



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM

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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:				
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 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.

HOSA Academy Students Presentation

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: **Action Required**

- A. Approval of March 26, 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. Financials for Period ending March 31, 2025– Receive and File (**Attach. #4**)
- E. Grant Report - Receive and File. (**Attach. #5**)
- F. Facilities Report – Report and File (**Attach. #6**)
- G. NPO Centric Report - Receive and File (**Attach. #7**)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the February 26, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Financials up to March 31, 2025, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, Facilities and NPO Centric Reports.

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

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

B. Funding Request from Inland SoCal United Way for their Annual Gala - \$5,000

This request does not meet the criteria for Sponsorship. RAP provided \$5,000 sponsorship in 2024. The event will take place on May 2. The Executive Committee approved \$5,000 to be ratified by the Board at the next meeting. Also, for the applicant to be informed that future requests must be submitted with adequate time for the Board to consider in advance of the event.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstention: 0) To ratify action taken by the Executive Committee to approve \$5,000 sponsorship with the note that the applicant submit future requests with more advance time before the event.

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

C. Investment Policy Resolution 2025.02 . (**Attach. #8**)

Finance Investment Committee Recommendation (Yes: 6, No: 0, Abs.: 0) For the Board to approve Resolution 2025.02.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:

D. Reserve Policy Resolution 2025.03 ([Attach. #9](#))

Finance Investment Committee Recommendation (Yes: 6, No: 0, Abs.: 0) For the Board to approve Resolution 2025.02.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:

E. Reserve balance.

Finance Investment Committee Recommendation (Yes: 6, No: 0, Abs.: 0) For the Board to approve moving \$100,000 to the reserve fund at Wells Fargo.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:

F. RAP's Statement - "Helping People Remains Our Focus" ([Attach. #10](#))

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstention: 0): For the Board to adopt the statement to address current community concerns.

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

G. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2024-2025: ([Attach. #11](#))

H. GRANT REQUESTS: SMALL GRANTS - Action Required

1. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #1 & 2.

2. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR SMALL GRANT #3.

SMALL GRANT #1	Coachella Valley Community Research Initiative Inc. dba HIV+ Aging Research Project-Palm Springs
Program:	The Positive Perspectives Program: Developing Resiliency Among Older Adults Living with HIV
Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
This program includes free in-person and virtual forums that facilitate development of support systems to reduce	

isolation and loneliness among OPLH. Components include Positive Life education series; the Positively Aging Project Palm Springs, Women Living With HIV, and Self-Advocacy in Healthcare annual conferences; and the Aging Positively Virtual Village on-line platform. Quarterly east Valley Spanish-language forums are presented. The Virtual Village on-line and mobile app platforms reduce isolation and stigma, fosters support systems, and facilitates linkage to behavioral health and medical care. The closed platform protects users' privacy, provides safe online access. Participants create or access specific interest groups to engage with like-minded peers. Moderators facilitate linkage to services and in-person activities to reduce isolation.

Reviewer's Average Score:	87%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve \$10,000.

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SMALL GRANT #2	Pacific Institute
Program:	<i>Salton Sea Air Quality Assessment</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Parts of the CV report some of the worst air quality in the state and disproportionately high numbers of hospital visits and admissions for respiratory challenges such as asthma. California has designated portions of the eastern Coachella Valley as part of the Community Air Protection Program, to improve measurement and protect public health. New monitoring and research suggest that the biological and chemical properties of the dust and aerosols emitted from the playa and from the lake itself, in addition to the physical characteristics of the dust, may disproportionately affect the health of people living in the area. In our new report, we analyze and synthesize this growing knowledge base and put it in the context of the many pollutant sources in the region. All deliverables will be available to the public at no cost at www.pacinst.org . Extensive media interest is anticipated in the report which increases the focus of local and state agency investment in protecting public health.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 3, No:2 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve \$10,000.

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SMALL GRANT #3	<u>Reynaldo J. Carreon MD Foundation</u>
Program:	<i>Dr. Carreon Foundation</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The Carreon Foundation has been around for 34 years and is fiscally stable and well known in the community. The newly adopted strategic plan states that there is a need to increase individual donor support. They plan to invest in infrastructure to support this goal.	

Reviewer's Average Score:	75%
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant: FY21-22 \$1,500; FY22-23 Sponsorship: FY22-23 \$5,000
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	03/20/26

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to deny the funding request.

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

I. GRANT REQUESTS: PERFORMANCE AND SPECIAL REQUEST GRANTS - Action Required

1. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR PERFORMANCE GRANT #1.

2. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A LESSER AMOUNT THAN AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SPECIAL REQUEST GRANT #2.

PERFORMANCE GRANT #1	<u>Community Action Partnership of Riverside County</u>
Program:	<u>Cool and Warm Centers</u>
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
The Cool & Warm Center program is a comprehensive strategy designed to reduce the heat-related health risks from extreme temperature conditions, especially among vulnerable low-income residents, such as the elderly, disabled, families with infants and young children living in disadvantaged communities. Residents are encouraged to visit a Cool & Warm Center to help reduce high-energy burdens during the summer and winter months and to provide relief from the heat and cold in where access to adequate cooling or heating is not available.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	83%
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant: FY21-22 \$20,000; Small Grant: FY22-23 \$20,000; Performance Grant FY22-23 \$20,000; Performance Grant FY23-24: \$25,000

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs:0) For the Board to approve \$25,000.

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SPECIAL REQUEST GRANT #2	Lift to Rise (LTR)
Program:	<u>Chief Operating Officer: Anchoring Lift to Rise Leadership for Long-Term Impact</u>
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
LTR seeks to add a Chief Operating Officer (COO) to their leadership team to anchor the organization's leadership	

and allow it to continue to rise to the challenges. To strengthen the overall organizational efficiency, impact, and the leadership required to continue the work, a seasoned COO to lead the management team.	
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	77%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000, FY22-23 Small Grant \$100,000; FY23-24 Emergency/contingency Grant: \$50,000; FY18-19 Performance Grant \$75,000; FY17-16: \$50,000; FY16-17: \$50,000; FY15-16: \$12,000
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	11/4/25

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 3, No: 2 Abs:0) For the Board to approve \$25,000 of \$50,000 requested.

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I. GRANT REQUESTS: MENTAL HEALTH (MH) GRANTS - Action Required

1. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS #1 to #8.

Mental Health Grant #1	ABC Recovery Center, Inc.
Program:	Family Program
Requested Amount:	\$90,000
This family program is dedicated to supporting family members who have been impacted by the loved one's substance use disorders and providing them greater opportunities for good mental health. The Family Program currently is funded by stretching our existing resources, which doesn't allow a full complement of care for those in the Family Program, or who can be cared for in reaching families who are not already clients, or, in reaching families outside of the CV. Additionally, they are currently exploring how to assist with a new local mental healthcare facility to see if it's possible for their client's families to be assisted through the Family Program.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	84%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant \$99,200; FY23-24 Mental Health Grant \$99,000; FY16-17 Mental Health Grant \$75,000
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$90,000.

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Mental Health Grant #2	Innecare			
Requested Amount:	\$50,000			
Mental health care is most effective when diagnoses are accurate, timely, and comprehensive. Accurate diagnosis is the foundation for effective intervention, reducing unnecessary hospital visits, medication adjustments, and prolonged suffering. Advanced Psychological and Neurocognitive Assessments provide a clear solution by ensuring that individuals receive the most appropriate care tailored to their unique needs. In an effort to address the goals of increasing cultural competency among providers and improving awareness, stigma reduction, and accessibility of mental health resources, Innecare will establish an Annual Integrated Behavioral Health Summit. It will provide targeted training on trauma-informed care, stigma reduction, evidence-based assessment practices,				

and culturally responsive treatment approaches targeting the current zeitgeist.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	83%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$30,000; FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$70,000
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$50,000.

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Mental Health Grant #3	Jewish Family Service of the Desert
Program:	Increasing Current & Future Access to Mental Health Services in the CV
Requested Amount:	\$60,000
In the mental health field, one in five CV adults have been diagnosed with one or more mental health disorders, with the top three being depressive disorders (14%), anxiety disorders (12%) and PTSD (7%). JFS therapists use various modes of therapy to enhance patients' coping strategies; cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is often the foundation upon which counseling is offered, but clinicians utilize various modalities based on their education, experience, and comfort. JFS implemented this initiative in 2022 to increase current access to mental health counseling services through the use of paid and unpaid supervised clinical interns to offer no-cost services. In addition, the initiative seeks to increase future access by retaining and/or attracting high-quality clinicians by highlighting the benefits of living and working in the CV.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	92%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch \$12,000; FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Small Grant \$10,000; FY21-22 MH Grant: \$50,000; FY20-21 Collective Emergency Fund: \$10,000
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	1/25/26

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$60,000.

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Mental Health Grant #4	The Joslyn Center
Program:	Wellness Center Mental Health Counseling for Isolated and Underserved Communities
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
The Joslyn Center Wellness Program is committed to enhancing the physical, mental, and emotional well-being	

of older adults throughout the CV. As a fully inclusive and accessible resource, the program provides free services to all seniors in the region, ensuring that language, financial constraints, or mobility challenges do not become barriers to wellness. With a dedicated team of bilingual staff and counselors, the program is uniquely equipped to serve a diverse population, fostering a welcoming environment for both English and Spanish-speaking members.

Reviewer's Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch: \$2,000; FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$21,000; FY17-18 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY19-20 MH Grant: \$20,000
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	1/25/26

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs:0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$50,000.

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Mental Health Grant #5	Olive Crest
Program:	Counseling/Mental Health Services for children/families living in CV/Blythe
Requested Amount:	\$70,000
A grant for \$70,000 will help to continue to improve access to counseling/mental health services and support the reduction of cultural barriers to counseling services for children and families living in the CV. Teams will provide client-centric and culturally competent services to each child and family's preferred language, holistic services, and mental health resources for at-risk populations, with the anticipated outcome of improving client's ability to successfully engage in healthy living and access networks of support and services in the community.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	91%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$35,000; FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$17,500; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000; Small Grant: FY22-23 \$6,675; FY 21-22 \$50,000; FY20-21 Historical COVID-19: \$10,000
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	4/7/26

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abs:0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$70,000.

Motion:				
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Mental Health Grant #6	Shelter From The Storm, Inc. (SFTS)
Program:	Case Management and Counseling Services Program
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
SFTS provides critical support through its Community Counseling Center, offering therapeutic counseling, case management, and safety planning. This center empowers survivors to recognize abuse, develop safety plans, and build the confidence to leave—or avoid returning to—dangerous relationships. Services include: Individual & Group Counseling (English & Spanish), Education Classes, Art Therapy & Journaling for All Ages, Emergency Assistance & Essential Items.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	90%

Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$25,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$25,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$15,000
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	4/7/26

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$50,000.

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Mental Health Grant #7	Soroptimist House of Hope, Inc.
Program:	Women's Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders and MH Care
Requested Amount:	\$40,000
The program's goal is to reduce the incidence of substance use disorders among low-income women of the CV by providing accessible and effective residential treatment services. The objective is to provide 45 to 90 days of housing and support services to 40 women over the one-year grant period. The program's desired outcomes are that program participants will overcome their addictions, maintain long-term sobriety, improve their physical and mental health through continued access to ongoing medical care through Medi-Cal, be reunited with their families and children, achieve self-sufficiency, and lead healthy, productive, and substance-free lives.	
Reviewer's AveragScore:	80% Three reviewers scoring: 77,77,86
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$25,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$25,000; FY20-21 Mental Health: \$13,500
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	11/16/25

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5, No: 0 Abs: 0) For the Board to approve amount requested \$40,000.

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

Mental Health Grant #8	Voices for Children (VFC)
Program:	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
VFC addresses the crisis of child abuse and neglect by filling a critical gap in the foster care system through the CASA program. The CASA program will serve 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 the existing CASA program to serve additional children in CV and throughout eastern Riverside County.	
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 86,86,71
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000 FY22-23; Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$18,569
NPO Membership:	Active

Renewal Date:	8/9/25
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Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes:5 No:0 Abs: 0) To approve the requested amount of \$30,000.

Motion:				
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VI. Information Items

A. Board Committee Assignments (Attach. # 12)

B. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2025 (Attach. # 13)

C. Grants Committee: Met on April 15. Approved March 17 Minutes (Attach. # 14) Next meeting May 19.

D. Executive Committee: Met on April 14. Approved March 17 Minutes (Attach. #15). Next meeting May 19.

E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on April 14. Approved March 17 Minutes (Attach. #16) Next meeting May 19.

F. NPO Centric Committee: Next meeting: July 21.

G Facilities Committee: To meet on April 23. Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

SoCal United Way event to be held on May 2 at the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – Cahuilla Ballroom in Rancho Mirage at 6 PM.

Vision to Learn event in Blythe to take place on May 14. Board members are invited to join the meeting tentatively scheduled from 1 :00 PM – 2:00 PM. It will include Superintendent Edwin Gomez and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.

VIII. IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting May 26, 2025 at 9 AM.

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.