

REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION
APPROVED MINUTES
Wednesday May 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM
41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 by Chairperson A. Wilson- Roll Call: *S. Benoit, G.Colangeli, M. Evans (arrived at 9:02), C. Galvez (arrived at 9:10), M. Gonda (remote), B. Gonzalez, R. Gutierrez, B. Kroonen, M. Meyer, R. Ortega, E. Romero, K. Rodgers (arrived at 9:04), T. St.Johns, A. Smith, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, P. Cooper (arrived at 9:03), J. Pye.*

Excused absence: E. Packer, K. Moreno.

Also present: M. Robles, T. Fantini, M. Reyes, G. Holliday, A. Lackie, A. Juarez, M.Robles, L. De Lara.

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 presented.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>G.Colangeli</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT -None

IV. PRESENTATION: None

V. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A.** Approval of April 22, 2026 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 March 31, 2026. (Attach. #6)

Board member M. Meyer requested that the Coachella Valley Healthy Living report be delivered verbally which was done. M. Meyer asked that this report be moved from the Consent agenda to the individual agenda item. There was consensus of board members in agreement with this request.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To receive and file the April 22, 2026 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, Facility and Financial Reports.</i>			
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<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

A. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- Update on County matters of interest.

P. Cooper delivered an update:

- 1. Supervisor Perez hosted a soccer clinic in Palm Desert 2 weeks ago. Approximately 60 youth participated.***
- 2. Last Monday, the County celebrated the Grand Opening of the Lake Tamarisk Fire Dept., Station #49. The previous station built in 1950s was built to accommodate 2 firefighters and now housed 4 firefighters.***
- 3. Fourth District Supervisor's staff participated in local Memorial Day events including Idyllwild, Palo Verde Valley, CV Cemetery and PS Air Museum.***
- 4. Mentioned the recent budget meetings. The highest needs most mentioned: affordable housing and child care centers.***

B. NPO Centric Monthly Report & activity highlights- Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director (Attach. #7)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File monthly report.

<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>C.Galvez</i>	<i>R. Gutierrez</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

C. Desert Fast Pitch 2026 – The event will take place on Oct. 1, 2026 at the Agua Caliente Resort and Casino. The marketing is proceeding and staff would like to rename the event the NPO Desert Fast Pitch. The logo was introduced at the February 2026 Board meeting with the updated 2026 Sponsorship deck. (Attach. #8).

Staff Recommendation: To officially rename the annual event as NPO Desert Fast Pitch.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To officially rename the annual event as NPO Desert Fast Pitch.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>K.Rodgers</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

D. Resolution 2026.07 - Executive Committee (Attach. #9) The Executive Committee met on May 18, 2026 to consider a resolution to describe the objectives, process, membership, and structure which are stated in the bylaws, and have been created by previous board actions.

Executive **Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the resolution.**

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>For the Board to adopt the resolution.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Evans</i>	<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

E. Resolution 2026.08 - NPO Centric Committee (Attach. #10) The NPO Centric Committee met on April 20 and reviewed the resolution.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the resolution.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>For the Board to adopt the resolution.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>B.Kroonen</i>	<i>K.Rodgers</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

F. Resolution 2026.09 – Addition of Non-Board Members to Committees (Attach. #11) The Governance-Human Resources Committee met on May 21 and reviewed the resolution.

Governance Human-Resources Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the resolution.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>For the Board to adopt the resolution.</i>			
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G. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2025-2026: (Attach. #12)

H. GRANT REQUESTS: Mental Health for Coachella Valley Request for Proposal - Action Required
The available approved funding amount is \$676,012 for Year One. The awarded organizations will have the opportunity to apply for Year Two funding. However, they have been notified that the amount available will be reduced for year two.

The Strategic Initiatives for Funding are:

- 1.Improve the quality of mental health services to remote areas through innovative systems.
- 2.Improve awareness of mental and emotional health resource services for residents.
- 3.Support cultural competency of service providers and reduction of language/stigma/cultural barriers.

1. The Grants Committee is recommending approval of full funding for requests #1 to #13.
2. The Grants Committee is recommending approval of a reduced amount than requested for requests #14 to #20
3. The Grants Committee is recommending denial of request #21.

#1.	Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS)
Program:	Increasing Current and Future Access to Mental Health Services for CV Families
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	88%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
"Increasing Current and Future Access to Mental Health Services for CV" addresses the community needs by increasing and supplementing current access to mental health counseling services through paid (associate clinician) and unpaid (bachelor's level and above) supervised clinical interns to offer no-cost services to CV residents ages five (5) and above, while accruing the required supervised hours for independent licensure, such as LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Workers) or LMFT (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist). Additionally, the initiative seeks to increase future access by retaining newly licensed and/or attracting high-quality clinicians to live and work in the CV.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Mental Health Grants: FY24-25 \$60,000; FY23-24 \$50,000; FY22-23\$50,000; FY21-22 \$50,000; Small Grants: FY24-25 \$5,000; FY23-24 \$5,000; FY22-23 \$5,000 and \$5,000
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
NPO Member:	Yes

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes – 4 No-0): To approve the request of \$50,000 for FY25-26

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the request of \$50,000 for FY25-26.</i>			
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<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

#2	Shelter from the Storm (SFTS)
Program:	Case Management and Counseling Services Program
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	83%

RBA Strategies:	1
SFTS, Inc. is the sole provider of confidential emergency shelter and comprehensive domestic violence services in the CV, representing a critical and irreplaceable safety net in the region. SFTS primarily serves low- and no-income individuals, including women, men, and children from newborn to 99 years old. A significant portion of clients are Hispanic/Latino, many of whom are monolingual Spanish speakers, requiring linguistically accessible and culturally competent services.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Mental Health Grants: FY24-25 \$50,000; FY23-24 \$42,000; FY22-23 \$42,000;
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
NPO Member:	Yes

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes –5 No-0): To approve the request of \$50,000 for FY25-26.

Motion:	To approve the request of \$50,000 for FY25-26.			
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M.Meyer	V.Tanner	18	0	0

#3	Olive Crest
Program:	Improving Mental Health Care and Support Services for Youth impacted by the Trauma of Sexual Exploitation
Requested Amount:	\$60,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	80%
RBA Strategies:	1, 2
In response to the growing shortage of specialized programs for sex-trafficked minors, Olive Crest expanded its mission in January 2025. Our PROMiSE (Prevention and Restoration of Minors Involved in Sexual Exploitation) initiative provides critical mental health care and support services for minors aged 12–18 who are being recruited or rescued from sex trafficking in the Coachella Valley.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Mental Health: FY24-25 \$70,000; FY23-24 \$50,000; FY22-23 \$50,000; FY 21-22 \$50,000; FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention: \$17,500; FY23-25 \$17,500; FY22-23 \$17,500 Small Grant: \$6,675 FY22-23 and Sponsorship: \$5,000
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
NPO Member:	No – Expired in April

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes –5 No-0): To approve the request of \$60,000

Motion:	To approve the request of \$60,000.			
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M.Meyer	V.Tanner	18	0	0

#4	The Joslyn Center
Program:	Joslyn Wellness Mental Health for Underserved Communities
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	84%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
The Joslyn Wellness Center was established in 2017 to support and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of underserved older adults in the CV. Services are offered at no cost, in both English and Spanish, to all residents aged 50 and above.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Mental Health Grant: FY24-25 \$50,000; FY22-23 \$50,000;
NPO Member:	Yes
Geographic areas served:	Bermuda Dunes, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, Thousand Palms.

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes- 5 No-0): To approve the request of \$50,000 for FY25-26.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the request of \$50,000 for FY25-26.</i>			
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#5	CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation
Program:	Innovative Mobile Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Delivery
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	83%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus Nursing Street Medicine Program (NSMP), in partnership with Eisenhower Health's Mobile Care Unit and CV Rx Coachella Valley Pharmacy, will expand via an integrated, mobile behavioral health and substance use treatment model serving unhoused residents and migrant families. The NSMP addresses gaps by delivering nurse-led, mobile behavioral health services directly into communities.	
NPO Member:	No
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY23-24 \$10,000
Geographic areas served:	Coachella, Mecca, North Shore, Thermal, Oasis

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes- 5 No-0): To approve the request of \$30,000 for FY25-26.

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#6	Braille Institute of America, Inc. (BI)
Program:	Vision Loss Support Groups
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	81%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
Vision Loss Support Groups serve as the entryway for many adults beginning to navigate vision loss, and are fully integrated with our Low Vision Rehabilitation Services. BI has long offered a range of counseling services, some informally. Our Support Groups designed, piloted, and formally launched in 2025, specifically address the stage when people navigating vision loss are most vulnerable in terms of their mental health.	
NPO Member:	Yes
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-0): To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26.

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#7	The LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert
Program:	LGBTQ+ Affirming Mental and Behavioral Health Care in Spanish
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
RBA Strategies:	3
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	81%
The need for accessible mental health services in the CV is significant. The CV LGBTQ+ community faces disproportionately high rates of mental health distress, suicidal ideation, and social isolation.	
NPO Member:	No

Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY25-26 \$10,000

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-0): To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26.

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#8	Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City
Program:	Men of Character
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	79%
RBA Strategies:	2,3
Young people, particularly boys, face disproportionately high risks related to suicide, substance use, school discipline, and involvement in the juvenile justice system. Social norms that discourage emotional expression and help-seeking often leave youth without the tools to manage stress, trauma, and anxiety. Men of Character is a 7 to 9 week (depending on season) mental health and resilience program for youth ages 9 to 18, offered multiple times per year at the Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City.	
NPO Member:	No
Prior RAP Funding:	Juvenile Intervention FY22-23 \$34,700 Small Grant FY25-26 \$10,000
Geographic areas served:	Cathedral City, DHS, North Palm Springs, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Thousand Palms

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-0): To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26.

Motion:	To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
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#9	John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation
Program:	Ophelia Program: School-Based Mental & Emotional Wellness Initiative
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	78%
RBA Strategies:	2,3
The Ophelia Program is a school-based mental and emotional wellness initiative serving 610 primarily low-income girls in grades 8–12 throughout the CV. In collaboration with Desert Sands Unified, Palm Springs Unified, and Coachella Valley Unified School Districts, the program integrates trauma-informed wellness support into the school day, removing barriers such as transportation, cost, scheduling, and stigma.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Juvenile Intervention Grants: FY23-25 \$30,000; FY22-23 \$15,000; Mental Health Grant: FY20-21 \$20,000
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley NPO Member: No

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-0): To approve the request of \$30,000 for FY25-26

Motion:	To approve the request of \$30,000 for FY25-26.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M.Meyer	V.Tanner	18	0	0

#10	Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66; Variety - the Children's Charity of the Desert
Program:	Expanding Youth Mental Health Access
Requested Amount:	\$20,000
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	80%

This program addresses persistent gaps in mental and emotional health support for children and families, particularly in communities where geographic isolation, language barriers, and limited-service availability prevent timely access to care. In communities across the CV, including East Valley areas such as Mecca and remote West Valley communities such as Desert Hot Springs, families face significant challenges navigating mental health systems, resulting in delayed identification of developmental, social-emotional, and behavioral concerns and limited follow-through on referrals.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grants: FY25-26 \$10,000; FY24-25 \$10,000; FY23-24 \$10,000; FY21-22 \$5,000; Sponsorships: FY 23-24 \$2,500 and FY22-23 \$8,000; Juvenile Intervention Grant: FY22-23 \$5,000
NPO Member:	No

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0): To approve the request for \$20,000 for FY25-26. Applicant will correct the budget to reflect 12 month period.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the request for \$20,000 for FY25-26. Applicant will correct the budget to reflect 12 month period.</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>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

#11	The Living Desert
Program:	Elder Memory Care Outreach Program
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	82%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
This program addresses the growing unmet needs of older adults facing social isolation, limited services, and increased risk of cognitive and emotional decline. Seniors in memory care, assisted living, and low-income housing often experience barriers such as limited mobility, lack of transportation, financial constraints, language differences, and cognitive impairment. These challenges are especially acute in remote and underserved areas of the CV, where access to engaging programs that support emotional and mental well-being is limited.	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
Geographic area served:	All Coachella Valley
NPO Member:	No

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0): To approve the request of \$25,000.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the request of \$25,000.</i>			
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#12	Alzheimers Coachella Valley
Program:	ACV'S Mental Health Equity & Access
Requested Amount:	\$40,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	84%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
Alzheimers Coachella Valley (ACV) Vision: We treat dementia as a family-wide mental health crisis. Provide a lifeline by removing barriers through no-cost, culturally competent services, native-language support, and accessible rural and East Valley resources. Programs: ACV delivers a dual-impact model: life-changing socialization and healthcare workforce expansion. All services are, rooted in best practices, and supported by bilingual staff and materials	
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grants: FY24-25 \$10,000; FY23-24 \$10,000; FY 22-23 \$3,000; FY20-21 \$4,500 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY23-24; \$4,000 FY22-23
NPO Member:	Yes
Geographic area served:	All Coachella Valley

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0): To approve the request of \$40,000 for FY25-26.

Motion:	To approve the request of \$40,000 for FY25-26.			
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M.Meyer	V.Tanner	18	0	0

#13	Hidden Harvest
Program:	Seeds of Stability: Food Security as a Foundation for Mental Health
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
RBA Strategies:	1
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	80%
Hidden Harvest's Seeds of Stability: Food Security as a Foundation for Mental Health, aligned with the RAP Foundation's priorities, addresses a critical and often-overlooked gap: the direct link between food insecurity and mental well-being. For families struggling to meet basic nutritional needs, the constant uncertainty around food access creates chronic stress that negatively impacts emotional health, family stability, and overall quality of life. In the ECV, food insecurity is not only a basic needs issue, but it is also a root cause of poor mental health outcomes.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grants: FY25-26 \$10,000; FY21-22 \$5,000;
NPO Member:	Yes
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes –6 No-0): To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26.

Motion:	To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26.			
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#14	Soroptimist House of Hope, Inc. (SHoH)
Program:	Women's Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Care
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	79%
RBA Strategies:	1,2,3
SHoH operates a Women's Recovery Program grounded in a trauma-informed, gender-responsive model designed specifically for women with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. The program addresses a critical unmet need: accessible, comprehensive residential mental health care for low-income women experiencing complex trauma, depression, anxiety, PTSD, and other behavioral health challenges often intertwined with substance use.	
NPO Member:	No
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
Prior RAP Funding:	Mental Health Grants: FY24-25 \$40,000; FY23-24 \$25,000; FY22-23 \$25,000; FY20-21 \$15,000

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes- 6 No-0) To approve the request for \$35,000 of the \$50,000 requested for FY25-26. Amount is to cover the salaries and exclude facility and marketing costs.

Motion:	To approve the request for \$35,000 of the \$50,000 requested for FY25-26. Amount is to cover the salaries and exclude facility and marketing costs.			
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M.Meyer	R.Gutierrez	18	0	0

#15	Operation SafeHouse
Program:	SafeHouse Mental Health Outreach & Awareness Program
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
RBA Strategies:	2
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	78%
The SafeHouse Mental Health Awareness and Outreach Program is a youth mental health prevention initiative established in 2010 to promote emotional wellness, reduce stigma, and improve access to mental health resources for underserved BIPOC youth in the CV. For more than a decade, the program has delivered no-cost, school- and community-based mental health education and peer support in low-income desert communities.	
NPO Member:	Yes
Geographic areas served:	Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Mecca, Palm Springs, Thermal, Thousand Palms,
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Performance Grant: \$16,875

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0): To approve the request for \$30,000 of the \$50,000 requested for FY25-26. To be used for salaries.

Motion:	To approve the request for \$30,000 of the \$50,000 requested for FY25-26. To be used for salaries.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M.Meyer	R.Gutierrez	18	0	0

#16:	El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center
Program:	Caminos de Bienestar Familiar: Community Health Workers Supporting Mental Health for Families with Children
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
RBA Strategies:	2,3
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	83%
This Community Health Worker (CHW)-led initiative will expand El Sol's existing youth mental health programming to serve entire family units, including caregivers and children, across the CV.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY24-25 \$4,000
NPO Member:	Yes
Geographic areas served:	Coachella, DHS, Indio, Mecca, Palm Desert, Thermal, Thousand Palms

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-): To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26. There is a condition that the organization contact Vision y Compromiso to coordinate services to avoid duplication and include more regions, including Bermuda Dunes. Staff will report at the board meeting if this condition is acceptable to both organizations.

Motion:	To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26. There is a condition that the organization contact Vision y Compromiso to coordinate services to avoid duplication and include more regions, including Bermuda Dunes. Staff will report at the board meeting if this condition is acceptable to both organizations.			
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#17	Vision y Compromiso
Program:	Conectando Caminos (Connecting Pathways)
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	79%
RBA Strategies:	2,3
The VyC has prioritized implementation of Conectando Caminos (Connecting Pathways) which expands our successful Cultivating Wellness program. Connecting Pathways is a holistic, strengths-based and comprehensive Mental Health and Emotional Wellness Program that combines our expertise with the promotora model for community transformation with culturally responsive, linguistically appropriate and accessible practices (community-defined evidence-based practices), and safe spaces that promote healing and recovery, reduce stigma, and increase access to information and resources to support our most vulnerable communities.	
NPO Member:	No
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant: FY25-26 \$10,000; FY22-23 Mental Health Grants: \$75,000; FY21-22 \$49,250; FY20-21 \$25,000
Geographic areas served:	Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Mecca, North Shore, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, & Thermal.

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes –6 No-0): To approve the request of \$25,000 for FY25-26. There is a condition that the organization contact El Sol to coordinate services to avoid duplication and include more regions, including Bermuda Dunes. Staff will report at the board meeting if this condition is acceptable to both organizations.

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Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M.Meyer	R.Gutierrez	18	0	0

#18	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)
Program:	CVRM Integrated Behavioral Health Access & Internship Pipeline Initiative
Requested Amount:	\$60,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	77%
RBA Strategies:	1, & 2
CVRM requests funding to implement the Integrated Behavioral Health Access & Internship Pipeline Initiative, aimed at increasing culturally competent mental health access for homeless, underserved, and low-income residents throughout the Coa. The program will embed a licensed clinician into CVRM's existing residential and outreach programs to supervise a cohort of mental health interns from local universities, expand culturally and linguistically responsive behavioral health services, reduce stigma, and improve awareness of mental and emotional health resources among high-need populations.	
NPO Member:	Yes
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
Geographic area served:	All Coachella Valley

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-0): To approve the request for \$40,000. The application rated low. Grant writing can be improved and applicant should pursue other funders to support the new program.

Motion:	To approve the request for \$40,000. The application rated low. Grant writing can be improved and applicant should pursue other funders to support the new program.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Recusal – left room (Name):
M.Meyer	R.Gutierrez	17	0	M.Gonda

#19:	United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire
Program:	UCPIE Family Empowerment Program
Requested Amount:	\$61,272
RBA Strategies:	3
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	88%
Access to bilingual, affordable, and disability-informed behavioral health services remains constrained. Caregivers frequently prioritize their child's needs above their own, delaying or forgoing mental health care due to cost, stigma, lack of time, or absence of appropriate providers who understand the unique dynamics of disability within a family system. Without intervention, caregiver burnout can lead to worsening mental health outcomes, family instability, reduced workforce participation, and diminished capacity to support the child's developmental progress. This program provides accessible, bilingual, culturally responsive mental health support for parents and caregivers of children with Intellectual and Developmental Delays ensuring that those who provide daily care are themselves supported, stabilized, and empowered.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Metal Health Grant: FY22-23 \$18,000 Small Grant: FY21-22 \$3,850
Geographic areas served:	All Coachella Valley
NPO Member:	Yes

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-0: To approve the request for \$36,012 for salaries for FY 2025-26.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the request for \$36,012 for salaries for FY 2025-26.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>R.Gutierrez</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

#20	Innercare
Program:	Reducing Barriers to Behavioral Health Care through a Tiered Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) Model
Requested Amount:	\$40,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	82%
RBA Strategies:	1, 3
This program will implement a Tiered Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) model embedded within primary care clinics serving the CV. This innovative redesign strengthens the quality of mental health services by integrating behavioral health providers directly into the primary care team, thereby creating an approach associated with higher patient engagement, reduced no-show rates, and faster initiation of treatment. It will expand the delivery of same-day integrated behavioral health encounters within primary care, strengthening timeliness, clinical effectiveness, care coordination, and continuity of mental health services.	
Prior RAP Funding:	Mental Health Grants: FY24-25 \$50,000; FY23-24 70,000; FY22-23 \$30,000; FY21-22 \$50,000;
Geographic areas served:	Coachella & Mecca NPO Member: No

Board Member Claudia Galvez has a conflict of interest and will recuse herself on this item.

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No- 0): To approve \$30,000 for FY25-26. The applicant will submit a corrected budget to address rental space and consultant fee.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve \$30,000 for FY25-26.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Recusal – left the room (Name):</i>
<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>R.Gutierrez</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>C.Galvez</i>

#21	Danza Azteca Citlaltónac
Program:	Tejiendo Confianza: Cultural Healing & Mental Health Access Program
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	76%
RBA Strategies:	2,3

Tejiendo Confianza (Weaving Trust) is a culturally rooted mental and emotional wellness initiative led by Danza Azteca Citlaltonac Indigenous Culture Center. This program integrates Indigenous healing practices, advocacy education, and systems navigation to improve awareness of mental health resources while reducing cultural, language, and stigma-related barriers that prevent Latino and Indigenous residents from accessing care. Eastern CV residents, particularly immigrant, mixed-status, farmworker, and Indigenous families, face significant challenges in obtaining culturally responsive mental and emotional health services. Barriers include limited bilingual and culturally responsive providers, transportation gaps, fear connected to immigration enforcement, financial hardship, and deep cultural stigma surrounding mental health support	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
Geographic area served:	Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, La Quinta, Mecca, North Shore, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Sky Valley & Thermal.
NPO Member:	Yes

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0): To deny the request. The goal is worthwhile. However, the program lacks structure.

<i>Motion:</i>	<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>V.Tanner</i>	<i>R.Gutierrez</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>4- J.Pye, K.Rodgers, B.Kroonen, A. Smith</i>	<i>0</i>

I. Health/Mental Health Grant: The following applications are recommended for denial.

1. SAC Health
2. Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC)
3. Rancho 3 Agavez de Cielo Azul

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0): To deny the requests due to low rating, compliance issues or incomplete applications.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To reject the application.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M.Meyer</i>	<i>R.Gutierrez</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>4- R.Gutierrez, M. Gonda, B.Kroonen, K. Rodgers</i>	<i>0</i>

J. Use of technology to record RAP Board and Committee meetings. The Governance –Human Resources Committee met on May 21 to review the Bylaws regarding Conflict-of-Interest issues. During this conversation, the issue of recording meetings was brought up. The CEO stated that available technology exists to record meetings without any extra expense or effort.

Attached is a list of entities to show status of recording. (Attach. #12A)

Although there is no recommendation from the Governance- Human Resources Committee, does the Board want future meetings recorded?

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To continue the item until the Fall of 2026.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>P.Cooper</i>	<i>B.Kroonen</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1 – M. Gonda</i>	<i>0</i>

VII. Information Items

A. Board Attendance for 2025-2026 (Attach. #13)

B. RAP Committee Assignments (Attach. #14)

C. Grants Committee: Met on May 13 and May 18, approved April 13 Minutes (Attach. #15). Next meeting

July 13 at 1 PM.

D. Executive Committee: Met on May 18, approved April 15 Minutes (Attach. #16). Next meeting June 15.

E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met May 5, approved Feb. 16 Minutes (Attach. #17). Next meeting June 10.

F. NPO Centric Committee: Met on April 20, approved March 9 Minutes (Attach. #18). Next meeting July 20.

G. Strategic Funding Committee: Next meeting TBD.

H. Audit Committee – Next meeting TBD.

I. Nominations Committee – Next meeting TBD.

J. Facilities Committee–Met on May 7, approved March 25 Minutes (Attach. #19), March 30 Minutes (Attach. #20) Next meeting on May 27.

K. Governance- Human Resources Committee- Met on May 21, approved March 3 Minutes (Attach. #21). Next meeting September 9.

L. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Committee – Next meeting on June 2.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

UCR- PD Nonprofit Certificate Graduation Ceremony June 12 at 3 PM.

T. St.Johns thanked board member S. Benoit for supporting and attending the Behavioral Health Annual Art Fair named after John J. Benoit. This is the 4th or 5th year There were over 600 art pieces.

IX. Closed Session: *Announced 10:49.*

Board members E. Romero and A. Smith left before the start of Closed Session.

Personnel CA Code 54957.6 CEO Annual Performance Evaluation Process.

Resumed open session at 10:52 - No reportable action.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting June 24, 2026 at 9 AM. **10:53**