



Grants Review Committee Agenda
Monday, September 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, Sheryl Benoit, Rudy Gutierrez.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the September 16, 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 July 15, 2024 Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. GRANTS TRACKER FY2024-2025: (Attach 2)

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

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

Organization:	Friends of the Desert Mountains
Program:	<i>Environmental Connections por Vida</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Realizing that future generations will be the stewards of our earth, Friends of the Desert Mountains (FODM) has turned our attention to educating our local children and youth through our Environmental Connection por Vida (ECV) education program. What began as a pilot program of environmental education for school age children, ECV has grown to become the only afterschool program of its kind here in the Coachella Valley. Since 2020, our ECV program has made great strides expanding into all 14 Coachella Valley Unified School Districts elementary schools. Located in the Eastern Coachella Valley, CVUSD serves many disadvantaged communities in the region	
Representative:	Karin Jaffie
Reviewer's Scores:	87% Three reviewers scoring: 90, 88, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Small Grant: \$10,000

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

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

Organization:	Palm Springs Section 14 Survivors Inc.
Program:	<i>Intergenerational Racial Trauma Program Development</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
	The devastation to Section 14 survivors and descendants is deep and ongoing, causing extreme trauma to hundreds of families. Section 14 Survivors wants to address this trauma, helping to foster understanding and promote healing and filling a gap as there is no program currently addressing this. Many of those impacted individuals cannot get the help they need on their own.
Representative:	Pearl Devers
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 66, 80, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 NPO Centric Grant

Staff Recommendation: To deny the request for \$10,000 due to limited scope and program deliverables

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

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

Organization:	Rescue + Residence
Program:	<i>Ambo Conversion to Transitional Housing</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The Ambo Conversion to Transitional Housing project is to assist veterans experiencing homelessness through a unique, holistic, 3-phase process that includes designing and building a custom home in the back of a retired ambulance to be used as transitional housing, along with job training, and coordinated health services.	
Representative:	Daniel Belew
Reviewer's Scores:	73% Three reviewers scoring: 68, 70, 80
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To deny the request of \$10,000 due to unclear referral process for Coachella Valley residents and concerns regarding financial sustainability of the program

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

Organization:	Nickerson Rossi Dance
Program:	<i>Dance in Desert Hot Springs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Nickerson-Rossi Dance initiated steps to work with the City of Desert Hot Springs to bring low cost affordable dance programming to the city. We hope to provide 7 full financial scholarships for students with financial need to assess services.	
Representative:	Chad Allen Ortiz
Reviewer's Scores:	71% Three reviewers scoring: 70, 71, 72
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To deny the request for \$10,000 due to concerns regarding financial sustainability

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

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

Organization:	Palm Springs Community Concert Association
Program:	<i>Palm Springs Concert Series 2024-2025</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
PS Concerts relies on season and individual ticket sales, donations and grants to support its concert season that includes four adult concerts and four daytime children's concerts, which are provided at no cost to the students. Funds will be used to help underwrite the four performances of the 2024-2025 concert series.	
Representative:	Christopher Seidel

Reviewer's Scores:	71% Three reviewers scoring: 72, 71, 70
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$10,000 total and to be disbursed in four payments with an \$2,500 upfront payment

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

Organization:	PS Test Inc.
Program:	<i>HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Prevention and Treatment Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>PS Test's goal is to reduce health disparities among populations both at risk of and affected by HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) by linking patients to medical care that improves health outcomes and reduces community infection transmission. Disparities are exacerbated by stigma and cost, two of the most significant barriers to testing and treatment.</p> <p>Opened in 2021 in Palm Springs, PS Test was the Valley's first clinic to offer free STI testing and treatment and remains one of only two in Riverside County.</p>	
Representative:	Phyllis Ritchie, MD
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 90, 86, 76
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY22-23

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$10,000 total and to be disbursed in four payments with an \$2,500 upfront payment

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 3:10 PM (Attach 9) Action Required

Organization:	Lift To Rise
Program:	<i>Second-Annual Community Investment Awards</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
Representative:	Heather Vaikona
<p>The Community Investment Awards are an annual event to recognize extraordinary individuals and organizations working to improve equity and thriving community in the Coachella Valley and beyond through their significant investment of time, energy, and resources. The awards in nine different categories show that meaningful investment can come in many forms, with award recipients coming from the areas of public service, activism, philanthropy, politics, and community leadership.</p>	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 CEO/Discretionary Fund: \$100,000

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

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Sponsorship #2 at 3:25 PM (Attach 10) Action Required

Organization:	Alzheimers Coachella Valley
Program:	<i>Open House 2024</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Desert Healthcare District recently reported nearly 105,000 seniors live in the Coachella Valley. Approximately 12% have Alzheimer's. On November 6, 2024, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Chuck Olson Caregiver Award and Open House event. The event will showcase ACV's program space at the Berger Charitable Center in Palm Desert. We will create a welcoming and informative environment with food, beverages and entertainment provided by local businesses, and a mini resource fair.	
Representative:	Linda Barrack
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$4,000 FY22-23 Small Grant: \$3,000; FY20-21 Small Grant: \$4,500

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

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Sponsorship #3 at 3:40 PM (Attach 11) Action Required

Organization:	Boo2Bullying Inc
Program:	<i>Kick Bullying To The Curb Wellness Festival & Celebrity Kickball Game</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Boo2Bullying's 2nd Annual Wellness Community Festival and Celebrity Kickball Game on September 28, 2024. It will follow the script from the inaugural family-friendly event in Palm Springs in September 2023 which has two goals: to raise awareness of local resources and community organizations that combat bullying and youth suicide in the Coachella Valley; and to empower children, teens and their families to develop a healthy self-image, learn to accept diversity, speak their truth, and positively impact those around them. Prospective celebrities and community leader speakers in 2024 include the Palm Springs Unified School District, Superintendent Dr. Tony Signoret, PSUSD Foundation director, Ellen Goodman, Palm Springs Police Chief Andy Mills and more.	
Representative:	Dimitrios Halkidis
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

Motion:				
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VII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- a. **Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2024 at 1:30 PM**
- b. **Voices for Children Check Presentation: Board Meeting Wednesday, October 23, 2024
FY23-24 Mental Health Grantee.**
- c. **RBA Presentation:**
 - **Proposed presentation October 14, 2024 - Grants Review Committee Meeting**
 - **Proposed presentation October 23, 2024 - RAP Board Meeting**
- d. **Vision y Compromiso will issue a check to RAP for \$3,058.00 in unused funds.
Grants Manager will include this item in the monthly grants manager report upon receipt of
the check.**
- e. **Denial Notice:**
 - **Futurenomic Resources: Sponsorship \$5,000 due to low scores. Applicant may reapply in
the future.**

VIII. 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.