



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Wednesday June 26, 2024, at 9:00 AM

APPROVED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER-By Board Chair J. Pye at 9:01 Roll Call *A. Wilson, S. Benoit, C. Borba, G. Colangeli, A. Dew arrived at 9:06, C. Galvez, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, B. Kroonen, R. Gutierrez arrived at 9:02, J. Hayes, M. Meyer, R. Ortega, E. Romero arrived at 9:34, K. Rodgers arrived at 9:05, T. St.Johns, V. Tanner, P. Cooper (Supervisor Perez joined remoted to deliver comments but did not participate in any action items), J. Pye.*

Excused absences: K. Quintanilla

Also Present: M. Reyes, V. Arroniz, T. Fantini, G. Holliday, M. Robles, B. Simerson, J. Frank, J. Cruz, L. De lara. And guests: Cecilia De La Torre, Alejandra Zamora, Erica Negrete, Julian Herrera, and Giselle Panlino

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.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve as submitted.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS - No public comment.

Coachella East Rotary - Cecilia De La Torre and Coachella East Rotary President Alejandra Zomora and three students attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). - *Cecilia and Alejandra were joined by students: Erica Negrete, Julian Herrera and Giselle Panlino. They share reasons for participating in Rotary RYLA and what they gained from attending the leadership retreat.*

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A.** May 22, 2024 Board Meeting Draft Minutes - Receive and file (Attach. #1)
- B.** CEO Report - Receive and File (Attach. #2)
- C.** Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report – Receive and File (Attach. #3)
- D.** NPO Centric Report - Receive and File (Attach. #4)
- E.** Financials – Receive and File (Attach. #5) - Recommended for approval by the Finance Committee.

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the May 22, 2024 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Financials up to May 31, 2024, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, and NPO Centric Report.

Motion:	To approve the Staff Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	A.Dew	18	0	0

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 provide brief remarks including the County’s budget process – the Board of Supervisors approved a \$20B budget. He expressed his thoughts about funding social services which have historically not been as highly considered as public safety but are needed to be financially supported, including Probation, Juvenile Justice, Animal Services, Planning – Permitting, fast-tracking and housing projects. Also mentioned attending the recent UCR School of Medicine Graduation that he attended and was the featured speaker at.

B. Board Chair's Executive Committee Assignment – **Board Chair announced that she would not be making any changes to the Executive Committee during the remainder of her term in order to provide stability.**

C. FY 2023-2024 Annual Audit - Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing conducted the FY 2021-22, FY 2022-2023 audits. The FY 2023-2024 Audit cost is below. Last year’s fees are provided as a comparison. Engagement letter is attached (Attach. #6). A Single Audit is required due to receipt of more than \$750,000 from ARPA Grant. The additional cost is covered in the ARPA grant.

FY 2023-2024	FY 22-23	Issuance of audited financial statements		
		and issuance of letter on any recommendations for improvement	\$14,700	\$14,000
		Issuance of Uniform Guidance Audit and Compliance Report	\$ 8,000	N/A
		Preparation of Income Tax Returns	\$ 2,600	\$2,600

Audit Committee Recommendation: To recommend ratification of FY 2023-24 Engagement agreement.

Motion:	To approve the Audit Committee Recommendation to approve the amount of \$25,300.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	K. Rodgers	19	0	0

D. Adoption of the RAP Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) (Attach. #7) As a result of California Senate Bill 553 (SB 553), all employers that fall within the scope of California Labor Code (LC) 6401.7 and LC 6401.9 are required to establish, implement, and maintain an effective, written Plan no later than July 1, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: To recommend to the Board to adopt the RAP WVPP.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>To adopt the RAP WVPP made by C. Borba</i>	<i>R. Gutierrez</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

E. Vendor Agreement with 4th District Supervisor Youth Advisory Council (YAC). (Attach. #8)

The RAP Board approved the request to provide accounting services to the YAC as an in-kind service. The Board approve this template in July 2022. This agreement formalizes the relationship/arrangement.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To approve with modifications to Attach. A and B.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>C. Borba to approve the Agreement with modifications.</i>	<i>R. Gutierrez</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

F. Vendor Agreement with Riverside County Supervisor for the State of the Fourth District (State of the 4th) event. (Attach. #9)

The RAP Board approved the request to provide accounting services to the State of the 4th as an in-kind service. This agreement template was approved by the Board in July 2022.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To approve with modifications to Attach. A and B.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>C. Borba to approve the Agreement with modifications.</i>	<i>R. Gutierrez</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

G. D&O, General Liability, Professional Liability, Umbrella, and Commercial Insurance. The current policies expire in July and need to be renewed. Our Insurance Broker has “shopped” for better rates and is recommending this package. (Attach. # 10)

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>C. Borba to approve the policy extensions.</i>	<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

H. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2023-2024: (Attach. # 11)

I. SMALL GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED - Grants #1 to #6:

Small Grant #1	Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs (B & G Club of PS)
Program:	Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) Program for ages 6 to 18.
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The lack of exercise and physical activity with the youth has caused many issues. Childhood obesity has been on rise	

due to lack of the fore mentioned. Children do not participate in physical activities out of their school and free time. Healthy eating habits and nutrition are also a root cause. The B & G Club of PS has many resources to teach and provide activities. The campus consists of a gymnasium, indoor swimming pool and a Health & Wellness Center. There are dedicated staff and volunteers to provide such activities and education for the youth. These various activities will keep the youth engaged.

Reviewer's Average Score:	84%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant \$35,000, FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$23,200

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$10,000.

Motion:	To approve \$10,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Rodgers	R. Gutierrez	19	0	0

Small Grant #2	Family Services of the Desert, Inc. DBA Food Now
Program:	Healthy Eating, Healthy Communities
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
This initiative aims to combat food insecurity and improve the health of vulnerable and at-risk populations, including extremely low-income households, homeless individuals, and housebound clients. As of July 2022, the median household income in Desert Hot Springs (DHS) was \$45,863, significantly lower than California's median of \$91,905. The per capita income in DHS was almost half the state average, at \$23,453, with a poverty rate notably higher than the state's, at 21.0% compared to 12.2%. These figures illustrate the economic challenges faced by the community, making them more susceptible to food insecurity. DHS residents face additional hurdles in obtaining nutritious food, living in a Food Desert as defined by the CDC. This area lacks access to affordable fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat milk, and other healthy foods.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request of \$10,000.

Motion:	To approve \$10,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Rodgers	R. Gutierrez	19	0	0

Small Grant #3	Girlfriend Factor
Program:	40 in 4 Initiative
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
This initiative aims to address the critical healthcare worker shortage in CV by empowering women to pursue education and careers in the healthcare industry. Over the next four years, 40 women will be supported in achieving their educational goals, fostering a stronger, locally invested healthcare workforce. This initiative will reduce reliance on expensive travel nurses and also provide long-term benefits to the community by enhancing local economic stability and supporting families. This program is designed to provide \$3,000 individual annual grants, emotional support, and support services to women pursuing healthcare education. By focusing on local women, many of whom are mothers, the aim is to create a stable, reliable workforce deeply invested in the	

well-being of their community. Local women in healthcare positions are more likely to stay in the area, reducing turnover and fostering consistent and compassionate level of care for residents

Reviewer’s Average Score:	81%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve the request of \$10,000.

Motion:	To approve \$10,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Rodgers	R. Gutierrez	19	0	0

Small Grant #4	Palm Springs International Piano Competition (PSIPC)
Program:	Virginia Waring Int'l Piano dba The Palm Springs International Piano Competition: General Operating Support
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
PSIPC provides many educational and artistic opportunities to young people in the CV that no other organization offers in the same way. The program is free to low-income children; often, after-school music classes give children their very first experience of learning music. Free concerts in local schools by world-class touring performers are provide, also to high school students tickets and transportation to other concerts around the valley: these occasions serve as educational and cultural experiences and potential networking opportunities for talented young musicians. Finally, piano competition brings accomplished musicians from all over the world to perform in the Valley—performances that low-income children may attend for free.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	76%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$8,000 and to recommend that they work towards establishing a program at CVUSD and contact the Boys and Girls Club of CV to collaborate and possibly expand their program to the Mecca B & G Club. If they can expand to eastern CV, to increase the amount to \$10,000.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Rodgers	R. Gutierrez	19	0	0

Small Grant #5	The Pink Journey Foundation
Program:	Rolling with Hope (RWH)
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
TPJF successfully launched a grant supported program, Rolling with Hope (RWH), which Motion: is a mobile screening mammography program to underserved Southern California communities. RWH’s primary mission is to help women of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and ages through education and screening mammograms or find access to mammograms.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	85%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$6,500 for the program excluding the cost of the equipment. If RadNet denies their funding request, to increase the amount to \$10,000.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Rodgers	R. Gutierrez	19	0	0

Small Grant #6	Word of Life Fellowship Hall - The Bridge to Better Homeless Project
Program:	The Bridge to Better Homeless Project
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
The Bridge to Better Homeless Project is meeting some of the essential needs of the Desert Hot Springs population of its 120 homeless citizens. Every Tuesday morning a group of 15 volunteers meets at the church kitchen to prepare and pack 120 nutritional hot or cold lunches depending on the weather. Then we break into teams and deliver the lunches according to an area designated for that team. Delivering the lunches to the homeless sites allows us to see and evaluate other needs our clients might have such as medical and mental health emergencies. We have also partnered with the Desert HealthCare and DPMG Health to have a free Mobile Health Clinic at a central location in town once a month for the last 9 months.	
Reviewer’s Scores:	88% Three reviewers scoring: 84,93, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: Recommend to approve up to \$10K. However, in payments of \$2,500 a quarter and monitoring of compliance with accessing NPOC services outlined in an agreed upon plan.

The applicant did not provide financial information requested. It appears that the applicant may benefit from technical assistance to assist in this area. NPO Centric membership and # of hours working with a consultant/attending workshops should be a condition of any funding amount.

J. Pye will recuse herself due to potential conflict.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Rodgers	R. Gutierrez	18	0	J. Pye recused herself from discussion and vote

J. SMALL GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF LESSER AMOUNT THAN REQUESTED - Grants #7: OR, DO NOT HAVE A RECOMMENDATION, Grant #8.

Small Grant #7	Futurenomic Resources DBA Coachella Valley Arts Institute
Program:	Amapiano Experience & Jollof Rice Cook-Off
Requested Amount:	\$9,725.00
This free event features the Amapiano and Afrobeat music genres which have surpassed Hip Hop in sales but are relatively new to urban youth. This event provides a pivotal introduction to local youth, diversifying their	

musical exposure and integrating East and West African cultural elements because record labels are no longer signing new Hip Hop artists. Future programming will expand to include music production and dance classes tailored to these styles, thereby deepening community engagement and skill development. Children will learn an Afrobeat dance routine at the event. Complementing the musical aspect, the Jollof Rice Cook-Off invites local chefs and families to participate in a culinary competition centered around this staple West African dish. This event segment celebrates culinary arts and encourages community bonding and intercultural exchange.

Reviewer's Average Score:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve as a Sponsorship for a lesser amount \$5,000 than amount requested.

Motion:	To approve as a Sponsorship for a lesser amount \$5,000 than amount requested.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	V. Tanner	19	0	0

Small Grant #8	Cheeky Charity Inc.
Program:	Pride in Prevention: Enhancing Colorectal Cancer Advocacy in the Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
Our "Pride in Prevention" program is designed to address significant unmet needs related to colorectal cancer (CRC) awareness, prevention, and screening in the Coachella Valley. The program will take place throughout October and November, with a focus on LGBTQ+ and underserved populations. The program will leverage partnerships with local community organizations, including the LGBTQ+ Center of the Desert (The Center), and local healthcare providers, such as DAP Health, to get the word out about CRC.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	81%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

There were two tied motions 2-2, one to deny the request and the second motion to fund at \$5,000-\$8,000. The comments from board members included: The target population is too limited to PS region and there is concern about the number of events that will be held in the period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30. Is serving 50 people realistic?

Motion:	To approve \$10,000 and for the applicant to create a plan for reaching out to the eastern CV communities in the future.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C. Galvez	K. Rodgers	15	A.Dew, B. Kroonen, V. Tanner	P. Cooper left the room during discussion and vote.

K. SMALL GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF TWO GRANTS - Grant #9 AND #10

Small Grant #9	Integrated Learning Institute
Program:	Listen Up! Summer Reading Intervention for K - 2 students
Requested Amount:	\$8,300
Listen Up! serves twelve children who have completed kindergarten through second grade who have not responded as expected to reading instruction. Additionally, the children must demonstrate suspected auditory processing weakness as indicated by the Phonological Awareness Skills Survey (PASS). Reading research indicates that children who have not learned to read by second grade rarely catch up. Other research indicates	

that phonological weaknesses respond to twenty hours of specific, intensive, regular stimulation. For sixteen days in the month of July, the children have two and a half hours of intensive (and fun!) auditory experiences. All learning is activity based and fast paced.

Reviewer’s Average Score:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY21-22 \$5,000, FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant \$5,000

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to deny the request. The concern is with the low number (20) of kids served, the limited area and small pool of referrals.

Motion:	To deny the request.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	A. Dew	13	4	E. Romero left during the discussion and vote. M. Gonda left the meeting and did not vote.

Smal Grant #10	Rotary Club of Palm Desert Foundation
Program:	Mental Health Awareness and Education
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Breaking stigma and increasing awareness; enhancing coping skills and knowledge; suicide prevention; and training teachers, parents, and peers to recognize signs and provide referrals and support to resources. Depression and awareness curriculum for ages twelve (12) and older. A web-based train-the-trainer with supplemental materials to localize at the community/school level. These materials are bundled with a framework for referral and a model to increase counseling resources within the school.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	74%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to deny the request. The comments included that the program has merit and would like to support it if the program is started in a smaller scale – possibly a couple of schools. Also, if these questions/concerns are addressed:

- Program is not well defined, need to have clear goals and objectives
- The partnerships with the organizations listed are not formalized – need to have something in writing stating support/cooperation
- Address how duplication of services will be avoided

Motion:	To continue the item to allow the applicant to provide additional information to the Grants Committee at a future meeting.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	A. Wilson	16	0	M. Gonda was not present.

L. SPONSORSHIP GRANT FUNDING REQUEST- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED - Grant #1

Sponsorship #1	Building Resilient Communities
Program:	2nd North Palm Springs Health & Safety Fair

Requested Amount:	\$10,000
We are proud to be a part of a network of organizations ensuring that communities are ready in the event of a crisis. We currently provide disaster preparedness tools, resources, and updates on emergency situations to hundreds of faith, community, and business leaders. When fires start, floods occur, the earth shakes, pandemics strike or communities experience violence, or enhancing the knowledge as it relates to climate. We are proud to be a part of a network of organizations ensuring that communities are ready in the event of a crisis. We currently provide disaster preparedness tools, resources, and updates on emergency situations to hundreds of faith, community, and business leaders. When fires start, floods occur, the earth shakes, pandemics strike or communities experience violence, or enhancing the knowledge as it relates to climate	
Reviewer's Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve as a Sponsorship of \$5,000 for the October 19 event.

Motion:	To approve as a Sponsorship of \$5,000 for the October 19 event.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A. Dew	R. Gutierrez	17	0	K. Rodgers left during discussion and did not vote. M. Gonda left the meeting and did not return.

M. MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE YEAR TWO GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED - Grants #1 to #8:

Mental Health Grant #1	ABC Recovery Center, Inc.
Program:	Family Program
Requested Amount:	\$99,000
The family program is dedicated to supporting family members who have been impacted by loved one's substance use disorders and providing greater opportunities for good mental health. It is currently funded by stretching existing resources, which doesn't allow for a full complement of care for those in the Family Program, or who we can care for in reaching families who are not already clients, or, in reaching families outside of the CV. Additionally, they are exploring how to assist with a new local mental healthcare facility to see if it is possible for their client's families to be assisted through the Family Program.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	80%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY 22-23 Mental Health \$99,200

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount \$99,000.

Motion:	To approve \$99,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0

Mental Health Grant #2	Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine
Program:	Improving mental health among low-income and uninsured residents
Requested Amount:	\$32,000
The program will assist patients with behavioral health issues, primarily anxiety and/or depression, identified in routine assessments of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) on all new patients and for current patients when requesting assistance. Assistance will come from one-to-one support offered by social workers or a volunteer behavioral health professional, and community referrals.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	81%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$32,000, Small Grant FY21-22 \$5,000, Small Grant FY21-22 \$1,700, Small Grant FY21-22 \$4,500

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve requested amount \$32,000.

Motion:	To approve \$32,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0

Mental Health Grant #3	Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS)
Program:	Increasing Current and Future Access to Mental Health Services in the CV
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
JFS has provided low- or no-cost mental health counseling services to thousands of individuals, couples, and families since 1999 and is now one of the Valley's largest nonprofit counseling agencies. JFS therapists help Valley residents confront mental illness, anxiety, depression, partner/marital conflict, divorce, death and grieving, domestic violence, alcohol/drug addiction, job stress, child abuse, and senior abuse, among others. JFS therapy techniques facilitate patients' ability to improve coping strategies while referring to JFS case managers when clients exhibit social service needs that often exacerbate mental health symptoms.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	78%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Small Grant \$10,000, FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch \$12,000, FY 22-23 Mental Health \$50,000, Small Grant FY22-23 \$10,000, FY21-22 Mental Health Grant \$50,000, FY23-24

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve requested amount \$50,000.

Motion:	To approve \$50,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0

Mental Health Grant #4	Olive Crest
Program:	Counseling/Mental Health Services for children/families living in CV/Blythe
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
To continue improving access to counseling/mental health services and support the reduction of cultural barriers to counseling services for children and families living in CV and the PV Valley. Teams will provide client-centric, holistic services and mental health resources for at-risk populations, with the anticipated outcome of equipping clients to successfully engage in healthy living and access networks of support and services.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	78%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention Grant (JIG) \$35,000, FY23-24 Sponsorship Grant

	(SG) \$5,000, FY22-23 JIG \$17,500, FY22-23 MH/JIG Technical Assistance Grant \$3,750, FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$50,000, FY22-23 SG \$5,000, Small Grant FY22-23 6,675, FY 21-22 \$50,000, FY20-21 Historical COVID-19 \$10,000
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Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$50,000 – conditional on the organization providing documentation that they are in compliance with State of California/other regulating entities.

Motion:	CEO reported that information to verify compliance was provided. To approve \$50,000 and direct staff to work with applicant and board member G. Colangeli to improve outreach to Blythe address that the website and social media does not mention services available to Blythe residents.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0

Mental Health Grant #5	Shelter From The Storm, Inc.
Program:	Case Management and Counseling Services Program
Requested Amount:	\$42,000
Domestic violence (DV) is a complex issue that involves more than just physical abuse or arguments. Shelter From The Storm provides a Community Counseling Center to support victims with therapeutic counseling, case management, and safety planning. This center offers resources to recognize abuse, plan for safety, and gain the courage to leave or avoid returning to abusive relationships. Counseling services also help victims set goals for their safety and mental health, recognize patterns of abuse, and prevent their children from repeating these cycles. SFTS’s center offers English and Spanish support groups, parenting classes, and educational sessions. It also serves as a distribution center for donations and essential items for clients in crisis.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	78%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$42,000 conditional on the applicant providing documentation that their status is not “suspended”.

Motion:	To approve \$42,000 dependent on applicant providing documentation of good standing.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0

Mental Health Grant #6	Soroptimist House of Hope, Inc.
Program:	Women’s Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Care
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Soroptimist House of Hope is addressing an urgent health and social crisis through our effective substance use disorders recovery and housing program conducted at our Treatment Center in Desert Hot Springs. The program serves low-income women ages 18 and over suffering from substance use disorders and helps them to achieve sobriety and self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Clients are referred to SHOH through the County of Riverside’s Substance Use CARES program,	

law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, and community-based organizations. At our 6-bed Treatment Center, residents participate in a 45 - 90 day program that includes housing, 12-step meetings, individual and group counseling, daily household duties, access to medical services, linkages to supportive services and benefits, and life skills and planning workshops. We also provide post-residency Recovery Services offering clients additional assistance that promotes their ability to manage their own health and avoid relapse.

Reviewer's Average Scores:	84%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$25,000, FY20-21 Mental Health \$13,500

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount \$25,000.

Motion:	To approve \$25,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0
Mental Health Grant #7	The Joslyn Center			
Program:	Wellness Center Mental Health Counseling for Isolated & Underserved Communities			
Requested Amount:	\$50,000			
The mission is to provide easily accessible evidence-based counseling services designed for seniors. This innovative program increases community collaboration with local senior centers and senior-focused organizations; and prioritizes underserved and isolated Hispanic/Latinx communities. It follows the American Psychological Association (2020), which prioritizes expanding access, including the use of technology; decreasing the stigma of seeking mental health support; increasing an understanding of depression & anxiety and identifying seniors in need of prevention.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	89%			
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch \$2,000, FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$50,000, FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$21,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount of \$50,000.

Motion:	To approve \$50,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	Approve	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	C. Galvez	18	0	0
Mental Health Grant #8	Voices for Children (VFC)			
Program:	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program			
Requested Amount:	\$20,000			
VFC addresses the crisis of child abuse and neglect by filling a critical gap in the foster care system through the CASA program. CASA serves a record 550 children in Riverside County, more than 20% of whom will come from the CV and eastern Riverside County. This grant will enable VFC to expand existing CASA program to serve additional children.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	81%			
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$20,000, FY21-22 Mental Health Grant \$20,000, FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$18,569			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount \$20,000.

Motion:	To approve \$20,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	A. Wilson	17	0	C. Galvez left the room during discussion and vote.

N. MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE YEAR 2 GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF DIFFERNT AMOUNT THAN REQUESTED - Grant #9:

Mental Health Grant #9	Innecare Blythe Mental Health Program
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
Innecare’s service area contains Mental Health (MH) Professional Shortage areas, including a High Needs Geographic HPSA for Blythe. The proposed project will address the staggering need for behavioral health services in Blythe by increasing access to mental health services for the Blythe community through expanded hours for behavioral health services. The proposed project will also increase outreach efforts of mental health services for the Blythe community by providing integrative behavioral health-focused community outreach to increase awareness, access to care, and reduce stigma.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	76%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Grant \$50,000

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$70,000, a higher amount than Year 1, to expand services for Blythe. Two nonprofits declined applying for a 2nd year of funding, which made funding available.

C.Galvez will recuse herself due to potential conflict.

Motion:	To approve \$70,000 and applicant to provide information on how additional funding will be used.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	R. Gutierrez	17	0	C. Galvez recused herself by exiting the room.

By consensus the Grants Committee agreed to proceed with the allocation of \$74,000 for Small Grants/Sponsorships which exceeded the remaining amount in the budget.

- \$398,000 + \$40,000 = \$438,000 for Year 2 MH Grants. The amount allocated by the Board is \$543,006 – Two organizations previously funded declined applying for year 2 due to challenges in serving Blythe.
- The total of \$74,000 (Small Grants/Sponsorships) + \$438,000 (MH) = \$472,500 which leaves a balance of \$30,500 to be “rolled- over” to next year’s budget.

O. NPO Centric Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Requests -

NPO Centric #1	Palm Springs Section 14 Survivors
Request Description:	TA grant to cover the cost of an additional 30 hours for financial planning, fundraising strategy, and Board Development.
Prior Technical Assistance	At NPO Centric Program Manager discretion, Palm Springs Section 14

Services:	Survivors received 20 hours of consulting services towards Financial Planning and Strategic Planning as well an NPO Centric Membership.
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NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: To approve 30 additional hours of consulting services. Grant Services up to \$3,750 for the additional 30 hours for a total of \$6,250 for 50 hours.

Motion:	To approve 30 additional hours of consulting services. Grant Services up to \$3,750 for the additional 30 hours for a total of \$7,050 for 50 hours and the amount is \$6,250 – corrected amount.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A.Dew	R.Gutierrez	18	0	0

P. NPO Centric Business Plan (Attach. #12)- As directed, the annual review of the Business Plan was completed by the NPO Centric Committee.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the Plan.

Motion:	To adopt the Plan as presented.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J.Hayes	R. Ortega	18	0	0

Q. Create a Policy – Resolution 2014.04 Requiring Inclusionary Practices - for Applicants to Be Eligible for Grants. (Attach. #13)

Governance- Human Resources Committee Recommendation. To approve Resolution Requiring Inclusionary Practices for applicants.

Motion:	To approve Resolution Requiring Inclusionary Practices for applicants. To Replace the work “gender” for “sex”.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M. Meyer	18	0	0

R. Resolution 2024.05 to revise the Foundation Document Retention and Destruction Policy (Attach.#14). RAP’s Controller is recommending a reduction of years after consulting the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) guidelines.

Governance- Human Resources Committee Recommendation. To approve Resolution revising the Foundation Retention and Destruction Policy.

Motion:	To approve Resolution revising the Foundation Retention and Destruction Policy			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A.Wilson	R. Ortega	18	0	0

VI. Information Items

- A. Board Committee Assignments (Attach. #15)
- B. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2024 (Attach. #16)
- C. Grants Committee: Met on June 18. Approved May 13 Minutes (Attach. #17). Next meeting July 15.
- D. Executive Committee: Met on June 17. Approved May 13 and May 22 Minutes (Attach. #18a) (Attach.#18b).
Next meeting July 15.
- E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on June 12. Approved May 13 Minutes (Attach. #19). Next meeting July 15.
- F. NPO Centric Committee: Met on June 12,2024. Approved May 15 Minutes (Attach. #20).
- G. Governance – Human Resource Committee: Met on June 7. Approved May 13 Minutes (Attach. #21).
Next Meeting TBD.
- H. Facilities Committee: Met on May 22. Approved March 27 Minutes (Attach. #22).

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Introduce John Frank – CV Healthy Living and Bear Simerson – NPO Centric –
John and Bear introduced themselves.

Board members are encouraged to bring your old eye glasses to donate to the Lions Club

Board member R.Gutierrez reported that DRD is planning to purchase a building in Indio to renovate it as a community center.

Also, he will be participating in a leadership retreat for 40 young Army and Navy academy members and utilizing his skills in mentoring and healing circles which he has been certified in these two areas.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting is on July 24, 2024, at 9:00 AM – ***Adjourned at 11:40.***