



Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, April 13, 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 April 13, 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 March 16, 2026 Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. INTERVIEW KATHLEEN KELLY AS NON-BOARD MEMBER FOR A GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE SEAT

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

VI. APPOINT KATHLEEN KELLY TO THE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WITH VOTING RIGHTS (Attach 2)

Staff Recommendation: To appoint Kathleen Kelly to the Grants Review Committee

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

VII. GRANTS TRACKER FY2025-2026: (Attach 3)

VIII. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST

Performance Grant #1 at 1:20 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Community Action Partnership Riverside
Program:	<i>Cool & Warm Centers</i>
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Representative:	Lili Cardoza
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 80, 86
<p>The Cool Center program (June 1st – Oct.15th) is a comprehensive strategy designed to reduce heat-related health risks (heat exhaustion, heat stroke, cramps, rashes) from extreme temperatures conditions, especially among the most vulnerable low-income residents, such as the elderly, disabled, families with infants and young children under 5 years. All residents (at home, traveling, walking/biking, using public transportation) are encouraged to visit a Cool Center for relief from the heat to avoid heat related illness and to help reduce high energy burdens during the summer months.</p>	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY23-24 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY22-23 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY21-22 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY20-21 Performance Grant \$25,000;
NPO Member:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request for \$25,000

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

Small Grant #1 at 1:35 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Seiden-Juku
Program:	<i>Bushido Warriors</i>
Requested Amount:	\$9,000.00
Reviewer's Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 82,82,78
Representative:	Tamara Canedo
<p>Seiden-Juku serves children and adults with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, visual impairments, mobility disabilities, and communication challenges. Many carry layered trauma related to foster care, abuse, bullying, language barriers, or social exclusion. Beyond diagnoses, they often struggle with isolation, low self esteem, and emotional dysregulation.</p>	

	This program functions as a community-based health intervention that integrates adaptive martial arts instruction with emotional regulation, confidence-building exercises, anti-bullying education, and inclusive social engagement.
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Member:	No

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request for \$5,00 of the \$9,000 requested as a first-time grantee.

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

IX. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- (I) **Do the Right Thing Awards Ceremony: April 15, 2026, at 4:30 PM.**
Palm Springs City Hall Council Chambers, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA

- (II) **Next scheduled meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM.**
Special Mental Health Grants Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
9:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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