



Grants Review Committee Agenda
Monday, March 16, 2026 at 1:00 PM Pacific Time
 RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the March 16, 2026 Grants Review Committee Agenda.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Persons wishing to speak are requested to be recognized at the appropriate time. General comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes

IV. APPROVE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: (Attach 1) Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the February 17, 2026 Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. ADD DR. ROBERT GEBHART TO THE COMMITTEE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WITH VOTING RIGHTS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Motion:				
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VI. GRANTS TRACKER FY2025-2026: [\(Attach 2\)](#)

VII. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST

Sponsorship #1 at 1:15 PM [\(Attach 3\)](#) Action Required

Organization:	Inland Congregations United for Change
Program:	2026 Cup of Faith Soccer Tournament
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Representative:	Reyes Lopez Rodriguez
<p>The Faith Cup 2026 is an event built on the principles of inclusion and camaraderie. We are proud to welcome all boys and girls ages 14-17 to participate in the tournament. In a spirit of unity, we want to emphasize that there is no discrimination based on religion: everyone is welcome, regardless of whether they attend a Catholic church or not. We will also be hosting a Resource Fair.</p>	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 James Irvine Foundation: \$40,000; FY25-26 Small Grant: \$10,000
NPO Member:	Yes

Staff Recommendation: To approve \$3,500 of the \$5,000 request to align with the new sponsorship guidelines.

Motion:				
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Sponsorship #2 [\(Attach 4\)](#) Action Required

Organization:	Rotary Club of Indio
Program:	Rotary Math Field Day for Middle School Students (RMFD)
Requested Amount:	\$1,000
Representative:	Martha Mendez
<p>Rotary Math Field Day (RMFD) is the only middle school math competition in the Coachella Valley. This is a valley-wide event which provides students with the opportunity to showcase their mathematical abilities alongside peers from across the region. There is no other academic competition that brings together students from multiple schools and districts to compete and be formally recognized for their academic skills and dedication. For many participants, RMFD is the only opportunity to meet and engage with students outside their own school community. The event fosters interaction, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas among students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.</p>	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$1,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$1,000 FY24-25 Small Grant: \$1,000
NPO Member:	No

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

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

Small Grant #1 at 1:30 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	PS Test Inc
Program:	<i>HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Prevention and Treatment Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Representative:	Ken Katz
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 82, 82
<p>PS Test's program reduces healthcare disparities among at risk populations that are exacerbated by cost and stigma, two of the most significant barriers to testing and treatment. Co-payments for primary care visits and laboratory testing can amount to \$50 to \$100 or more per visit and therefore can be a prohibitive barrier to testing and treatment, particularly for uninsured or under insured low-income patients. PS Test absorbs all co-payments and fees for primary care visits and laboratory testing for HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and other STIs. To reduce stigma, our healthcare professionals provide nonjudgmental and comprehensive patient care and offer patients the opportunity to receive anonymous care.</p> <p>Support from RAP will facilitate the ability of PS Test to expand our capacity to meet growing needs for HIV, STI, and HCV testing throughout the Coachella Valley, including in underserved east Valley communities.</p>	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY24-25 Small Grant: \$ 10,000
NPO Member:	Yes

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

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

Small Grant #3 at 1:50 PM (Attach 6) Action Required

Organization:	Grassroots Junior Tennis
Program:	<i>Grassroots Junior Tennis 2026</i>
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
Reviewer's Scores:	76% Three reviewers scoring: 82,78,68
Representative:	Kay Butler
<p>The Grassroots Junior Tennis (GJT) program has the belief that all children, regardless of their financial status, should have the opportunity and privilege to learn from professional tennis teachers. The goal is to give each child a chance to be a "winner". Instruction focuses on the importance of cooperation and fitness, with tennis helping to build character and integrity. Tennis is taught as an educational and recreational sport that builds a lifetime of teamwork, sportsmanship and social skills, led by a USPTA certified professional tennis instructor and community volunteers.</p>	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Small Grant: \$5,000, FY23-24 Small Grant: \$5,000, FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000
NPO Member:	No

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request of \$5,000

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VIII. Requests for Proposal Update: Action Required

The FY 2025–2027 Health and Mental Health Request for Proposals (RFP) grant application is due on April 2. Nearly 200 individuals attended the Mental Health bidders’ meeting, and we received seventy-five (75) Letters of Intent (LOIs). Based on the strong response from applicants, the Grants Manager would like to suggest the following two alternatives:

1. **Increase the Mental Health funding to \$825,000 for YEAR 1**, allocating an additional \$325,000 from the Juvenile Intervention funds for this year. The FY 2026–2027 Juvenile Intervention Grant would then be opened to the public in Fall 2026. The Health and Mental Health Request for Proposal for YEAR 2 will remain at \$500,000.
2. **Select the same recipients for the Juvenile Intervention Grant for a third consecutive year**, and open the next Juvenile Intervention Grant cycle in early 2027. The FY25-27 Health and Mental Health Request for Proposal will remain the same for both years at \$500,000 with a total of \$1,0000 total.

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IX. FY26-27 Grants Budget Allocation (Attach 7) Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the FY26-27 Grants Budget Allocation

Motion:				
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X. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

(I) Denial Notice: Both applications failed to meet the threshold.

- a. Grandparents Love GPL
- b. Big Sisteerrrs Inc

**(II) Mental Health Wellness Day by Alianza: Tuesday April 7, 2026
Palm Springs Art Museum 10 am - 2 pm**

**(III) Do the Right Thing Awards Ceremony: March 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM.
Palm Springs Police Department, 200 S. Civic Drive, Palm Springs, CA**

(IV) Next scheduled meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

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