



Special Grants Review Committee Agenda
Monday, October 19, 2026, at 1:00 PM Pacific Time
RAP Foundation, 41-550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260

Board members must attend in person. The public may participate in person or by way of Zoom/Teleconference:

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This meeting will be conducted in-person and is consistent with Governor Newsom's Assembly Bill 2449 preserving AB 361 and adding two more options for hybrid meetings: "Just cause" and "emergency circumstances".

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Roll call

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

Staff Recommendation: To approve the October 19, 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 September 14, 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 1:10 PM (Attach 3) Action Required

Organization:	Friends of the Children - Coachella Valley
Program:	Empowering Whole-Child Well-Being through Long-Term, Professional Mentoring, Lasting 12+ Years, No Matter What

Requested Amount:	\$ 10,000
Friends-Coachella Valley pairs each 4-6-year-old youth with a dedicated, paid, professional “Friend” (mentor) who provides weekly, one-to-one youth support through high school graduation. Year-round, holistic support builds resilience, breaks cycles of poverty/adversity, and stabilizes families – ultimately improving quality of life and health. Friends-Coachella Valley intentionally enrolls youth from underserved communities, where poverty, exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and limited access to care significantly increase the risk of justice system involvement and negative health/mental health outcome	
Representative:	Karrie Schaaf
Reviewer’s Scores:	79% Three reviewers’ scores: 92, 76, 70
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Small Grant: \$10,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

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

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

Palo Verde Mental Health Grant – Year 2 #1 at 1:40 pm (Attach 4). (A) Action may be required RAP Board Member George Collangeli – financial conflict of interest due to a marital relationship with the Executive Director.

Organization: Peace from Chaos Update – Update

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

VII. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Denial Notice:

1- The Unforgettables Foundation: Small Grant \$10,000

The request did not meet the threshold criteria.

b. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM or December 7, 2026.

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.