



Grants Review Committee Agenda
Monday, March 17, 2025, at 1:30 PM Pacific Time
 RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Craig Borba (Chair), Rosemary Ortega (Vice-Chair), Ann Dew, Aurora Wilson, Maria Meyer, Sheryl Benoit, Van Tanner

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the March 17, 2025 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 February 18, 2025 Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. GRANTS TRACKER FY2024-2025: (Attach 2) Action Required

1- Currently the small grants balance is \$46,500. The pending application recommended amount is \$40,000. Therefore, \$6,500 remains should the recommended amount be approved. Additionally, the mental health grant has been approved for \$500,000. Staff recommends allocating \$480,000 towards the mental health grant, leaving a remaining balance of \$20,000.

2- There are currently fifteen small grants and three sponsorships applications in draft status.

Staff Recommendation:

1. To move \$20,000 from Mental Health towards Small Grants.

2. a) To pause small grants and sponsorships requests effective March 31, 2025 due to limited funding. The application portal will resume operation on June 1, 2025.

b) To request a \$100k funding increase from the unallocated funds to the board of directors.

Motion:				
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VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

Small Grant #1 at 1:45 PM (Attach 3) Action Required

Organization:	Parenting Education Center
Program:	<i>Raising Highly Capable Kids</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The program offers parents an interactive and practical tool to engage with their peers and build a supportive community. Through relevant stories and exercises, parents learn about the fundamental building blocks that can maximize their children's potential and empower the entire family. These building blocks not only help parents raise healthy, caring, and responsible children but also equip children with the skills to make positive life choices, including demonstrated improvements in academic performance	
Representative:	Dr. Carol Bartz
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 86,88,73
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Member:	Yes

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000. Organization was established last year, first time grantee.

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Small Grant #2 at 2:00 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Riverside Campus
Program:	<i>Increasing Access to Mental Healthcare Services at the Coachella Valley Free Clinic</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The program proposes to address unmet mental health needs of adults and children in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The program will be implemented at the Coachella Valley Free Clinic, a UCR SOM led clinic that offers free primary care services and co-located mental healthcare to patients in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The Ann Cheney The Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Riverside Campus. The clinic is led by University of California Riverside medical students, faculty, and staff in	

collaboration with prehealth students, community health workers, and community and healthcare service organization.	
Representative:	Ann Cheney
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 82, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Member:	No

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

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Small Grant #4 at 2:15 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Eisenhower Medical Center
Program:	RetCam Envision Pediatric Ocular Imaging Device
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Eisenhower Health's Family Birth Center is dedicated to providing exceptional maternal and newborn care in the Coachella Valley and beyond. To meet the growing need for advanced neonatal vision screening, Eisenhower Health seeks to acquire the RetCam Envision, a state-of-the-art neonatal and pediatric ocular imaging system. This technology would allow for early detection of ROP, congenital cataracts, and retinal hemorrhages, which can be difficult to diagnose without specialized imaging.	
Representative:	Theresa Maggio
Reviewer's Scores:	90% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 90, 92
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Member:	No

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

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Small Grant #5 at 2:30 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Autism Society Inland Empire
Program:	Inclusive Summer Sensory Family Events for Autism Families
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 a Family Bowling Day, Family Day at the Children's Museum, and Sensory-Friendly Movie Day that promote social connection and well-being.	
Representative:	Juanita Hernandez
Reviewer's Scores:	86% Three reviewers scoring: 80,80,98

Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Sponsorship: \$3,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$2,500; FY22-23 Sponsorship Grant: \$500 FY21-22 Mental Health: \$25,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$15,000
NPO Member:	No

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$5,000 due to limited funding

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Small Grant #6 at 2:45 PM (Attach 7) Action Required

Organization:	Coachella Valley Youth Golf Foundation FTCV
Program:	<i>East Valley Expansion - The Lights at Indio</i>
	We are making a concerted effort to expand into the East Valley in order to serve a high concentration of low income families that have few opportunities for after-school/weekend recreation programs. The Lights at Indio (golf course) has agreed to allow FTCV to have a modular classroom on its property as a home for a classroom and an office.
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Representative:	Brett Lowart
Reviewer's Scores:	80% Three reviewers scoring: 94, 74, 72
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY21-22: \$5,000; Small Grant FY22-23: \$10,000; Small Grant FY23-24 \$10,000
NPO Member:	No

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$10,000 to support East Valley Expansion.

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Sponsorship Grant #1 at 3:00 PM (Attach 8) Action Required

Organization:	Rotary Club of Indio
Program:	<i>Rotary Math Field Day for Middle School Children (RMFD)</i>
Requested Amount:	\$1,000.00
Representative:	Martha Mendez
	Rotary Math Field Day is the only math competition for middle school students of the Coachella Valley; all three school districts participate. Overall, this event is designed to promote math as a fun and rewarding subject, foster teamwork, and most importantly to encourage children to do well academically. There are no other valley wide events like this, where students from all of Coachella Valley come together to compete to win individual and school trophies, and be recognized and celebrated for doing well academically.
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$1,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$1,000
NPO Member:	No

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$1,000

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VII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- a. Next scheduled meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1:30 PM
- b. Special Mental Health RFP meeting: Monday, April 14 or Tuesday, April 15, 2025
- c. Plan to meet with DHCD on Thursday, March 20, 2025 to discuss and decide on future Mental Health RFP. George Holiday, Melissa Robles and Stephanie Minor will be attending the meeting.
- d. CV Giving Day: Ten organizations received \$5,000 in funding, for a total of \$50,000 disbursed. I will include this list in the monthly grants report for the board of directors.

CV Giving Day Grantees

- 1. 29-PSP
- 2. Big Stistteerrrs
- 3. The Bridges 2 Hope
- 4. California Desert Chorale
- 5. Danza Azteca Citlaltonac
- 6. Desert Arc
- 7. Jewish Family Service of the Desert
- 8. Old Town Artisan Studios
- 9. We Can Fish
- 10. Word of Life/The Bridge to Better

e. Denial Notice:

- International Rescue Committee: Sponsorship \$5,000. Event occurred outside the 4th District.

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.