



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
 March 27, 2024 at 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER *by Chair M. Gialdini at 9:02* Roll Call: C. Borba, G. Colangeli, A. Dew, M. Gialdini, M. Gonda, R. Gutierrez arrived at 10:20, J. Hayes, B. Kroonen, M. Meyer, R. Ortega, K. Rodgers – arrived at 9:10, T. StJohns, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, K. Quintanilla, Supervisor Perez – arrived at 9:16 and left at 9:56, P. Cooper was present for the entire meeting, J. Pye.

Excused Absence: C. Galvez, E. Romero, B. Gonzalez and S. Benoit.
 Also in attendance: B. Sanchez, V. Arroniz, G. Montano, M. Reyes, A. Nieto, C. Flores, J. Cruz, L. De Lara, Quinton Egston, R. Saldivar, Patricia Carrillo , and Jake Wuest.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In order to meet Brown Act requirements, items may be added to the agenda only upon decision by a majority of the Board of Directors to add the item because of a need for immediate action.

Motion:	To approve with moving items out of order: V.1c, 1f, 1L, 1B after 1K.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
B. Kroonen	V. Tanner	15	0	0

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

2024 CV Giving Day Presentation by Jake Wuest from First Bank – J. Wuest made a brief presentation on the event. The amount raised (\$886K) by the participating nonprofits exceeded the goal. Jake requested that the Board consider supporting the 2025 event at the \$50,000 level and let him know as soon as possible.

Board member G. Colangi provided a powerpoint presentation on the Blythe Community Rally which took place on March 23 and was sponsored by RAP. It was a great turnout and was attended by Supervisor Perez who joined the 1 mile march.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A.**February 28, 2024 Board Meeting Draft Minutes - Receive and file (Attach. #1)
- B.**CEO Report - Receive and File (Attach. #2)
- C.**Grant Manager’s Report - Receive and File (Attach. #3)
- D.** Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report – Receive and File (Attach. #4)
- E.**NPO Centric Report - Receive and File (Attach. #5)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the February 28, 2024, BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Grant Manager Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, ARPA Report and NPO Centric Report.

Motion:	To approve the Consent Items with one note to the CEO’s Report – Board member K. Rodgers stated that he attended the State of the 4th District event.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

<i>K. Quintanilla</i>	<i>K. Rodgers</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
-----------------------	-------------------	-----------	----------	----------

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

A. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- to provide update on County matters of interest.

Supervisor Perez talked about The State of the Fourth District event, attended by over 500 people held on March 18 and the county’s efforts to improve Riverside County’s place on the Healthy Places Index where we are currently 39 out of 58 counties. The county, CVWD, CV Desert Recreation District presenters focused on health and wellness and the premise that “Place Matters” in determining a person’s well-being. Also, the fact that even though the CV’s tourism industry generates \$8B a year, there is a need to diversify the economy for higher paying jobs for our residents.

Supervisor Perez shared the video of Board of Supervisor’s recognition of Jan Pye as the Fourth District Woman of the Year on May 5th.

B. Chairperson’s Comments - *None*

C. Request from Lift To Rise (LTR) for Funding to Purchase a Building, \$50,000 (Attach. #6)- LTR is seeking funding to purchase a building in Palm Desert.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$50,000 from unallocated funds to be used for LTR to purchase the property.

Board Member M. Gonda and Kenny Rodgers disclosed a potential conflict of interest and will recuse themselves from discussion.

Motion by C. Borba and seconded by V. Tanner to approve the Executive Committee’s Recommendation, but instead use the “Emergency Funds” which currently has a balance of \$50,000.

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstentions: K. Quintanilla

Recusal from participating in the discussion and left the room: M. Gonda and K. Rodgers.

D. Proposed Employee Benefits

1. Pregnancy/reproductive leave or pay- Contribute towards disability pay to increase amount to the before leave pay amount.

Options for consideration:

- a. Make no change to current pay.
- b. Offer additional 3 weeks of paid time off can be used anytime in a 12-month period.
- c. Integrate additional pay to combine with SDI pay – Current SDI pay is approximately 75% of gross pay.
- d. Offer a policy for short and long-term disability for any disability– for example AFLAC- which would not be effective until 12 mos. Prior to pregnancy.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend to the Board to effective immediately offer additional 3 weeks of paid time off to be used for a 12-month period after birth of child.

Staff to bring back options for short and long-term disability policies to replace the 3 weeks of pregnancy

reproductive leave with a permanent financial incentive to cover any disability, including pregnancy.

M. Meyer made the motion to approve the Executive Committee Recommendation. There is direction to the CEO to provide information of other nonprofits locally on whether they offer a similar benefit to include this information along with the plan for supplementing pay during the SDI period which will replace the immediate approval of 3 weeks of PTO to be used in a 12 month period.

Seconded by: B. Kroonen. Yes: 15 No: J. Hayes, K. Quintanilla. Abstentions: 0

2. Education incentive- Continuing education to benefit RAP that is appropriate for staff's current role.

- The amount currently allowed per budget allowance- Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – Up to \$1500.
- Propose an increase for FY 2024-2025; the amount to change to \$2000.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To include an Education Incentive in the 2024 Employee Handbook and define it as continuing education to benefit RAP and is appropriate for the staff's current role. Also, to increase the amount to \$2000 for FY 2024-2025.

Motion by B. Kroonen and seconded by C. Borba to approve the Executive Committee Recommendation. Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstentions: 0

3. Process for employees to report possible CEO misconduct. Options include:

a. Utilize the Executive Committee to respond to issues.

- Employee contacts Board Chair –may be in writing or verbal
- Board Chair contacts HR attorney
- Board Chair schedules a Closed Session for Executive Committee to consider
- Executive Committee – schedules a Closed Session for Board of Directors to consider

b. Creating a separate “Whistle Blower” Committee to convene as needed. Appoint committee with interested board members. Nominate Chair and Vice-Chair

- Employee contacts Committee Chair –may be in writing or verbal
- Whistle Blower Committee Chair – contacts HR attorney
- Whistle Blower Committee Chair – schedules a Closed Session for Executive Committee
- Executive Committee – schedules a Closed Session for Board of Directors to consider

Executive Committee Recommendation: To rename the Governance Committee the Governance-Human Resources Committee and to add the responsibility to it to address reports of CEO misconduct. To create the following process for reporting by employees:

- The Governance- Human Resources (G-HR) Committee would convene as needed.
- Employee contacts G-HR Committee Chair –may be in writing or verbal.
- G-HR Committee Chair – contacts HR attorney
- G-HR Committee Chair – schedules a Closed Session for Executive Committee.
- Executive Committee – schedules a Closed Session for Board of Directors to consider

Motion by B. Kroonen and seconded by C. Borba to approve the Executive Committee Recommendation. Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstentions: 0

E. UCR Nonprofit Management Certificate Program - The NPO Centric Committee reviewed 2 proposals from UCR Extension for courses to be offered at the Palm Desert Campus. Option A (Attach. #7) is preferred by the Committee due to: The success of the program in prior years, the topics are still relevant, and the opportunity to earn college credit for courses.

The NPO Centric Committee recommended to the Executive Committee to exercise its authority and allocate \$68,750 for 20 nonprofit students to participate in the UCR accredited certification program in for the Fall 2024 semester (FY 24-25). Also, to add \$10,000 for graduation. A decision was needed by March 19 to allow for submittal of curriculum to the UCR Senate for inclusion in Fall 2024 class schedule.

Executive Committee Recommendation: The Executive Committee approved NPO Centric Committee’s recommendation and authorized \$68,750 for the UCR Nonprofit Management Certificate Program and \$10,000 for the graduation. The Executive Committee is requesting ratification of their action – approval of \$78,750. The program is limited to the Palm Desert campus and will include RBA methodology as part of onboarding of students. Staff will utilize RBA methodology to evaluate the program’s effectiveness.

Motion by B. Kroonen and seconded by K. Quintanilla to ratify the Executive Committee’ action approving this funding commitment. Also, to include a First Priority for NPO Centric members and creating a Wait List for nonmembers. Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstentions: 0

F. GRANTS TRACKER FY2023-2024: (Attach. # 8)

G. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS – Action Required

1. Juvenile Intervention Request for Proposal – In December 2023, the RAP Board approved the allocation of \$300,000 for this funding opportunity. It implemented a 2-year funding cycle, utilization of Results Based Accountability (RBA). The grantees will be required to submit reporting to demonstrate impact. Twelve (12) applications were considered by the Grants Committee.

Motion by J. Hayes and seconded by R. Gutierrez to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation for a total of \$181,700.

<i>1a. Angel View</i>	<i>\$19,200</i>
<i>1d. Chance Initiative</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>1e. Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>1g. Genuine Animate Navigate Assist Succeed, DBA GANAS</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>1h. Green Room Theatre Company</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>1i. John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation – Aurora abstained</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>1J. Martha’s Village and Kitchen</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>1K. Olive Crest</i>	<i>\$17,500</i>

Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstentions: A. Wilson from John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation.

Motion by R. Gutierrez and seconded by K. Quintanilla to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation for a total of \$118,300:

<i>1b. Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center</i>	<i>\$46,300</i>
<i>1f. Focus First Counseling and Education Inc.</i>	<i>\$42,000</i>

Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstentions: 0

***Motion by C. Borba and seconded by V. Tanner to not accept the Recommendation and instead approve \$25,000 for Year 1 and \$25,000 for Year 2 for the Girls Club of CV to be from the unallocated budget .
Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstentions: 0***

1L. Alianza Coachella Valley

\$35,000 \$30,000

1a.	Angel View		
Program:	Increasing Access to Medical Care for Children Disabilities		
Requested Amount:	FY 23-24: \$19,200; FY 24-25: \$19,200		
The target is 200 low-income families raising children with disabilities of the total of 600 for this year. Two full-time case managers will help parents improve their children’s access to primary and specialty medical care. Angel View will create a safe place for children with disabilities to get the support and care needed. Information will be distributed to 250 families (1,000 people) at resource fairs and at one-on-one case management sessions, connect families with safe places, offer activities for children with disabilities, and help clients find mental health providers accepted by their insurance.			
Reviewer’s Average Score:	80%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY 22-23: \$10,000		

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount of \$19,200 for FY 23-24 & \$19,200 for FY 24-25.

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

1b.	Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center		
Program:	Coalition to End Human Trafficking Coachella Valley (CV) Riverside County		
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$50,000; FY24-25: \$50,000		
The Barbara Sinatra Children's Center, in collaboration with the Coalition to End Human Trafficking CV Riverside County, aims to raise awareness about human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and sextortion in the community. The current program goals include conducting awareness campaigns with youth and young adults in the CV, Blythe, and Palo Verde communities through various outreach efforts.			
Reviewer’s Average Score:	89%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS, Palo Verde Valley	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$47,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$26,700		

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve partial funding of requested amount of \$50,000. Approve \$46,300 for FY 23-24 and \$46,300 for FY 24-25.

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

1c.	Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley		
Program:	Developing Youth Through the Ages		
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000		

The Passport to Manhood/Palabra program is a culturally responsive effort to engage young men in discussions and activities to reinforce character, leadership, and positive behavior. The program provides positive male role models to assist young men having legal/academic troubles.

The Girl Power program focuses on the holistic development of young women. This program provides a safe and supportive environment where girls can express themselves without fear of judgment and be their authentic selves.

Reviewer's Average Score:	78%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$35,000	

Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request of \$25,000.

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

1d.	Chance Initiative		
Program:	Youth Services		
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$20,000; FY24-25: \$20,000		
Chance Initiative (CI) focuses on adults and youth returning home from being incarcerated or that are on probation or parole by making their re-entry as soft as possible through mentorship, life skills and job preparedness. CI has formed a strong bond with the youth and their families and has helped some of the youth as they returned home by providing basic needs for their re-entry. CI visits the YTEC Facility and is actively engaged with incarcerated youth and looks to further help youth offenders by offering In-Institution life coaching and mentorship to juveniles both at Indio Juvenile Hall and at the ALAN M. CROGAN Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC).			
Reviewer's Average Score:	84%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A		

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount of \$20,000 for FY 23-24 and \$20,000 for FY 24-25.

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

1e.	Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert		
Program:	STEAM for Older Kids		
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$30,000; FY24-25: \$30,000		
The funding request is to create a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) facility specifically designed for students in grades 6-12 to nurture curiosity, foster creativity and cultivate essential skills necessary for future success. This is a holistic approach in recognizing that education goes beyond mere knowledge transmission. The facility offers life skills classes encompassing a diverse range of practical topics such as financial literacy, public speaking, automotive maintenance and college and job application guidance.			
Reviewer's Average Score:	79%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS, Palo Verde Valley	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A		

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve requested amount of \$30,000 for FY 23-24 and \$30,000 for FY 24-25 and provide an updated budget to Grants Manager in time for the board meeting.

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

1f.	Focus First Counseling and Education, Inc.			
Program:	Kids Growing Up in Blythe Program			
Requested Amount:	FY 23-24: \$45,800; FY 24-25: \$45,800			
The Kids Growing Up In Blythe Program will allow specific educational courses to provide youth and their families growth with a sense of cultural awareness and acceptance through various forms of teaching to include land acknowledgements of the indigenous people, nature walks and hikes, karaoke day, children’s theatre and performance art development teachings, yoga classes, nutrition classes, gardening classes, hiking club, and various cultural art projects catered toward the target population and age demographic.				
Reviewer’s Average Score:	83%	Serving Prioritized Area: Palo Verde Valley		
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$42,000 of the requested \$45,800 requested for FY 23-24 and \$42,000 of \$45,800 requested for FY 24-25.

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

1g.	GENIUNE ANIMATE NAVIGATE ASSIST SUCEED, DBA., GANAS			
Program:	Padres con GANAS			
Requested Amount:	FY 23-24: \$30,000; FY 24-25: \$30,000			
The request for funding is to continue the Padres con GANAS (Parents with Desire) program which targets Hispanic/Latino special needs community and their families in the Coachella Valley. GANAS works with this target population by educating and training parents to advocate for their loved ones. The two peer-mentors have a combined experience of over 18 years working with the target population educating and training on service navigation to improve their loved one's quality of life so they could live to their fullest potential.				
Reviewer’s Average Score:	81%	Serving Prioritized Area: Palo Verde Valley Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS, Palo Verde Valley		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY 22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$45,000; FY 23-24 Sponsorship			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$30,000 of requested amount of \$30,000 for FY 23-24 and \$30,000 for FY 24-25.

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

1h.	Green Room Theatre Company			
Program:	Green Room Theatre Ballet Folklorico Outreach			
Requested Amount:	FY 23-24: \$25,000; FY 24-25: \$25,000			

Currently, this program consists of 7-10 weeks of fun and rigorous weekly lessons, a public showcase for the students to demonstrate their new dance skills. With an expanded, year-long program, there is sustained social-emotional support and learning. The program will expand to fill the gap and support more juveniles. The partnership with Desert Recreation will allow offering of classes at one location throughout the year and exercise more control over the content and pacing of the instruction. There will be no geographic restrictions, and could potentially serve elementary to high school students throughout CV.

Reviewer's Average Score:	89%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS
Prior RAP Funding:	FY222-23 Small Grant: \$9,700; FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch: \$1,000	

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve requested amount of \$25,000 for FY 23-24 and \$25,000 for FY 24-25.

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

ii.	John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation			
Program:	Ophelia Project Teen Mentoring Program			
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$15,000; FY24-25: \$15,000			
Ophelia Project is a proven comprehensive 5-year team mentoring program serving at-risk but capable teen girls in 8th through 12th grade at risk of becoming high school dropouts, as determined by their school counselors. The program provides enrichment curriculum designed to: increase GPA and graduation rates, improve academic achievement, encourage college preparation and career readiness, and provides resources for higher education.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	83%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$15,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$15,000 of requested \$15,000 for FY23-24 and \$15,000 for FY24-25.

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

Board member A. Wilson announced a conflict of interest and will recused herself from discussion.

1J.	Martha's Village and Kitchen Inc.			
Program:	Martha's Juvenile Intervention Expansion Program			
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000			
Martha's will expand its current services to homeless and impoverished juveniles and their families throughout the CV with an emphasis on North Palm Springs (NPS) and Palo Verde Valley. Specifically, Martha's will be expanding its services in NPS and these funds will allow it to expand homeless juvenile intervention services. Finally, Martha's will expand its current services to CalAIM clients to include additional juvenile intervention services.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	91%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS, Palo Verde Valley		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$25,000 of requested \$25,000 for FY 23-24 and \$25,000 for FY 24-25.

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

1K.	Olive Crest			
Program:	Enhanced Intervention Support for Transitional- Aged (18-21) Foster Youth			
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$17,500; FY24-25: \$17,500			
This 1-year project will build on the previous grant support to continue to provide interventions and meet increased community needs for vulnerable juveniles living in the CV. Funding will support Olive Crest's Transitional Housing Program (THP) which provides housing and comprehensive support to enable foster youth and youth emancipating from foster care (Transitional-Aged-Youth/TAY) to reach their potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	82%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$17,500; FY22-23 Small Grant: \$6,675; FY22-23 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000; FY23-24: \$5,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve requested amount of \$17,500 for FY 23-24 and \$17,500 for FY 24-25.

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

1L.	Alianza Coachella Valley			
Program:	Building Youth Power in the Coachella Valley			
Requested Amount:	FY23-24: \$35,000; FY24-25: \$35,000			
One of the ways that we continue to uplift our community voices is through the Alianza Youth Organizing Council (YO-C), read as "yo se (I know in Spanish)". YO-C is a program that provides youth in the Coachella Valley, ages 14 to 18, with a safe space to express their community concerns, find solutions, be in community together and step into their personal power. YO-C youth become active community leaders, and contribute to each of Alianza's campaigns by continuously advocating for their needs as youth and community members.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	79%	Serving Prioritized Area: CV Unincorporated Areas, DHS, North PS		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$16,600; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$30,000 of requested \$35,000 for FY 23-24 and \$30,000 of requested \$30,000 for FY 24-25.

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

Sponsorship 1.	Alianza Coachella Valley			
Program:	The Hue Music & Aarts Festival 2024			
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00			
This free event creates an alternative to the Coachella Music and Arts Festival for those who are unable to afford it. Through The Hue 2024, Alianza's Youth Organizing Council will increase and improve awareness of safe, positive and inclusive spaces for the CV Community. YO-C will be by bringing much needed resources to the CV Community and will collaborating with various partners & organizations at this event.				
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$16,600; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$2,500 of \$5,000 requested.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation of \$2,500 and comment from board member to applicant representative who was present to submit future requests two months in advance. The event will take place at Veteran's Park in Coachella from 4 to 9 PM.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	A. Dew	17	0	0

H. Desert Legal Foundation (DLF) Funds- The disbanded DLF Board selected RAP as the recipient of their remaining funds originally \$39,875 with a balance of \$1,175. Staff is recommending to utilize the \$1,175 towards workshops which will feature legal topics that will benefit many more organizations.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

Motion:	To approve the NPO Centric Committee's Recommendation which was reported as to utilize \$1,175 towards workshops with legal topics. A. Wilson who was on the DLF Board had provided her support for this plan, per requirements of the grant.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A. Dew	R. Gutierrez	17	0	0

I. NPO Centric Overview – Betty Sanchez

J. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT REQUESTS:

- A. Wilson reported on each of the TA Grant Requests from 1-5. She stated that the NPO Centric Committee met on March 25 and is recommending approval of the Staff recommendation for each request.**
- R. Gutierrez made a motion to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation. Seconded by V. Tanner.**

Yes: 14 No: C. Borba and A. Dew Abstentions: 0
J. Hayes left the room before the vote.

1. TA Grant	American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Request Description	Grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership and Consulting Services. Staff recommendation: To approve 40 hours –likely a strategic plan & NPO Centric Membership.
Prior TA Services:	None

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

2. TA Grant	Inland Compassion
-------------	-------------------

Request Description	TA grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership & Consulting Services. Staff recommendation: To deny the request considering the organization does not serve residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley at this time.
Prior TA Services:	None

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

3. TA Grant	We Can Fish
Request Description	We Can Fish requested additional hours of consulting services.
Prior TA Services:	At NPO Centric Program Manager discretion, We Can Fish received 20 hours of consulting services towards Financial Controls and Board Development as well an NPO Centric Membership. See NPO Centric Committee Minutes for Sept. 20,2024. Staff recommendation: To approve 20 additional hours of consulting services = 40 hours total.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

1. Juvenile Intervention TA Grant	Chance Initiative
Request Description	TA grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership & Consulting services. Staff recommendation: To approve 30 hours for TA - likely for Board Development, Business Planning, & Grant Writing. Grant Services up to \$3,750.
Prior TA Services:	None

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

2. Juvenile Intervention TA Grant	Focus First Counseling and Education, Inc.
Request Description	TA grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership & Consulting Services.

	Staff recommendation: To approve 30 hours for TA - likely for Board Development, Business Planning, and Grant Writing. Grant Services up to \$3,750.
Prior TA Services:	None

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

3. Juvenile Intervention TA Grant	GENUINE ANIMATE NAVIGATE ASSIST SUCCEED, GANAS
Request Description	TA grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership & Consulting Services. Staff recommendation: To approve 25 hours for technical assistance likely for Staff Development and Financial Planning. Grant Services up to \$3,125.
Prior TA Services:	Received 30 hours of consulting services as well an NPO Centric Membership through the FY22-23 Juvenal Intervention Technical Assistance Grant.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

4. Juvenile Intervention TA Grant	Green Room Theatre Company
Request Description	TA grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership & Consulting Services. Staff recommendation: To approve 30 hours- likely for technical assistance for Business Planning and Fundraising. Grant Services up to \$3,750.
Prior Technical Assistance Services:	None

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

5. Juvenile Intervention TA Grant	Barbara Sinatra Children's Center
-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------

Request Description	TA grant to cover the cost of: NPO Centric Membership & Consulting Service Staff recommendation: To approve 25 hours for technical assistance -likely for Staff Development and Strategy & Planning. TA Grant Services up to \$3,125.
Prior Technical Assistance Services:	Received 30 hours of consulting services as well an NPO Centric Membership through the FY22-23 Juvenal Intervention Technical Assistance Grant.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: The Committee met on March 25. The recommendation will be delivered verbally.

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

VI. Information Items

- A. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2024 (Attach. #9)
- B. Grants Committee: Met on March 18. Approved Feb. 20 Minutes attached (Attach. #10). Next meeting April 15 at 1:30 PM.
- D. Executive Committee: Met on March 18. Approved Minutes for Feb. 20 (Attach. #11). Next meeting April 15 at 9 AM.
- E. Facilities Committee: Scheduled to Meet March 27 at 10:30. Approved Minutes for Jan. 24 (Attach. #12)
- F. Finance/Investment Committee. Met on Feb. 28. Approved Minutes for Sep. 18, 2023 (Attach. #13). Next meeting April 24 at 11:30.
- G. Mental Health Committee: Next meeting March 27 at 11 AM.
- H. NPO Centric Committee: Meeting on March 25, 2024. Next meeting scheduled for April 17 at 1 PM.
- I. Governance Committee meeting: Next meeting TBD.
- J. Nominations Committee meeting: Next meeting TBD.
- K. Audit Committee: Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

- Introduce CV Healthy Living employee – Jacquelin Cruz Ramirez - *Jacqui introduced herself.*
- Spotlight on Elizabeth Romero
- Spotlight on Claudia Galvez

Tori St. Johns delivered a power point of her family and her upbringing that influenced her decision to work with families dealing with substance abuse.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: **12:00** Next meeting is on April 24, 2024 starting at 12:00 PM- 5 PM (lunch will be provided) with social hour from 5:00- 6:00 PM (appetizers to be provided) at UCR Palm Desert.