



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Board Meeting ***AAPROVED MINUTES***

Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM
41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260
83966 Fiesta Rd. Coachella, CA 92236
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I. CALL TO ORDER *by Board Chair J. Pye at 9:02 AM. - Roll Call: S. Benoit, C. Borba, G. Colangeli, A. Dew, C. Galvez, M. Gonda (Remotely), J. Hayes, B. Kroonen, M. Meyer, G. Nestande, R. Ortega, K. Rodgers, T. St. Johns, V. Tanner (Remotely), A. Wislon, P. Cooper (Supervisor Perez joined towards the end of the agenda), J. Pye.*

Excused Absence: R. Gutierrez.

Absences: E. Romero, B. Gonzalez, A. Smith.

Also in attendance: L. De Lara, M. Reyes, G. Holliday, M. Robles, T. Fantini, V. Arroniz- Espinoza, J. Frank, A. Nieto, Guests: P. Deaver, Eleanor Oliver-Edmonds.

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 the agenda 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>C. Borba</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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.

PS Section 14 Presentation by Pearl Devers – Taly Fantini, Director of NPO Centric interviewed Ms. Devers. Ms. Devers shared information about the history of the community and the creation of this new nonprofit. She shared about her experience working with two NPO Centric consultants and the tremendous guidance they provided which exceeded the hours they were paid for.

Board Chair J. Pye and NPO Centric Committee Chair A. Wilson presented a proclamation from the City of Palm Springs to Ms. Devers.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

A. Approval of April 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.** Financials for Period ending April 30, 2025– Receive and File (Attach. #4)
E. Grant Report - Receive and File. (Attach. #5)
F. Facilities Report – Report and File (Attach. #6)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the April 23, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Financials up to April 30, 2025, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, and Facilities Report.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To receive and file the reports.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>P. Cooper</i>	<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

I am pleased to report that the Riv. Co. Executive office signed the 5 Year Amendment to extend the agreement between the County and RAP on May 8. This action is in place of the agreement being considered by the Board of Supervisors. Thank you to Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and his staff for your support.

The Board Chair the Board's appreciation to be conveyed to Supervisor Perez by Pat Cooper and thanked Pat for her efforts.

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

Pat briefly reported on the following topics:

- 1. The County's plan to form a Joint Powers Authority to include the county, La Quinta, Indio and possibly the Tribes with the goal to address how to improve the need for electricity to allow for future development in the areas where there is no infrastructure.***
- 2. The Palm Springs terrorism and the quick response from the City of Palm Springs and the First Responders.***
- 3. Supervisors Perez and Gutierrez plan to introduce a "No Kill For Space" Resolution for animal shelters.***

B. NPO Centric presentation on recent highlights. (Attach. # 7).

Staff Recommendation: Approve and file the monthly report.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To receive and file the NPO Centric Report.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>R. Ortega</i>	<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

C. SoCal Grantmakers Conference Sponsorship of \$5,000– Sept. 18 in Los Angeles (Attach. #8)

This conference will take place outside the 4th Supervisorial District. The benefits include:

- Four complimentary tickets – Regular ticket pricing is \$575
- Gained visibility by participants
- Support regional nonprofit initiatives

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend approval of \$5,000 from the Board contribution funds. Yes: 5 – No: 0 - Abstain:0

	<i>To approve \$5,000 from board contributions.</i>
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<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>P. Cooper</i>	<i>A. Dew</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

D. National Philanthropy Day Luncheon- November 7 at Agua Caliente Resort & Spa.
In recent years, RAP has sponsored the “Youth in Philanthropy” award in the amount of \$ 7,500.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend approval of \$7,500. Yes: 5 – No: 0 Abstain: 0

<i>To approve \$7,500 for this event and the award.</i>				
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>A. Dew</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

E. PS Section 14 Grant Special Request for Reunion Celebration event on June 21. (Attach. #9)
This grant request does not meet the Sponsorship criteria as there is an admittance fee of \$100. There is limited time allowed before the date of the event.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend approval of \$5,000. Yes: 3 No: 2 Abs.:0

<i>To deny the request.</i>				
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>K. Rodgers</i>	<i>0</i>

F. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2024-2025: (Attach. #10)

G. GRANT REQUESTS: JUVENILE INTERVENTION GRANTS - Action Required

The RAP Board approved a two-year grant. The Request For Proposal is attached. (Attach. # 11) There is no new application required for the twelve (12) grantees. The first year will end in June/July 2025 and grantees will submit their Report at that time. The Grants Committee interviewed grantees for updates on progress challenges & opportunities, and Year Two plans. One of the 12 grantees will be considered in June due to a scheduling conflict.

1. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED
FOR JUVENILE INTERVENTION GRANT #1 - #11

Juvenile Intervention #1	Angel View
Program:	Increasing Access to Medical Care for Children Disabilities
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$19,200
For this project, 200 low-income families raising children with disabilities of the total of 600 will be served this year. Two full-time case managers will help parents take actions to improve their children’s access to primary and specialty medical care as explained below. Angel view will create a safe place for children with disabilities to get all the support and care they need. We propose to distribute information to 250 families (1,000 people) at these fairs and at one-on-one case management sessions, connect families with safe places and activities for children with disabilities and to help clients find mental health providers accepted by their insurance.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY22-23: \$10,000 Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY23-24: \$19,200; FY24-25: \$19,200
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$19,200 (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$19,200.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C. Borba	M. Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #2	Alianza Coachella Valley
Program:	Building Youth Power in the Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$30,000
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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant: FY21-22 \$1,500; FY22-23 Sponsorship: FY22-23 \$5,000 Sponsorship: FY23-24 \$5,000; Juvenile Int. Grant: FY23-24: \$30,000; FY24-25: \$30,000
NPO Membership:	No Renewal Date: N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$30,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$30,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C. Borba	M. Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention # 3	Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley
Program:	Developing Youth Through the Ages
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$25,000
BGC of CV's Passport to Manhood/Palabra program is a culturally responsive, targeted effort to engage young men in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership, and positive behavior. The program is designed to specifically target young men who do not have a positive male role model or have had legal/academic troubles. BGCoFCV's Girl Power program is an integral part of the Smart Girls program that 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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Int.: \$35,000; Juvenile Int. Grant: FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000
NPO Membership:	Active
NPO Membership:	N/A Renewal Date: 11/4/25

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$25,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$25,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #4	Chance Initiative, (CI)
Program:	Youth Services
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$20,000
CI focuses on adults and youth returning home from being incarcerated, on probation or parole by assist their re-entry with mentorship, life skills and job preparedness. CI has formed a strong bond with the youth and their families and has helped 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, CI looks to further helping youth offenders by offering In-Institution life coaching and mentorship both at Indio Juvenile Hall and at the ALAN M. CROGAN Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC).	
Prior RAP Funding:	Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY23-24: \$20,000; FY24-25: \$20,000
NPO Membership:	N/A Renewal Date: N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$20,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0).
To send a letter of support to County addressing the delays in getting funding.

	To approve the second disbursement of \$20,000 and send a Letter of Support.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #5	Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert
Program:	STEAM for Older Kids
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$30,000
This program creates 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 holistic approach to education, recognizes that education goes beyond mere knowledge transmission. The facility will offer life skills classes encompassing a diverse range of practical topics such as financial literacy, public speaking, automotive maintenance and college and job application guidance.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY23-24: \$30,000; FY24-25: \$30,000
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$30,000 upon receiving a new budget for Year 2. The ongoing construction project will add a resource lab, youth lounge, food pantry, mental well-being and social interaction program/space. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$30,000 upon receiving a new budget for Year 2. The ongoing construction project will add a resource lab, youth lounge, food pantry, mental well-being and social interaction program/space.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #6	Focus First Counseling and Education, Inc.
Program:	Kids Growing Up in Blythe Program
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$42,000
This 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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY23-24: \$42,000; FY24-25:\$42,000
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$42,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$42,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	16	0	G.Colangeli

Juvenile Intervention #7	GENIUNE ANIMATE NAVIGATE ASSIST SUCEED, DBA., GANAS
Program:	Padres con GANAS
Requested Amount:	Second disbursement: \$30,000
This program continues funding for 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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$45,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship \$5,000 FY24-25 Sponsorship \$5,000; Juvenile Intervention Grant FY23-24: \$30,000; FY24-25: \$30,000
NPO Membership:	No Renewal Date: N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$30,000. (Yes: 5, No: A. Dew – Revised due to CEO's lack of oversight of agenda Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$30,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention # 8	Green Room Theatre Ballet Folklorico Outreach
Requested Amount:	Second Disbursement: \$25,000
The program consists of 7-10 weeks of fun and rigorous weekly lessons, a public showcase for the students to demonstrate their new dance skills, and after the recital, we have to move on. With this expanded, more available year-long program, we could continue to provide the sustained social-emotional support and learning that the students crave. With this grant, we will expand our program to fill the gap and support more juveniles for longer. The partnership with Desert Recreation will allow us to offer classes at one location on an ongoing basis throughout the year and exercise more control over the content and pacing of the instruction. With no geographic restrictions, we can potentially serve elementary to high school students from throughout all areas of the Coachella Valley.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY222-23 Small Grant: \$9,700; FY23-24 Desert Fast Pitch: \$1,000 Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000
NPO Membership:	Active Bronze Renewal Date: 11/25/25

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$25,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$25,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #9	John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation
Program:	Ophelia Project Teen Mentoring Program
Requested Amount:	Second Disbursement: \$15,000
Ophelia Project is a proven comprehensive five-year team mentoring program serving at-risk but capable teen girls in 8 th -12th grade who may be 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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: \$20,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$15,000; Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY23-24: \$15,000; FY24-25: \$15,000
NPO Membership:	N/A Renewal Date: N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$15,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$15,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	16		A. Wilson

Juvenile Intervention #10	Martha's Village and Kitchen Inc.
Program:	Martha's Juvenile Intervention Expansion Program
Requested Amount:	Second Disbursement: \$25,000
Martha's will leverage its experience and expertise to expand its services onsite as well as to homeless and impoverished juveniles and their families throughout the CV with an emphasis on North Palm Springs and Palos Verde Valley. Specifically, Martha's will be expanding its services in North Palm Springs 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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 MH Grant: \$50,000; Juvenile Int. FY23-24: \$25,000; FY24-25: \$25,000
NPO Membership:	Active – Grant funded DHCD LTC Renewal Date: 9/13/25

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$25,000. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$25,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #11	Olive Crest
Program:	Enhanced Intervention Support for Transitional- Aged (18-21) Foster Youth
Requested Amount:	Second Disbursement: \$17,500
This grant will continue to provide interventions and meet increased community needs for vulnerable juveniles living in the Coachella Valley. 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.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 MH Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 MH Grant: \$50,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Int.: \$17,500; FY22-23 Small Grant: \$6,675; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY23-24: \$5,000; FY23-24 MH Grant: \$50,000; FY24-25 MH Grant: \$70,000; Juvenile Int.: FY23-24: \$17,500; FY24-25: \$17,500
NPO Membership:	Platinum Renewal Date: 4/17/26

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the second disbursement of \$17,500. (Yes: 5, No: 0 Abstain:0)

Motion:	To approve the second disbursement of \$17,500.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C.Borba	M.Meyer	17	0	0

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

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

This application was postponed for consideration one month due to a scheduling conflicts when the other MH Grants were considered.

Mental Health Grant #1	Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine, CV (VIM)
Program:	Improving mental health among low-income and uninsured residents
Requested Amount:	\$40,000
The program assists patients with culturally competent behavioral health services. Routine assessments for social determinants of health (SDOH) are done for all new patients within 30 days of admission and for all former patients when requested. Patients complete anxiety (GAD 7) and/or depression (PHQ 9) questionnaires at each visit, and a MSW Social Worker attempts contact within one week. For patients whose GAD or PHQ score indicates serious concerns, the patient is contacted within 24 hours, and the RUHS Crisis Response Team is called in immediately when necessary.	
Reviewer's Scores:	87% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 89, 92
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 MH Grant: \$32,000; FY22-23 MH Grant: \$32,000; FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000; FY21-22 Small Grant: \$1,700; FY21-22 Small Grant: \$4,500;
NPO Membership:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request of \$40,000. (Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0)

Motion:	To approve the request of \$40,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	B. Kroonen	17	0	0

H. GRANT REQUESTS: SMALL GRANTS - Action Required

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

2. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A LESSER AMOUNT THAN REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #3.

3. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF SMALL GRANT #4.

SMALL GRANT #1	SAFE Family Justice Centers
Program:	SAFE Steps Indio
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
This trauma-informed crisis response and advocacy initiative housed at the SAFE Family Justice Center's Indio office, serving residents across the eastern CV. This program supports victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking—it offers early intervention and support for at-risk youth navigating unsafe environments. This is the most active Chapter, serving 1,038 individuals/ families in the last fiscal year. The majority served are Hispanic/Latina women between the ages of 25–59, with a significant number between 18 to 24.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	87%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A - NPO Membership N/A - Renewal Date: N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$10,000 and a one-year NPO Centric Membership. Yes: 4 No: 1 (A.Dew)

Motion:	To approve \$10,000 and a one-year NPO Centric Membership			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	B. Kroonen	17	0	0

Small Grant #2	Friends of the Children - Coachella Valley
Program:	From Kindergarten to Graduation: Whole-Child Well-Being through Long-Term, Professional Mentoring for 12+ Years, No Matter What
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Friends-Coachella Valley empowers youth who face the greatest obstacles to break free from generational cycles of trauma by pairing them with paid, professional "Friends" (mentors) who build authentic, caring relationships and provide weekly, 1:1 support from ages 4-6 through high school graduation, for 12+ years. We provide year-round, holistic family support to build resilience, break cycles of trauma and poverty, and stabilize and strengthen families.	
Reviewer's Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 86,88,80
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Membership:	Active Bronze Renewal Date: 3/2/26

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request of \$10,000 (Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0)

Motion:	To approve the request of \$10,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	B. Kroonen	17	0	0

SMALL GRANT #3	El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center
Program:	RAPE PREVENTION and Stronger connected
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Our initiative is driven by two strategies: 1. Economic Security & Mobility for women, Gender-Expansive people, and families. 2. Transforming gender norms. These strategies will be advanced through targeted campaigns and mobilization efforts. We will be using the promotores approach to ensure community engagement that is culturally responsive, gender inclusive, trauma-informed, restorative, and healing-centered. We will use the easels to show the drawings the community did to express their feelings. We will give as many workshops as possible in the entire Coachella Valley where community will learn to break the stigma and raise awareness.	
Representative:	Leticia Olvera
Reviewer's Scores:	71% Three reviewers scoring: 68,72,74
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Membership:	Active
Renewal Date:	8/9/25

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request for \$4,000 specifically for supplies. (Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0)

Motion:	To approve the request for \$4,000 specifically for supplies.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	B. Kroonen	17	0	0

SMALL GRANT #4	Women Leaders Forum
Program:	Young Women Leaders (YWL) Program
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
This engaging educational outreach program has served high school seniors throughout the CV since 2001. Students receive educational programs, informational resources for higher education and career counseling, and access to women leaders in the community, who serve as mentors and role models. A minimum of 24 hours of educational training monthly, after-school activities and some weekend volunteer efforts at other non-profits such as FIND Food Bank and various community centers are provided. Participants are partnered one-on-one with a mentor who helps guide, informs them of opportunities available to them, and teaches them valuable networking skills, business etiquette and leadership skills.	
Reviewer's Scores:	71% Three reviewers scoring: 70,72,76
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship \$5,000
NPO Membership:	No

Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request due to low rating and weak application. To offer a paid NPO Centric Annual membership. (Yes:4 No: 1 (M. Meyer, Abstain: 0)

Motion:	To deny the request due to low rating and weak application.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	C. Borba	16 – B. Krooned was not in the room to vote.	0	0

I. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SMALL GRANT - The Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Riverside Campus is unable to sign the agreement as provided. The grantee would like to provide alternative content. Staff is recommending that the grant of \$6,350 be rescinded. (Attach. # 11).

Grants Committee Recommendation: To rescind the Regents of the University of California grant agreement. (Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0)

Motion:	To rescind the Regents of the University of California grant agreement.			
	M. Gonda suggested that the comments be considered and if they “make sense” to make changes for the future. There was consensus in agreement to have the Grants Committee assess and decide on future changes to the agreement.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	C.Borba	17	0	0

VI. Information Item

A. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2025 (Attach. # 12)

B. Grants Committee: Met on May 19. Approved April 15 Minutes (Attach. # 13). Next meeting June 16.

C. Executive Committee: Met on May 19. Approved April 14 Minutes (Attach. #14). Next meeting June 16.

D. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on May 19. Approved April 14 Minutes (Attach. #15). Next meeting June 16.

E. NPO Centric Committee: Next meeting: June 2.

F. Facilities Committee: Met on April 23. Approved December 12, 2024 Minutes.. (Attach. #16) Next meeting May 28.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Vision to Learn event in Blythe to take place on May 28. Board members (J. Pye, A. Wilson, M. Meyer, G. Colangeli) are planning to join staff.

UCR Certificate in Nonprofit Management celebration Friday June 13 at UCR Palm Desert from 1 PM- 3 PM.

Board member Kroonen mentioned his knowledge and association with the Section 14 and felt that the circumstances were terrible and did not feel comfortable with the earlier decision.

Supervisor Perez mentioned the following:

- 1. Stated his support of Section 14 and for funding.*
- 2. Blythe community's struggles which are many related to the Continuum of Care services now include the possible closure of the Palo Verde Hospital. There is a planned community meeting tonight and a meeting possibly for next week to include other stakeholders – clinics, county, funders.*
- 3. Probation efforts to reduce recidivism will require a review of funding streams and rethinking policies. May have a future one-two day conference in the future.*
- 4. Dust Issues – Referenced an EPA study from years ago which addressed the health and economic impacts of not taking action. He is working with AQMD and CARB for a possible forum in the Fall.*
- 5. Animal Services – the introduction of a “No Kill for Space” Resolution and adding funding for more staff, spay/neutering services.*
- 6. Transition Youth Services*
- 7. Renaming of the Bump and Grind Trail to “Brian Nestande Bump and Grind Trail” due to his legislative efforts to ensure access to the area.*

J. Pye would like the Grants Committee to review the Grants Review process.

VIII. IX. ADJOURNMENT: **10:41**

Next meeting June 25, 2025 at 9 AM.