



Special Grants Review Committee Agenda

Monday, July 13, 2026, at 1:00 PM Pacific Time

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: **Action Required**

Staff Recommendation: To approve the July 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 May 18, 2026, Grants Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

V. GRANTS TRACKER FY2026-2027: **(Attach 2)**

VI. GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

Small Grant #1 at 1:15 PM (Attach 3) Action Required

Organization:	DO THE RIGHT THING - Greater Palm Springs
Program:	<i>DO THE RIGHT THING - Greater Palm Springs</i>
Requested Amount:	\$9,000
The DO THE RIGHT THING program accepts nominations from teachers, parents, and other adults in the community in recognition of students' good deeds or positive behavior. The goals of the DO THE RIGHT THING program are to recognize and reward positive behavior, accomplishments, and attitudes in order to: build self-esteem in children; increase socially-desirable behavior in area youth; and to foster positive relationships between young people and law enforcement. The DO THE RIGHT THING - Greater Palm Springs chapter has already had a significant impact here in the Coachella Valley, with honors from the County of Riverside Juvenile Justice Department and California's District 47.	
Representative:	Terri Ketover
Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 90,82,82
Prior RAP Funding:	<i>Small Grant:</i> FY24-25: \$10,000 <i>Small Grant:</i> FY25-26: \$10,000
NPO Membership:	N/A

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$9,000

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

Palo Verde Mental Health Grant #1 at 1:30 PM (Attach 4) Action Required

Organization:	Focus First Counseling and Education
Program:	<i>Focused on Wellness</i>
Requested Amount:	FY26-27 Palo Verde Mental Health Grant \$42,000
Focus First Counseling and Education, Inc.'s Focused on Wellness Community Behavioral Health Program is a comprehensive community mental health initiative serving residents throughout Blythe and the Palo Verde Valley. The program provides direct mental health treatment, family support services, youth development programs, mental health education, community wellness activities, and resource navigation designed to improve the psychological, emotional, and social well-being of community members across the lifespan.	
Scores:	80% Three reviewers scoring: 88,77, 74
Representative:	Jacqui Fisher & Amy Daniel
Prior RAP Funding:	FY25-26 Palo Verde Mental Health Grant: \$42,000 FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$ 84,000
NPO Membership:	Yes

Staff Recommendation: To approve the \$42,000 request for the FY26-27 PV Mental Health Grant.

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

Palo Verde Mental Health Grant #2 at 1:45 PM (Attach 5) Action Required

Organization:	Riverside County Latino Commission
Program:	<i>Palo Verde Valley Mental Health</i>
Requested Amount:	FY26-27 Palo Verde Mental Health Grant \$135,000
Our organization has identified a significant gap in mental health services within the Blythe community. Three years ago, we began providing mental health support in Blythe and quickly recognized the critical need for expanded services. Currently, we serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Blythe as a contracted provider with Riverside County; however, individuals and families who are uninsured or have private insurance remain underserved. We are seeking RAP funding (year 2) to address this gap and extend services to this underserved population. In partnership with the Palo Verde Unified School District, we aim to enhance accessibility to mental health services in the region. The School District has proven to be a valuable partner and trusted link to the community, allowing us to leverage their expertise in understanding local needs.	
NPO Membership:	No
Representative:	Leonel Contreras
Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 86,83, 74
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Grant: \$75,000; FY25-26 PV Mental Health Grant \$135,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve the \$135,000 request for the FY26-27 PV Mental Health Grant.

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

VII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- a. **Next Scheduled Meeting: September 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM**
- b. **Potential impact of reduced funding**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 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.