



## REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

### Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday September 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM  
41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260  
78015 Main St. Suite 205, La Quinta, CA 92253  
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73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

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### I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call

### 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 the agenda as presented.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** -Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item not on the agenda may do so by emailing [mreyes@rapfoundation.org](mailto:mreyes@rapfoundation.org) or calling in at the number above. All emailed comments must be received prior to 9:00 AM. Persons wishing to speak on 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. CONSENT ITEMS: **Action Required**

**A. Approval of July 23, 2025 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. Grant Report** - Receive and File. ([Attach.#4](#))

**E. Facilities Report** – Report and File ([Attach.#5](#))

**F. Financial Report for month ending August 31, 2025** – Receive and File ([Attach. #6](#))

Motion:	To receive and file the July 23, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, Facilities and Financial Report.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required**

**A. Annual Audit FY 2024-2025** – Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing conducted the annual audit for FY 2024-2025. (**Attach. #7A, 7B, 7C**).

***Audit Committee Recommendation***

Motion:	<b><i>To approve the Audit Report and forward to the Riv. Co. Executive Office.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**B. Board Chair Jan Pye to provide update on Board and Executive Committee membership. Also, the Nominations Committee Chair is seeking interest from board members to join.**

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

**D. NPO Centric presentation on recent highlights - Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director.** (**Attach. #8**).

Motion:	<b><i>Approve and file the monthly report.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**E. FY 2024-2025 Impact Report** – This year’s Impact Report is attached for review and will be provided to the Riverside County Executive Office. (**Attach. #9**)

***Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend to the Board to adopt and forward to the Riverside County Executive Office and to all Mayors in our service area.***

***Also, there was a request from A.Wilson to check with Supervisor’s office as to whether it would be a good idea to have it on a future BOS agenda/presentation -Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0***

Motion:	<b><i>To recommend to the Board to adopt and forward to the Riverside County Executive Office and to all Mayors in our service area.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**F. Request from Vision To Learn (VTL) to apply for a higher amount than Small Grant \$10,000.** VTL would like to provide free screenings, exams, and glasses during the 2025-2025 school year at two schools in Blythe. The amount to be requested is \$45,000. (**Attach. #10A, 10B**)

***Executive Committee Recommendation: Yes: 4 No: 1A. Wilson Abstain: 0***

Motion:	<b><i>To recommend to the Board to allow VTL to submit an application for up to \$45,000.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**G. Request from Cathedral City Mayor Nancy Ross for RAP to serve as a Fiscal Sponsor.** It is for an Employee Appreciation event for Riverside County Animal Campus employees, approximately 70-80 people. The event date is to be determined but possibly in November at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Mirage. There are verbal commitments from 4 elected officials for a total of \$8,000 and there would be only one vendor to pay. Therefore Administrative functions be limited.

***Executive Committee Recommendation: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0***

***A. Wilson inquired if Board members are allowed to attend. CEO will check on this.***

Motion:	<b><i>To recommend to the Board to serve as a Fiscal Agent as an “in-Kind” service in exchange for being recognized as a sponsor.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**H. Riverside County University Health Systems – Public Health** – The Nutrition program will terminate effective September 30 due to discontinuation of Federal funding. (**Attach. #11A, 11B, 11C, 11D**) Grant application was submitted to the Desert HealthCare District (DHCD) to fund the Nutrition program and is pending.

***Finance Committee Recommendation (Yes 4 No:0)***

Motion:	<b><i>To retroactively approve the application to the DHCD for the CVHL –Nutrition program. Adjust the CVHL budget to two Full-Time and 1 Part-time.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**I. Proposed budget process Resolution 2025.17 Establishing Department Budget Development Procedures** (**Attach. #12**)

***Finance Committee Recommendation (Yes 4 No:0)***

Motion:	<b><i>To approve Resolution 2025.17.</i></b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**J. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2025-2026:** (**Attach. #13A, 13B**)

**K. GRANT REQUESTS: SMALL GRANTS - Action Required**

**1. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #1 - #7. Grant #5 and #6 have a condition.**

**There is a recommendation to cover NPO Centric annual membership for Small Grants #3 and #7.**

**2. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING DENIAL FOR SMALL GRANT #8.**

SMALL GRANT #1	Parenting Education Center (PEC)		
Program:	Raising Highly Capable Kids		
Requested Amount:	\$10,000		
PEC exists to break the cycle of ineffective parenting by equipping families with the tools to raise emotionally healthy, resilient children. Due to growing demand and the increasing complexity of family needs, this request is to hire a dedicated programs facilitator. This role is essential to coordinating both RHCK classes and BrightCourse mentoring sessions, ensuring consistency, quality, and expanded reach.			
Reviewer’s Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 88,88,78		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Small Grant: \$5,000		NPO Membership: Yes - Active

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 5 No: 0)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request of \$10,000</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

SMALL GRANT #2	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC)		
Program:	Afterschool Program		
Requested Amount:	\$10,000		
CVHC’s free after-school programs are offered to over 1,500 children and youth (ages 5-18) residing in CVHC housing developments. Programs include tutoring, homework assistance, access to computer technology and instruction, organized physical play activities, arts, crafts, tennis instruction, and other enrichment opportunities that enhance their academic readiness. Educational, cultural, and recreation programming serves to enrich participant’s academic and personal growth.			
Reviewer’s Scores:	78% Three reviewers scoring: 82,78,74		
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant: FY22-23 \$10,000                      NPO Membership: N/A		

**GRANTS COMMITTEE Recommendation (Yes 5 No:0)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request of \$10,000</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

SMALL GRANT #3	Refuge Pregnancy Center (RPC)		
Program:	Expanding Nurse Care: Building Capacity for Women's Health		
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000		
RPC serves moms and dads across the CV by offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, peer mentoring, parenting support, and essential resources. The mission is to offer help, hope, and healing to those facing unplanned pregnancies, ensuring they receive compassionate care in a safe and supportive environment. Funding is to train an additional Registered Nurse in limited obstetric ultrasound. This investment will increase access to essential reproductive health services for women and their families who are un or under insured, or otherwise lack options.			
Reviewer's Scores:	79% Three reviewers scoring: 88, 80, 68		
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch		NPO Membership: N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:4 No: M.Meyer)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request for \$5,000 as a first-time grantee + NPO membership</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

SMALL GRANT #4	IYCCV Iyengar Yoga Center Coachella Valley
Program:	Nurturing and Supporting Our Community Through Iyengar Yoga
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Iyengar Yoga emphasizes precision, alignment, and mindful sequencing of postures. It cultivates strength, flexibility, balance, and mental focus through sustained holds and the use of props such as blocks, straps, chairs, and blankets to make yoga accessible to practitioners of all ages and abilities. Iyengar yoga is especially beneficial for older adults and individuals with physical limitations, offering a therapeutic approach that supports holistic well-being. IYCCV prioritizes serving underserved communities, offering general classes for all levels of practice; adaptive classes for older adults and youth; and medical classes designed for residents recovering from cancer treatment, open-heart surgery, hip, and knee replacement, or an illness. Year-round classes offered in English and Spanish. The introduction of an online streaming component for the general classes expands accessibility, enabling students to join classes from their homes. The Yoga Center is located in Palm Desert at 73875 CA-111.	
Reviewer's Scores:	77% Three reviewers scoring: 70,80,82
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A NPO Membership: Yes - Active

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No: 0)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request for \$5,000 as a first-time grantee.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

SMALL GRANT #5	Riverside County Foundation on Aging, Inc. (RC F of A)		
Program:	Foundation on Aging Older Adult Nutrition Support Program		
Requested Amount:	\$10,000		
RC F of A has taken a purposeful and significant revision of its Grocery Market Gift Card/Nutrition Support Program. It introduces a comprehensive, three-part effort to provide food security and meaningful nutrition support for seniors in need: It includes: A collaboration with FIND Food Bank, and the continuation of Grocery Market Gift Card Program.			
Reviewer’s Scores:	74% Three reviewers scoring: 80,76,66		
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A NPO Membership: Yes - Active		

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 4 No: V. Tanner)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request for \$5,000 exclusively for food boxes.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

<b>SMALL GRANT #6</b>	<b>Independent Living Partnership</b>
Program:	Coachella Valley Community Outreach Program for Independent Travel
Requested Amount:	<b>\$10,000</b>
ILP offers a transportation program for seniors, persons living with a disability, persons experiencing a medical or mental health challenge, and public transportation is not a viable option. TRIP is a special mileage reimbursement program originated in CV in 1993 that serves all residents in Riverside County. The TRIP program is an investment in people's dignity, independence and well-being. It breaks down barriers, promotes inclusion and ensures that everyone has the opportunity to fully live their life and participate in society. Riverside County residents who don't drive qualify for TRIP. This program started in CV because of the extreme heat and the transportation needs of Senior and others.	
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>79%</b> Three reviewers scoring: 86,82,70
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A NPO Membership: Yes - Active

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 4 No: A. Wilson)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request for \$5,000 as a first-time grantee and ensure funding goes exclusively to Coachella Valley and Palo Verde residents.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

<b>SMALL GRANT #7</b>	<b>Oswit Land trust</b>
Program:	Improving mental health among low-income and uninsured residents.
Requested Amount:	<b>\$5,000</b>
Funds requested to expand the community education program to Desert Hot Springs residents in cooperation with the city's Recreation and Community Services Dept. The goal for Sustainable and Wild is to produce a season-long (Nov. to April) series of educational talks, walks, volunteer opportunities, and events to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship for residents. In the past two years, over 60 free educational events and programs were produced, attended by over 3,500 participants.	
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>72%</b> Three reviewers scoring: 56,76,84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A NPO Membership: N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 4 No: A. Wilson)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request for \$2,500 and an annual NPO Centric membership.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

<b>SMALL GRANT #8</b>	<b>Palm Springs Community Concert Association</b>
Program:	Palm Springs Community Concert Association 2025-2026 Concert Season
Requested Amount:	<b>\$10,000</b>
For nearly 70 years, PS Concerts has brought internationally recognized musicians to perform for audiences of all ages at accessible prices. In addition to presenting 4 public concerts each season, PS Concerts aims to foster a new generation of music enthusiasts. Each season, in collaboration with the Palm Springs Unified School District, PC Concerts provides free concerts featuring the same artists who perform at public concerts to local K-12 students. Approximately 1500 students attend these concerts each year. A \$10,000 grant will be used to help underwrite the two Children's Concert performances of the 2025-2026 series.	
Reviewer's Scores:	<b>71%</b> Three reviewers scoring: 64, 76, 74
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Small Grant: \$10,000
NPO Membership:	Yes – RAP Funded

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 5 No:0)**

Motion:	<b>To deny the request due to the amount of donations in excess of amount needed and ot having an explanation for how the excess was used. Concern of Stipend use of the funds, last year, thepplicant said to hold 2-4 concerts but only held 1 student concert because PSUSD canceled the last one.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

**H. GRANT REQUESTS: SPONSORSHIP GRANTS - Action Required**

**1. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SPONSORSHIP GRANT #1.**

<b>SPONSORSHIP #1</b>	<b>Codex Creation Committee</b>
Program:	Run with Los Muertos (RWM)
Requested Amount:	<b>\$5,000</b>
RWM continues a centuries-old tradition by uniting dozens of community groups, teams, artists, musicians, runners, and thousands of attendees throughout the US, Mexico, and Canada for an event celebrating health, wellness, art, music, and culture. Public education programming of workshops and workouts leads up to a block party in Old Town Coachella that includes a procession, art walk, car show, 5k run, vendor village, and 3 stages of live entertainment.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Sponsorship \$5,000
NPO Membership:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No: 0): Requested an updated budget for the event. (Attach. #14)**

Motion:	<b>To approve the request for \$5,000 with an updated budget to reflect the full cost of the event and use of funds.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve	# Oppose	Abstention Names

**I. Raise the threshold criteria from 70% to 75% for Small Grants to promote consistency and encourage applicants to submit stronger, more competitive proposals.**

**Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No:0)**

Motion:	<b>To approve raising the threshold criteria from 70% to 75% for Small Grants applications effective immediately.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve	# Oppose	Abstention Names

**J. NPO Centric Technical Assistance Grants**

Organization #1:	<b>Friends of the Children – Coachella Valley (Attach. #15)</b>
Request Description:	Technical Assistance grant for consulting services.
Prior Tech. Assistance Services:	None.
	The request is for 30 hours of strategic and financial planning valued at \$4,500.

**NPO Centric Committee to meet on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their Recommendation to be provided verbally.**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve 30 hours of technical assistance for strategic planning and financial planning.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>

Organization #2:	<b>Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (Attach. #16)</b>
Request Description:	Technical Assistance grant for consulting services.
Prior Tech. Assistance Services:	None.
	The request is for up to 60 hours of strategic planning valued at \$9,000.

**NPO Centric Committee to meet on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their Recommendation to be provided verbally.**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve up to 60 hours of technical assistance for strategic planning.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>

**VI. Information Item**

**A. Board Attendance for 2025 (Attach. #17)**

**B. Grants Committee:** Met on Sept. 15. Approved July 14 Minutes (Attach. #18). Next meeting Oct. 14.

**C. Executive Committee:** Met on September 15. Approved July 14 Minutes (Attach. #19).  
Next meeting Oct. 14.

**D. Finance/Investment Committee:** Met on Sept. 15. Approved June 16 Minutes (Attach. #20). Next meeting Oct. 14.

**E. NPO Centric Committee:** To meet Sept. 23.

**F. Facilities Committee:** Met on July 14. Approved June 30, Minutes. (Attach. #21)



## **VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS**

Do the Right Thing ceremony on October 15 at 4:30 at the Palm Springs Police Station.

2025 Desert Fast Pitch on October 2 at 5 PM at UCR Palm Desert.

Board Retreat November 20 from 8 AM – 1 PM at Desert Willow in Palm Desert.

Grand Parents Love (GPL) event on September 8 at 5:30 PM at the RAP offices. Recognized NPO Centric's services in helping GPL and other nonprofits succeed.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting October 22, 2025 at 9 AM.**

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