to homeless and impoverished juveniles and their families throughout the Coachella Valley with an emphasis on North Palm Springs and Palos Verde Valley. Specifically, Martha's will be expanding its services in North Palm Springs and these funds will allow it to expand homeless juvenile intervention services. Finally, Martha's will expand its current services to CalAIM clients to include additional juvenile intervention services. | |
| Representative: | Matt Phillips |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 91% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 90, 96 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | Yes |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000 |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #11 at 4:10 PM (Attach 13) Action Required

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| Organization: | Olive Crest |
| Program: | <i>Enhanced Intervention Support for Transitional- Aged (18-21) Foster Youth</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$17,500; FY24-25: \$17,500 |
| This two-year project request will build on the RAP Foundation's previous grant support to continue to provide interventions and meet increased community needs for vulnerable juveniles living in the Coachella Valley. Funding will support Olive Crest's Transitional Housing Program (THP) which provides housing and comprehensive support to enable foster youth and youth emancipating from foster care (Transitional-Aged-Youth/TAY) to reach their potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. | |
| Representative: | Rachel Repko |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 82% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 80, 88 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$17,500; FY22-23 Small Grant: \$6,675; FY22-23 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000; FY23-24: \$5,000 |

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Juvenile Intervention Grant #12 at 4:25 PM (Attach 14) Action Required

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| Organization: | Alianza Coachella Valley |
| Program: | <i>Building Youth Power in the Coachella Valley</i> |
| Requested Amount: | FY23-24: \$35,000; FY24-25: \$35,000 |
| One of the ways that we continue to uplift our community voices is through the Alianza Youth Organizing Council (YO-C), read as "yo se (I know in spanish)". YO-C is a program that provides youth in the Coachella Valley, ages 14 to 18, with a safe space to express their community concerns, find solutions, be in community together and step into their personal power. YO-C youth become active community leaders, | |

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| and contribute to each of Alianza’s campaigns by continuously advocating for their needs as youth and community members. | |
| Representative: | Paricia Carillo |
| Reviewer’s Scores: | 79% Three reviewers scoring: 69, 80, 89 |
| Serving Prioritized Area: | No |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$16,600; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000 |

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 4:40 PM (Attach 15) Action Required

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| Organization: | Alianza Coachella Valley |
| Program: | <i>The Hue Music & Arts Festival 2024</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$5,000.00 |
| This event creates a free alternative to the Coachella Music and Arts Festival for those who are unable to financially be able to attend. Through The Hue 2024, Alianza's Youth Organizing Council will increase and improve awareness of safe, positive and inclusive spaces for the Coachella Valley Community. One way in which YO-C will do so will be by bringing much needed resources to the Coachella Valley Community through our various partners and organizations who will be tabling at this event. | |
| Representative: | Patricia Carillo |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$16,600; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000 |

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

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VII. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Nominate a Chair and Vice Chair - Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To nominate a Chair and Vice-Chair. Chair and Vice-Chair may be the same person

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VIII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Denial Notice:

i. Coachella Parks and Recreation Foundation: Sponsorship \$1,800

b. Next scheduled meeting: Monday, April 15, 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.