

REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

 Health, Mental Health, Juvenile Intervention

Board Meeting Agenda

 Wednesday September 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER - By Chair J. Pye at 9:02- Roll Call: *S. Benoit, G. Colangeli, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, B. Kroonen, M. Meyer, G. Nestande, R. Ortega (Joined remotely – Good Cause determined to allow full participation), K. Rodgers, A. Smyth, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, Supervisor Perez joined at 9:15, P. Cooper, J. Pye.*

Excused absence: C. Galvez, C. Borba, T. St. Johns.

Also present: Andrea Oliveri and CV Accounting staff member, Refuge Pregnancy Center Executive Director Michael Stearns, Codex committee Executive Director, Palm Springs Community Concer Association Executive Director,.

RAP Staff: L. De Lara, M. Reyes, G. Holliday, T. Fantini, V. Arroniz, A. Lackie, A. Huesca, M. Rosales, M. Robles, A. Nieto.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

J. Pye acknowledged the loss of Joe Hayes and Ann Dew. A moment of silence was observed.

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:	<i>To receive and file the July 23, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report,, Grants, Facilities and Financial Report. Excluded CV Healthy Living Report.</i>			
	<i>S. Benoit noted that the Draft Minutes had an error, she was listed as absent when she was present.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>A.Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To receive and file the CV Healthy Living Report after the presentation was made by A. Lackie.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>

<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
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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

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the Audit Report and forward to the Riv. Co. Executive Office.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>V. Tanner</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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.

J. Pye announced that she would not be appointing any new board members to the Executive Committee for the remainder of her term. She will allow the incoming board Chair in January make the decision.

A.Wilson (Nominations Committee Chair) announced that she is seeking interest from board members to join the Nominations Committee. Also, seeking interest from board members who are interested in serving as a board officer. She asked that board members notify either herself or CEO.

C. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- to provide update on County matters of interest. Supervisor Perez reported on the following topics:

- 1. The Dust Summit to take place on Nov. 6 from 5 PM-8 PM at UCR PD campus.*
- 2. The Desert Recreation District (DRD) Bowl-a-thon event to take place Saturday Sept. 27- mentioned partnership with DRD on the Lake Cahuilla Veterans Park \$15M investment improvements.*
- 3. The 3rd Annual Justice Efforts event on Oct. 25 from 10 AM-4 PM at UCR PD Campus.*
- 4. The State of the County event to take place Dec. 11 at Acrisure Arena. Will take place in the evening.*
- 5. Supports Cathedral City Mayor Nancy Ross in her request for RAP to serve as a Fiscal Agent for the Animal Campus employee appreciation event.*
- 6. Carver Track neighborhood in Indio has new streets and sidewalks and there are plans to add street lights. A community clean-up event on Oct 18 from noon to 3 PM will be held to include neighborhood partners, the elementary schools, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.*
- 7. Blythe Hospital is facing possible closure due to financial issues. He is considering alternatives, including requesting that the State Legislative forgive a \$8.5M loan.*
- 8. Addressed his efforts to improve his health by making better food choices and taking required medication.*

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

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Approve and file the monthly report.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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:	To recommend to the Board to adopt and forward to the Riverside County Executive Office and to all Mayors in our service area.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
B. Kroonen	V.Tanner	14 E. Romero left the meeting.	0	0

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:	To recommend to the Board to allow VTL to submit an application for up to \$45,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C. Kroonen	V. Tanner	13	A.Wilson	0

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:	To recommend to the Board to serve as a Fiscal Agent as an “in-Kind” service in exchange for being recognized as a sponsor. CEO will inquire if RAP board member(s) can join event.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A.Wilson	V.Tanner	13 G. Nestande left before the vote	0	0

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:	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.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V.Tanner	B.Kroonen	11	0	0

		<i>A.Smith and K. Rodgers left the room before the vote and returned later</i>		
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I. Proposed budget process Resolution 2025.17 Establishing Department Budget Development Procedures (Attach. #12)

Finance Committee Recommendation (Yes 4 No:0)

Motion:	To approve Resolution 2025.17.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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:	To approve the request of \$10,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>K.Rodgers</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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
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GRANTS COMMITTEE Recommendation (Yes 5 No:0)

Motion:	To approve the request of \$10,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	K. Rodgers	12	0	K. Rodgers

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:	To approve the request for \$5,000 as a first-time grantee + NPO membership			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	M. Meyer	9	4- B. Gonzalez, A. Smith, P. Cooper, K. Rodgers	0

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:	To approve the request for \$5,000 as a first-time grantee.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	K. Rodgers	13	0	0

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:	To approve the request for \$5,000 exclusively for food boxes.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	K. Rodgers	13	0	0

SMALL GRANT #6	Independent Living Partnership
Program:	Coachella Valley Community Outreach Program for Independent Travel
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
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:	79% Three reviewers scoring: 86,82,70
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A NPO Membership: Yes - Active

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

Motion:	To approve the request for \$5,000 as a first-time grantee and ensure funding goes exclusively to Coachella Valley and Palo Verde residents.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	M. Meyer	11	A. Wilson	G. Colangeli

SMALL GRANT #7	Oswit Land trust
Program:	Improving mental health among low-income and uninsured residents.
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
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:	72% Three reviewers scoring: 56,76,84
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A NPO Membership: N/A

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

Motion:	To approve the request for \$2,500 and an annual NPO Centric membership.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	K. Rodgers	11		B. Gonzalez, M. Gonda

SMALL GRANT #8	Palm Springs Community Concert Association
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Program:	Palm Springs Community Concert Association 2025-2026 Concert Season
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
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:	71% 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:	<i>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.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>J.Pye</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>0</i>

H. GRANT REQUESTS: SPONSORSHIP GRANTS - Action Required

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

SPONSORSHIP #1	Codex Creation Committee
Program:	Run with Los Muertos (RWM)
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
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:	<i>To approve the request for \$5,000 with an updated budget to reflect the full cost of the event and use of funds.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve	# Oppose	Abstention Names
<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>S.Benoit</i>	<i>11</i> <i>P.Cooper left before the vote was taken.</i> <i>A.Smith was not present</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

- 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:	<i>To approve raising the threshold criteria from 70% to 75% for Small Grants applications effective immediately.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve	# Oppose	Abstention Names
<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>B.Kroonen</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

J. NPO Centric Technical Assistance Grants

Organization #1:	Friends of the Children – Coachella Valley (Attach. #15)
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. 23rd. Their Recommendation to be provided verbally.

Motion:	To approve 30 hours of technical assistance for strategic planning and financial planning.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>J.Pye</i>	<i>A.Wilson</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>A. Smith, B.Gonzalez</i>

Organization #2:	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (Attach. #16)
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. 23rd. Their Recommendation to be provided verbally.

Motion:	<i>To approve up to 60 hours of technical assistance for strategic planning.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>J.Pye</i>	<i>A.Wilson</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>K.Rodgers</i>

NPO Centric Committee Chair announced that board member K. Rodgers was appointed as Vice-Chair of NPOC Committee.

V. Tanner left the meeting at 11:47.

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 25, 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.

CEO announced Semi Finals will take place on Thurs. Sept. 25 at 3 PM. RSVPs requested.

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.

CEO introduced CV Healthy Living newest team member Marie Rosales.

K. Rodgers mentioned that he likes that board member names are included in recommendations so that he can ask those in opposition of a decision for their reason.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting October 22, 2025 at 9 AM. *Adjourned at 11:52.*