



Grants Review Committee Agenda
Monday, July 15, 2024, at 1:30 PM Pacific Time

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the July 15, 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 June 18, 2024, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

v. Add Rudy Gutierrez and Sheryl Benoit to the committee effective immediately.

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

VII. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS:

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

Organization:	Big Brother Big Sisters of the Desert
Program:	<i>Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway</i>
Requested Amount:	\$7,500
Big Brothers Big Sisters program has evolved to meet the needs of kids and communities that we serve. We plan to have various sized backpacks for the different levels of school (elementary, middle and high school). Each backpack will be filled with the basic supplies needed for the varying grade levels from notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, highlighters, calculators and pencil cases. We will offer this free giveaway to the entire Coachella Valley utilizing our social media, website, local media outlets, our local partners and school districts.	
Representative:	Judy Tobin May
Reviewer's Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 82, 94
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Historical COVID-19: \$10,000 FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$15,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$5,000 and allow for other funders to join in the project.

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

Organization:	Do the Right Thing – Greater Palm Springs
Program:	<i>Do the Right Thing – Greater Palm Springs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The goals of DO THE RIGHT THING (DTRT) program are: to reward socially-desirable behavior, accomplishments, and attitudes; to build self-esteem in young people; to demonstrate that good kids are newsworthy and establish them as role models for their peers; and to foster positive relationships between youth and law enforcement. The DO THE RIGHT THING program accepts nominations from teachers, parents, and other adults in the community in recognition of students' good deeds or positive behavior.	
Representative:	Terri Ketover, Ph.D.
Reviewer's Scores:	84% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 82, 92
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$10,000. Encourage applicant to proceed with their plan to formulate partnerships with DSUSD and CVUSD.

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

Organization:	Guide Dogs of the Desert
Program:	<i>Dog Training for Legally Blind Clients/First Responders in Coachella Valley</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Guide Dogs of the Desert provides mobility, companionship and independence for the blind with custom trained guide dogs. We bring clients who are legally blind/visually-impaired to our school and educate them in mobility and independence with the use of a Guide Dog. Guide dogs and Support K9s are placed in the Coachella Valley, across California, and in more than one-third of states nationally.	
Representative:	Robert Maher
Reviewer's Scores:	86% Three reviewers scoring: 84, 87, 70
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To clarify CV dog recipient to determine if local residents are being served. Also, request that the Committee review/decide if this addresses RAP's mission.

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

Organization:	The Bridges 2 Hope
Program:	<i>The Bridges 2 Hope</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The Bridge's mission is to empower homeless through building trusting relationships, by connecting individuals to resources, and providing support and guidance in order to accomplish lasting change. We currently provide basic needs with food/meals and basic necessities like clothing and hygiene supplies. We offer immediate evaluation and placement in substance use programs and Narcan training. We link people to programs like food stamps, Medi-Cal, and housing. We help people get ID's, apply and appeal for Social Security Disability/ Supplemental Security Income.	
Representative:	Susan Larkin
Reviewer's Scores:	77% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 73, 82
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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

Organization:	Riverside County Office of Education
Program:	<i>Greater Coachella Valley Student of the Month</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The Riverside County Office of Education generously provides full funding for the event, with future sponsorships earmarked for scholarship purposes. However, our goal is to secure sufficient funds through fundraising efforts to cover the event's expenses. We hope to garnish support from the community as it will grant the opportunity for future funding purposes	
Representative:	Natalia Gonzalez
Reviewer's Scores:	77% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 73, 82
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve a reduced amount of \$5,000 of requested amount to allow other funders to join in the project.

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

Organization:	Coachella Valley Parents
Program:	<i>Restorative Justice in the Community, Family, and School</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Coachella Valley Parents, as a is latinx led and latinx serving leaders, program is to continue creating a powerful parent group advocating for their children's education and equal opportunity tool to address some of the direst challenges the youth is facing in these communities: low school graduation, high suspension rates, low reclassifications with the English Learners in a predominantly latino communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley with a specific target to supporting mental health with initiatives such as Restorative Justice.	
Representative:	Sandra Ramirez
Reviewer's Scores:	75% Three reviewers scoring: 76, 78, 72
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve a reduced amount, \$5,000 of requested amount. Approve NPOC Membership for one year for this new organization. Also, direct NPO Centric Director to meet with the applicant to assess if a Technical Assistance grant should be provided.

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

Organization:	Coachella Valley Parents
Program:	For a Restored Community
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
Intentionally educate the Coachella Valley community to parents who have children in CVUSD, DSUSD, PSUSD schools. The request aims to host an event for over 200 people to kick off opportunities of engagement for the years to come.	
Representative:	Sandra Ramirez
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To address the following questions:

Provide more details about the event - budget, goals and outcomes.

When and where is the event happening?

How will engagement opportunities be provided for 200 people at the event?

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

Organization:	Association of Fundraising Professionals, Desert Communities chapter
Program:	18 th Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards
Requested Amount:	\$7,500.00
AFP CA, Desert Communities Chapter is a professional association of fundraising professionals, nonprofit 2020-2025 organization staff and volunteers, and allied professionals committed to advancing effective and ethical fundraising. AFP allows for monthly networking and educational programs which are open to everyone. We invite you to join us today in support of AFP's 18th Annual National Philanthropy Day in the Desert which offers the entire Coachella Valley community the opportunity to come together and reflect on the true meaning of philanthropy, defined as love of humankind.	
Representative:	Josh Zahid
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship of the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award: \$5,000 FY20-21 Sponsorship Grant: \$1,500 FY22-23 CEO Discretionary Fund: \$2,500 FY23-24 Sponsorship \$5,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$7,500 as an award sponsor, preferably the Outstanding Youth Award. Although this exceeds the maximum amount, this event benefits and attended by many nonprofits and brings attention to RAP/NPO Centric.

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

Organization:	Codex Creation Committee
Program:	Run with Los Muertos
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
Run with Los Muertos addresses several critical community needs through its multifaceted event. Firstly, it promotes health and wellness by encouraging physical activity and providing educational workshops and workouts, which help to combat rising rates of obesity and related health issues in the community. Secondly, it fosters cultural awareness and appreciation by celebrating diverse artistic expressions and facilitating cultural exchanges with artisans, musicians, and chefs from various regions, thus enriching the community's cultural fabric. Additionally, the event supports economic development by attracting new visitors to the Eastern Coachella Valley, benefiting local businesses and vendors. It also provides a platform for local talent, offering opportunities for artists, musicians, and performers to showcase their work and gain recognition. RWLM serves as a juvenile intervention program by involving youth in positive activities. It strengthens community bonds by bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds in a shared celebration, fostering a sense of unity and collective identity.	
Representative:	Tizoc de Aztlan
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve requested amount of \$5,000.

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Sponsorship Grant #4 at 4:05 PM (Attach 12) Action Required

Organization:	Peace from Chaos
Program:	2024 Suicide Awareness & Prevention Event and Candlelight Vigil
Requested Amount:	\$3,000.00
Peace from Chaos seen the need to highlight the above average in the County suicide rate for the Palo Verde Valley. PfC created this event to reach the broad cross-section of both undeserved and culturally diverse communities in Blythe especially children and families. Along with Suicide awareness there is a strong message supporting mental health resources, family wellness and community healing through the candlelight vigil. To date we have had over a dozen potential saves based on individuals who have contacted PfC during crisis that involved Suicide Ideations.	
Representative:	Angela Colangeli
Prior RAP Funding:	

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$3,000.

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Sponsorship Grant #5 at 4:20 PM (Attach 13) Action Required

Organization:	Desert Healthcare District & Foundation
Program:	<i>Healthy Desert, Healthy You Environmental Summit September 20 & 21 at the Westin Mission Hills, Rancho Mirage</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
This free summit aims to provide comprehensive education, valuable resources, and inspiration to address environmental health issues impacting our community. The event features expert presentations, interactive breakout sessions, and opportunities for networking, all designed to foster a healthier environment characterized by clean air, water, and soil. The summit addresses several critical unmet needs within our community.	
Representative:	Stephanie Minor
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

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

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VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Grants Menti Poll results from Board Development Session on 4.24.24.

Determine future committee recommendations for Board Consideration ([Attach 14](#))

b. For Informational only - Autism Society Update: The City of Palm Desert unfortunately does not offer a discount for full-facility buyouts for the Aquatic Center.

IX. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Next scheduled meeting: Monday, September 16, 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.

