



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, May 13, 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 May 13, 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 March 18, 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:	Advancing Steps
Program:	<i>Advancing Steps Power of Work Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000

Advancing Steps offers a workforce development program aiding formerly incarcerated individuals as they reintegrate into society. The transformative power of employment can be monumental for mental well-being. By providing a sense of purpose, daily structure, social interaction, and financial stability, work becomes more than just a means to earn – it becomes a pathway to healing, self-worth, and integration. However, we also understand that work environments need to be supportive and align with our clients' capabilities and values to ensure positive mental health outcomes. Our mission extends beyond finding jobs; it is about securing futures and rejuvenating spirits.

Representative:	Walker Beverly
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 86, 88
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch: \$2,000, FY22-23 Mental Health Technical Assistance

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

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

Organization:	Jewish Family Service of the Desert
Program:	<i>JSF Express</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The JFS Express program was created to meet the transportation needs of Coachella Valley older adult residents, ensuring they can access affordable and available transportation for medical appointments, especially in areas where transportation options may be limited. Despite the gains made in telemedicine, a lack of transportation is one of the greatest barriers to maintaining good health. Thus, providing affordable and accessible transportation can significantly improve the quality of life for older adults by ensuring they receive the healthcare they need in a timely manner.	
Representative:	Kraig Johnson
Reviewer's Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 80, 98
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch: \$12,000; FY22-23 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000

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

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

Organization:	Shay's Warriors
Program:	<i>I am HOPE Survivor Reset Retreat and Programming- Cancer Survivorship Services</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Our services focus on supporting a wide range of survivors who have completed their active cancer treatments or will live with cancer forever with a special emphasis on inclusivity across economic and	

social backgrounds. Our programming uses group and individual servicing through supportive educational sessions and emotional support conversations, focused on a platform and experience-based service. Our unique programming is designed around creating safe place and space for those who have endured cancer, to interact with others who have walked the same journey in all aspects: physically, mentally, and spiritually. Survivors learn tools to deal with things like PTSD, anxiety, stress, and fear of recurrence, with a newfound self-acceptance. Ultimately, survivors feel empowered to emotionally heal themselves. They walk away with Warrior laughter, love and friendships that will last a lifetime, complete with the profound opportunity to give back to other survivors in the future.

Representative:	Shay Moraga
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 84, 88
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Small Grant: \$5,000; FY20-21 Small Grant: \$3,300

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

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

Organization:	Autism Society Inland Empire
Program:	<i>Inclusive Summer Sensory Family Events for Autism Families</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Our Inclusive Summer Sensory Family Events aim to support local Autism families during the summer when children are out of school and Parents/Caregivers are desperate for sensory-friendly activities to keep their children engaged in a meaningful way. Our summer events help combat isolation and allow our families to come together in a safe, supportive environment to enjoy local attractions and experiences such as bowling, pool party picnics, and sensory-friendly movies that promote social connection and well-being.	
Representative:	Juanita Hernandez
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 74, 78, 90
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$2,500; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$500; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$25,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$15,000

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

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

Organization:	SongShine Foundation
Program:	<i>SongShine for Parkinson's</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Founded in 2006 by Dr. Ruthanna Metzgar, SongShine began when The Traub Parkinson's Center at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, CA asked her to create a music-based program for Parkinson's patients. Dr. Metzgar, with forty years as a university voice teacher and ten years of	

collaboration with Otolaryngologists and Speech Therapists, created classes open to all those with neurological disorders and aging voices, and their caregivers. After a successful pilot study, she directed the program for five years at Eisenhower. She was joined by Juilliard-trained professional actor, Peter Harris. Both are passionate about their individual disciplines, which have been combined to create a powerful Arts in Healthcare program bringing voices to life, creating community, and increasing self-confidence. SongShine serves over 200 participants, referred by their neurologist, speech therapist, and support groups. Classes are undergirded by evidence-based neuroscience combined with creative and artistic elements for the benefit of the participant.

Representative:	Amanda Hyder
Reviewer's Scores:	89% Three reviewers scoring: 86, 86, 94
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$5,000

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

Organization:	HARC, Inc.
Program:	<i>2025 Coachella Valley Community Health Survey</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
HARC is requesting funding from RAP for the 2025 Coachella Valley Community Health Survey. This population health survey is the seventh iteration of a triennial health monitoring effort and provides a roadmap to addressing health equity in the region and understanding how our community shifts and changes over time. HARC's triennial survey measurement data is indispensable for our region's future health improvement.	
Representative:	Chris Morin
Reviewer's Scores:	91% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 90, 94
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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

Organization:	My Baby My Way Foundation
Program:	<i>Content Crew (CC)</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
MBMW presents the Content Crew (CC), a pioneering afterschool STEM initiative designed to empower young girls in Desert Hot Springs (DHS). This program integrates critical STEM education with artistic expression, focusing on video and music editing, fitness, dance, singing, and social media proficiency. Targeting girls aged 10-18 in Latino, BIPOC, and low-income communities, CC aims to equip participants with essential skills for modern digital engagement and future job markets.	

Representative:	Sarahyah Yisrael Adon
Reviewer's Scores:	79% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 78, 84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$7,500 of the \$10,000 request

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 3:25 PM (Attach 10) Action Required

Organization:	My Baby My Way Foundation
Program:	<i>#ContentCrewLive Event: Connect, Create, and Go Live</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
My Baby My Way (MBMW), a Riverside County-based nonprofit, proudly presents the #ContentCrewLive Event: Connect, Create, and Go Live! This event is the pinnacle of our Content Crew program, targeting girls aged 10-18 in Desert Hot Springs, where 28.9% of the youth live below the poverty line. This initiative aims to bridge the significant gap in accessible, culturally competent STEM education and media literacy.	
Representative:	Sarahyah Yisrael Adon
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To deny the request of \$5,000

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

Sponsorship Grant #2 at 3:40 PM (Attach 11) Action Required

Organization:	OneFuture Coachella Valley
Program:	<i>Student Leadership Conference</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
Each summer, OneFuture Coachella Valley hosts a Student Leadership Conference for our new cohort of students under scholarship. The full-day conference is designed for scholars to meet and connect with their peers and network with alumni and community partners. It provides resources and tools to sharpen their personal skills that will support their college and career journey.	
Representative:	Paul Olson
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$5,000

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VII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Next meetings:

- i. Special Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, TIME TBD**
- ii. General Scheduled: Monday, June 17, 2024, at 1:30 PM**

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.