



Special Grants Review Committee Agenda

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM Pacific Time

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Craig Borba (Chair), Rosemary Ortega (Vice-Chair), Ann Dew, Aurora Wilson, Maria Meyer, Van Tanner

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the June 18, 2024, Grants Review Committee Agenda.

Motion:				
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 May 13, 2024, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

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

a. Reallocation of balance for grants budgets

GRANTS TRACKER FY2024-2025: (Attach 3)

b. New grants tracker

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST: Include Mental Health Grant Applicants

Small Grant #1 at 9:20 AM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs
Program:	<i>Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) Program for ages 6 to 18.</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>The Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs is requesting \$10,000 to operate our Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) Program. The lack of exercise and physical activity with the youth today has caused many issues. Childhood obesity has been on rise due to lack of the fore mentioned. Children do not participate in physical activities out of their school and free time. Healthy eating habits and nutrition are also a root cause. The Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs has many resources to teach and provide such activities. Our campus consists of a gymnasium, indoor swimming pool and a Health & Wellness Center. We have a dedicated staff and volunteers to provide such activities and education for the youth. We believe in offering these various activities will keep the youth engaged.</p>	
Representative:	Ken Kuperstein
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 80, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant \$35,000, FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$23,200

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

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Small Grant #2 at 9:35 AM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Cheeky Charity Inc.
Program:	<i>Pride in Prevention: Enhancing Colorectal Cancer Advocacy in the Coachella Valley</i>
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
<p>Our "Pride in Prevention" program is designed to address significant unmet needs related to colorectal cancer (CRC) awareness, prevention, and screening in the Coachella Valley. The program will take place throughout October and November, with a focus on LGBTQ+ and underserved populations. The program will leverage partnerships with local community organizations, including the LGBTQ+ Center of the Desert (The Center), and local healthcare providers, such as DAP Health, to get the word out about CRC.</p>	
Representative:	David Russo
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 84, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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Small Grant #3 at 9:50 AM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Family Services of the Desert, Inc. DBA Food Now
Program:	Healthy Eating, Healthy Communities
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>Our initiative aims to combat food insecurity and improve the health of vulnerable and at-risk populations, including extremely low-income households, homeless individuals, and housebound clients. As of July 2022, the median household income in Desert Hot Springs was \$45,863, significantly lower than California's median of \$91,905. The per capita income in Desert Hot Springs was almost half the state average, at \$23,453, with a poverty rate notably higher than the state's, at 21.0% compared to 12.2%. These figures illustrate the economic challenges faced by the community, making them more susceptible to food insecurity. Desert Hot Springs residents face additional hurdles in obtaining nutritious food, living in a Food Desert as defined by the CDC. This area lacks access to affordable fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat milk, and other healthy foods.</p>	
Representative:	Dana Johnson
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 86, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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Small Grant # 4 at 10:05 AM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	Futurenomic Resources DBA Coachella Valley Arts Institute
Program:	Amapiano Experience & Jollof Rice Cook-Off
Requested Amount:	\$9,725.00
<p>The Amapiano Experience & Jollof Rice Cook-Off is a free event featuring the Amapiano and Afrobeat music genres. These genres have surpassed Hip Hop in sales but are relatively new to urban youth in the states. This event provides a pivotal introduction to local youth, diversifying their musical exposure and integrating East and West African cultural elements because record labels are no longer signing new Hip Hop artists. Future programming will expand to include music production and dance classes tailored to these styles, thereby deepening community engagement and skill development. Children will learn an Afrobeat dance routine at the event. Complementing the musical aspect, the Jollof Rice Cook-Off invites local chefs and families to participate in a culinary competition centered around this staple West African dish. This event segment celebrates culinary arts and encourages community bonding and intercultural exchange.</p>	
Representative:	Shasu Adon
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 86, 86, 73
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$5,000 as a Sponsorship since it "fits" this criteria.

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Small Grant #5 at 10:20 AM (Attach 8) Action Required

Organization:	Girlfriend Factor
Program:	40 in 4 Initiative
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>The "40 in 4" initiative by Girlfriend Factor aims to address the critical healthcare worker shortage in Coachella Valley by empowering local women to pursue education and careers in the healthcare industry. Over the next four years, we will support 40 women in achieving their educational goals, fostering a stronger, locally invested healthcare workforce. This initiative will not only reduce reliance on expensive travel nurses but also provide long-term benefits to the community by enhancing local economic stability and supporting families. This program is designed to provide \$3,000 individual annual grants, emotional support, and support services to women pursuing healthcare education. By focusing on local women, many of whom are mothers, we aim to create a stable, reliable workforce deeply invested in the well-being of their community. Local women in healthcare positions are more likely to stay in the area, reducing turnover and fostering a more consistent and compassionate level of care for residents</p>	
Representative:	Calista Vassios
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 82, 82
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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Small Grant #6 at 10:35 AM (Attach 9) Action Required

Organization:	Integrated Learning Institute
Program:	Listen Up! Summer Reading Intervention for K - 2 students
Requested Amount:	\$8,300
<p>Listen Up! serves twelve children who have completed kindergarten through second grade who have not responded as expected to reading instruction. Additionally, the children must demonstrate suspected auditory processing weakness as indicated by the Phonological Awareness Skills Survey (PASS). Reading research indicates that children who have not learned to read by second grade rarely catch up. Other research indicates that phonological weaknesses respond to twenty hours of specific, intensive, regular stimulation. For sixteen days in the month of July, the children have two and a half hours of intensive (and fun!) auditory experiences. All learning is activity based and fast paced.</p>	
Representative:	Cynthia Moses
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 82, 76
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY21-22 \$5,000, FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant \$5,000

Staff Recommendation: To clarify the referral process – King's School in Cathedral City and economic demographics of students to be served before considering recommending \$8,000.

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Small Grant #7 at 10:50 AM (Attach 10) Action Required

Organization:	Palm Springs International Piano Competition
Program:	Virginia Waring Int'l Piano dba The Palm Springs International Piano Competition: General Operating Support
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>PSIPC provides many educational and artistic opportunities to young people in the Coachella Valley that no other organization offers in the same way. Our programs are free to low-income children; often, our after-school music classes give children their very first experience of learning music. We also stage free concerts in local schools by world-class touring performers and provide high school students tickets and transportation to other concerts around the valley: these occasions serve as educational and cultural experiences and also as potential networking opportunities for talented young musicians. Finally, our piano competition brings accomplished musicians from all over the world to perform in the Valley—performances that low-income children may attend for free.</p>	
Representative:	Tracey Essex
Reviewer's Scores:	76% Three reviewers scoring: 71, 76, 80
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: Clarify if there is a "plan" to work with all 3 school districts. If yes, recommending \$10,000. If only one school district - \$5,000 and two school districts - \$8,000.

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Small Grant #8 at 11:05 AM (Attach 11) Action Required

Organization:	Rotary Club of Palm Desert Foundation
Program:	Mental Health Awareness and Education
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>Breaking stigma and increasing awareness; enhancing coping skills and knowledge; suicide prevention; and training teachers, parents, and peers to recognize signs and provide referrals and support to resources. Depression and awareness curriculum for ages twelve (12) and older. A web-based train-the-trainer with supplemental materials to localize at the community/school level. These materials are bundled with a framework for referral and a model to increase counseling resources within the school.</p>	
Representative:	Ricardo Loretta
Reviewer's Scores:	74% Three reviewers scoring: 84, 68, 69
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To clarify the role of the identified partnerships/collaborators (RCOE, Care Safe Program, Latino Commission, RUHS) have. Also, to clarify if the persons trained will be adults (example teachers) or students. The \$11,000 for referrals for professional counselors – what is this intended for? Will health insurance cover this cost?

If answers are acceptable, recommend the \$10,000.

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Small Grant #9 at 11:20 AM (Attach 12) Action Required

Organization:	The Pink Journey Foundation
Program:	Rolling with Hope (RWH)
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
<p>TPJF successfully launched a grant supported program, Rolling with Hope (RWH), which is a mobile screening mammography program to underserved Southern California communities.</p> <p>RWH’s primary mission is to help women of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and ages through education and screening mammograms or find access to mammograms.</p>	
Representative:	Melanie Lewis
Reviewer’s Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 84, 86, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To clarify that the funding will not be used in Yucca Valley – outside our funding service area. Clarify that the Program cost/revenue exceeds the \$10,000 stated in the budget. If answers are acceptable, recommend approving \$10,000.

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Small Grant #10 at 11:35 PM (Attach 13) Action Required

Organization:	Word of Life Fellowship Hall - The Bridge to Better Homeless Project
Program:	The Bridge to Better Homeless Project
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
<p>The Bridge to Better Homeless Project is meeting some of the essential needs of the Desert Hot Springs population of its 120 homeless citizens. Every Tuesday morning a group of 15 volunteers meets at the church kitchen to prepare and pack 120 nutritional hot or cold lunches depending on the weather. Then we break into teams and deliver the lunches according to an area designated for that team. Delivering the lunches to the homeless sites allows us to see and evaluate other needs our clients might have such as medical and mental health emergencies. We have also partnered with the Desert HealthCare and DPMG Health to have a free Mobile Health Clinic at a central location in town once a month for the last 9 months.</p>	
Representative:	Sally Hedberg
Reviewer’s Scores:	88% Three reviewers scoring: 84,93, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: The applicant did not provide financial information requested. It appears that the applicant may benefit from technical assistance to assist in this area. NPO Centric membership and # of hours working with a consultant/attending workshops should be a condition of any funding amount. Recommend

that funding be provided up to \$10K. However, in payments of \$2,500 a quarter and monitoring of compliance with accessing NPOC services outlined in an agreed upon plan.

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Small Grant #11 at 12:30 PM (Attach 14) Action Required

Organization:	Building Resilient Communities
Program:	2nd North Palm Springs Health & Safety Fair
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>We are proud to be a part of a network of organizations ensuring that communities are ready in the event of a crisis. We currently provide disaster preparedness tools, resources, and updates on emergency situations to hundreds of faith, community, and business leaders. When fires start, floods occur, the earth shakes, pandemics strike or communities experience violence, or enhancing the knowledge as it relates to climate. We are proud to be a part of a network of organizations ensuring that communities are ready in the event of a crisis. We currently provide disaster preparedness tools, resources, and updates on emergency situations to hundreds of faith, community, and business leaders. When fires start, floods occur, the earth shakes, pandemics strike or communities experience violence, or enhancing the knowledge as it relates to climate</p>	
Representative:	LaQuita-Grey Baker
Reviewer's Scores:	86% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 91, 90
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve as a Sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000 for the event to be held on October 19.

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 12:45 PM (Attach 15) Action Required

Organization:	Building Resilient Communities
Program:	Ark of Safety Community Resiliency Summit - November 2024 session
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
<p>The Ark of Safety Community Resiliency Summit is not just an event, it's a pivotal moment of the Inland Empire to unite in fortifying our communities against the unforeseen challenges ahead. In a world where natural disasters and societal disruptions are increasingly prevalent, it's imperative that we take proactive measures to enhance our collective resilience. We cannot control when disasters strike, but we can control how prepared and resilient our communities are in the face of adversity. The Ark of Safety Summit is designed to collaborate with other stakeholders that have the same and/or similar concerns regarding the unmet needs of the communities we serve. The summit allows the participants to share and discuss the verified needs of the community and how as collaborators we can better coordinate, communicate, and connect with each other to serve and address these unmet needs.</p>	
Representative:	LaQuita-Grey Baker
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: The maximum amount is \$5,000 per year. To recommend approval to fund request for the Oct. 19th event utilizing the FY 2024-25 Budget.

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Mental Health Grant #1 at 1:00 PM (Attach 16) Action Required

Organization:	ABC Recovery Center, Inc.
Program:	Family Program
Requested Amount:	\$99,000
<p>Our family program is dedicated to supporting family members who have been impacted by the loved one’s substance use disorders and providing them greater opportunities for good mental health. Our Family Program currently is funded by stretching our existing resources, which doesn't allow us to provide a full complement of care for those in the Family Program, or who we can care for in reaching families who are not already clients, or, in reaching families outside of the Coachella Valley. Additionally, we are currently exploring how we might assist with a new local mental healthcare facility to see if its possible for their client's families to be assisted through our Family Program.</p>	
Representative:	Maureen Girouard
Reviewer’s Scores:	80% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 80, 82
Prior RAP Funding:	FY 22-23 Mental Health \$99,200

Staff Recommendation: To inquire as to the reason for no longer serving Blythe. To approve the request of \$99,000.

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Mental Health Grant #2 at 1:15 PM (Attach 17) Action Required

Organization:	Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine
Program:	Improving mental health among low-income and uninsured residents
Requested Amount:	\$32,000
<p>The program will assist patients with behavioral health issues, primarily anxiety and/or depression, identified in our routine assessments of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) on all new patients and for current patients when requesting assistance. Assistance will come from one-to-one support offered by our social worker or a volunteer behavioral health professional, and community referrals.</p>	
Representative:	Doug Morin
Reviewer’s Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 82, 80, 82
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$32,000, Small Grant FY21-22 \$5,000, Small Grant FY21-22 \$1,700, Small Grant FY21-22 \$4,500

Staff Recommendation: Clarify the partnerships/collaborators (Joslyn Center, Alzheimers CV, RUHS-Behavioral Health) and the future financial sustainability of the program. Is answer is acceptable, to approve the request of \$32,000.

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Mental Health Grant #3 at 1:30 PM (Attach 18) Action Required

Organization:	Innecare
Program:	Sara Sanders
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
<p>Innecare’s service area contains Mental Health (MH) Professional Shortage areas, including a High Needs Geographic HPSA for Blythe. The proposed project will address the staggering need for behavioral health services in Blythe by increasing access to mental health services for the Blythe community through expanded hours for behavioral health services. The proposed project will also increase outreach efforts of mental health services for the Blythe community by providing integrative behavioral health-focused community outreach to the above mentioned communities to increase awareness, access to care, and reduce stigma.</p>	
Representative:	Sara Sanders
Reviewer’s Scores:	76% Three reviewers scoring: 72, 80, 76
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Grant \$50,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$30,000

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Mental Health Grant #4 at 1:45 PM (Attach 19) Action Required

Organization:	Jewish Family Service of the Desert
Program:	Increasing Current and Future Access to Mental Health Services in the Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
<p>Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) has provided low- or no-cost mental health counseling services to thousands of individuals, couples, and families since 1999 and is now one of the Valley’s largest nonprofit counseling agencies. JFS therapists help Valley residents confront mental illness, anxiety, depression, partner/marital conflict, divorce, death and grieving, domestic violence, alcohol/drug addiction, job stress, child abuse, and senior abuse, among others. JFS therapy techniques facilitate patients' ability to improve coping strategies while referring to JFS case managers when clients exhibit social service needs that often exacerbate mental health symptoms.</p>	
Representative:	Kraig Johnson
Reviewer’s Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 82, 74

Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Small Grant \$10,000, FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch \$12,000, FY 22-23 Mental Health \$50,000, Small Grant FY22-23 \$10,000, FY21-22 Mental Health Grant \$50,000, FY23-24
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Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$50,000

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Mental Health Grant #5 at 1:45 PM (Attach 20) Action Required

Organization:	Olive Crest
Program:	Counseling/Mental Health Services for children/families living in Coachella Valley/Blythe
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the RAP Foundation will help Olive Crest continue to improve access to counseling/mental health services and support the reduction of cultural barriers to counseling services for children and families living in Coachella Valley and the Palo Verde Valley. Teams will provide client-centric, holistic services and mental health resources for at-risk populations, with the anticipated outcome of equipping clients to successfully engage in healthy living and access networks of support and services in the community.	
Representative:	Rachel Repko
Reviewer's Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 86,78,86
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention Grant \$35,000, FY23-24 Sponsorship Grant \$5,000, FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant \$17,500, FY22-23 MH/JI Technical Assistance Grant \$3,750, FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$50,000, FY22-23 Sponsorship Grant \$5,000, Small Grant FY22-23 6,675, FY 21-22 \$50,000, FY20-21 Historical COVID-19 \$10,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$50,000

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Mental Health Grant #6 at 2:00 PM (Attach 21) Action Required

Organization:	Shelter From The Storm, Inc.
Program:	Case Management and Counseling Services Program
Requested Amount:	\$42,000
Domestic violence (DV) is a complex issue that involves more than just physical abuse or arguments. Shelter From The Storm provides a Community Counseling Center to support these victims with therapeutic counseling, case management, and safety planning. This center offers resources to recognize abuse, plan for safety, and gain the courage to leave or avoid returning to abusive relationships. Counseling services also help victims set goals for their safety and mental health, recognize patterns of abuse, and prevent their children from	

repeating these cycles. SFTS's center offers English and Spanish support groups, parenting classes, and educational sessions. It also serves as a distribution center for donations and essential items for clients in crisis.

Representative:	Angelina Coe
Reviewer's Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 80,78,76
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$42,000

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Mental Health Grant #7 at 2:15 PM (Attach 22) Action Required

Organization:	Soroptimist House of Hope, Inc.
Program:	Women's Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Care
Requested Amount:	\$25,000

Soroptimist House of Hope is addressing an 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 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.

Representative:	Nicole Yingling
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 92,80, 80
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$25,000, FY20-21 Mental Health \$13,500

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$25,000

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Mental Health Grant #8 at 2:30 PM (Attach 23) Action Required

Organization:	The Joslyn Center
Program:	Wellness Center Mental Health Counseling for Isolated and Underserved Communities
Requested Amount:	\$50,000

This request supports the evidence/research-based and innovative Joslyn Wellness Center counseling program; increases community collaboration with local senior centers and senior-focused organizations; and prioritizes underserved and isolated Hispanic/Latinx communities. In addressing seniors' behavioral health needs, the program follows the guidance of the American Psychological Association (2020), which

prioritizes expanding access, including the use of technology; decreasing the stigma of seeking mental health support; increasing an understanding of depression and anxiety in seniors; and identifying seniors in need of prevention. The program’s mission is to provide easily accessible evidence-based counseling services designed for older adults.	
Representative:	Jack Newby
Reviewer’s Scores:	89% Three reviewers scoring: 82,90, 96
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch \$2,000, FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$50,000, FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$21,000

Staff Recommendation: To clarify the mileage rate increase. To approve the request of \$50,000

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Mental Health Grant #9 at 2:50 PM (Attach 24) Action Required

Organization:	Voices for Children
Program:	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program
Requested Amount:	\$20,000
Voices for Children (VFC) addresses the crisis of child abuse and neglect by filling a critical gap in the foster care system through the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. The CASA program will serve a record 550 children in Riverside County, more than 20% of whom will come from the Coachella Valley and eastern Riverside County. This grant will enable VFC to expand our existing CASA program to serve additional children in Coachella Valley and throughout eastern Riverside County.	
Representative:	Christina Piranio
Reviewer’s Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 82,82,78
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$20,000, FY21-22 Mental Health Grant \$20,000, FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$18,569

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$20,000

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VII. Discussion Items:

- a. Grants Menti Poll results from Board Development Session on 4.24.24 - Postpone to July 15, 2024

VIII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- a. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, July 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

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