



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, October 14, 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, Vann Tanner

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: **Action Required**

Staff Recommendation: To approve the October 14, 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. Appointment of Van Tanner to Grants Review Committee effective immediately – **Action Required**

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

V. APPROVE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: (**Attach 1**) **Action Required**

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

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

VI. RBA Presentation by Stephanie Minor. The presentation will consist of the mental health impacts from the mental health request for proposal (RFP) funding – **Action Required**

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Staff Recommendation: Recommend to the Board to receive and file.

VII. GRANTS TRACKER FY2024-2025: **(Attach 2)**

VIII. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

Small Grant #1 at 2:00 PM (Attach 3) Action Required

Organization:	Ronnie's House for Hope
Program:	Ronnie's House for Hope
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
We provide peer grief support helping kiddos to understand their grief, what they feel, how it presents in their body, and the changes they go through. We give them a safe space to feel it all surrounded by their peers with like experiences. We are the only non-specific grief center in the valley that approaches healing the whole family, using evidence-based activities. Our goal is to help these kids avoid unresolved grief that can have major negative effects on their lives. We start each group by sharing time for each individual to share anything they need to talk about. We do a grief activity for each group that focuses on one topic of grief.	
Representative:	Jennifer Loza
Reviewer's Scores:	77% Three reviewers scoring: 84,76,70
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY20-21 Historical COVID-19: \$10,000

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

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Small Grant #2 at 2:15 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Grassroots Junior Tennis, Inc.
Program:	<i>Grassroots Junior Tennis</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The Grassroots Junior Tennis program provides an opportunity for children who come from low/middle income, under-resourced families to learn an activity that includes the benefits of enhancing social and physical abilities, health fitness, confidence and integrity. While having fun and enjoying the sport of tennis as led by a certified professional tennis instructor, the participants gain the ability to discover their abilities that could lead to advanced skills (whether in tennis or other sports/activities).	
Representative:	Kay Butler

Reviewer's Scores:	71% Three reviewers scoring: 80,78,64
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$5,000

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

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

Small Grant #3 at 2:30 PM (Attach 5) 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

Motion:				
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Small Grant #4 at 2:45 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Variety Children's Charities of the Desert
Program:	<i>Freedom, Future, Care and Outreach Programs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Variety conducts a broad and effective range of primary direct services activities that benefit Coachella Valley children in need. We deliver children equity, independence, social inclusion, mobility, and self-esteem by funding and delivering equipment and services under four core programs: Freedom * Future * Care * Outreach. The Freedom Program delivers vital life-changing equipment and services for mobility, independence, and social inclusion for children. The Adaptive Bike Program is an initiative dedicated to providing mobility equipment for children with mental and physical disabilities. The Bikes for Kids Program honors the academic success and good citizenship of underprivileged and deserving Coachella Valley fourth-grade students by awarding bicycles, locks, and helmets during the holiday season each year. The Outreach Program launches in October 2024 to fill an identified gap in services for children with disparities and special needs. The program will offer case management support, referrals, and resources, as well as support to caregivers.	
Variety is also a Certified Autism and Resource Center.	
Representative:	Heidi Maldoon

Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 86, 84, 82
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$8,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$12,500

Staff Recommendation: To approve up to \$10,000

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 3:00 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	Variety Children's Charities of the Desert
Program:	<i>29th Annual Bikes for Kids</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
Representative:	Heidi Maldoon
The Bikes for Kids Program honors the academic success and good citizenship of underprivileged and deserving Coachella Valley fourth-grade students by awarding bicycles, locks, and helmets during the holiday season each year. For the second year, the Bikes For Kids program will be held at the Acrisure Arena at which the Firebird mascot will be attending and assisting. The venue is large and easily accessible for students and their families across the Coachella Valley. We anticipate a larger public turnout and to distribute 300 bikes, helmets and locks. The project is part of our Freedom Program with the goal of helping children reach their full potential, experience social inclusion and all the joys of childhood.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$8,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$12,500

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

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Sponsorship #2 at 3:15 PM (Attach 8) Action Required

Organization:	My Baby My Way Foundation
Program:	<i>Chicano Wellness & Heritage Festival</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The "Chicano Wellness & Heritage Festival" is a free public event designed to celebrate Chicano / Latino culture while promoting health and wellness in Cathedral City. The event will host a boxing clinic and personal training demonstrations to encourage physical fitness and well-being.	
Representative:	Sarahyah Yisrael Adon
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24: Small Grant \$5,000

Staff Recommendation: To deny the request for \$5,000 due to limited time allowed before the event and financial sustainability concerns.

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IX. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **RBA Proposed Presentation: RAP Board Meeting - October 23, 2024.**
- **Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 1:30 PM or if no funding requests are pending the meeting will be cancelled. The following meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024 at 1:30 pm.**

X. 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.