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Leticia De Lara
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Re: Alianza Coachella Valley Matching Grant Request

Dear Leticia De Lara:

On behalf of Alianza Coachella Valley, thank you for joining us for our celebration on February 7th and for your interest in exploring how RAP Foundation might be able to contribute toward Alianza's matching grant.

Alianza's mission to transform the socio-economic conditions of the Coachella Valley so that people in all communities have opportunities to prosper. We do this by addressing the root cause of health inequity—advocating, through policy and systems change, to remedy the impact of poor infrastructure, environments, and education on economic, physical, and mental health outcomes in our communities. Our work is in strong alignment with RAP's focus to improve health, mental health, and juvenile interventions.

During our call with Eva Guenther, we were able to discuss Alianza's work: Environmental Justice; Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement; and Community Justice. A general operations grant from RAP Foundation toward the \$100,000 matching grant would allow Alianza to flexibly allocate dollars to areas of need within our work to improve health.

While we are seeing some success in our fundraising effort, it's not surprising that our donors tend to have a leaning towards certain issues more than others. From our different areas of work, I believe our Community Justice work is most closely aligned with improving opportunities for youth and their families.

What is Community Justice?

Community Justice is born as a natural next step of Alianza's successful effort to address the social emotional needs of students through restorative justice practices at Coachella Valley Unified School District. With the school district's second year of training in restorative justice practices in their middle schools, first year in high schools, a desire to expand these practices to our communities has emerged among the parents familiar with restorative justice. Currently, over hundreds of parents from the communities of West Shores, Mecca, North



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Shore, Thermal, Oasis, and Coachella have been exposed to restorative justice practices via Lunadas or full moon circles, but only about 5 have been formally trained on all the components of restorative justice.

\$25,000 would help us bring the full arch of restorative justice training to parents/care givers as outlined below:

Community Building Training: 12 hour training where participants engage more deeply with Circle as a tool to build meaningful relationships in a wide range of settings. Participants will explore and practice Circle design and facilitation, deepening their understanding of real- world applications of RJ theories. The training also supports participants in creating strategies for working with challenging behaviors that often emerge in Circle, and developing messaging to encourage adoption of Circle as a Restorative Practice in their school/district.

English Session Logistics

of Hours: 12
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Spanish Session Logistics

of Hours: 12
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Harm and Conflict Advanced Circlekeeper Training: 18 hour in-depth training on the planning and facilitation of Harm and Conflict Circles. Training includes extensive role plays and opportunities to practice coaching accountability for student and adult stakeholders.

English Session Logistics

of Hours: 18
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Spanish Session Logistics

of Hours: 18
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Restorative Practices & Trauma Sensitivity Training: 2.5 hour training that introduces participants to basic trauma theory and the embodied effects of traumatic experiences, while exploring Restorative Practices as a trauma sensitive modality. Training includes experiential learning, self-reflection, and concept presentations. Recommended for participants with basic familiarity with Circle experience.



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English Session Logistics

of Hours: 2.5
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Spanish Session Logistics

of Hours: 2.5
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Restorative Dialogue Training: 4 hour training exploring dialogue skills that affirm positive relationships and provide interventions to shift towards accountability and self-directed actions. Participants, through role plays and self-reflective work, practice using a relationship centered paradigm to respond restoratively to challenging behaviors.

English Session Logistics

of Hours: 4
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

Spanish Session Logistics

of Hours: 4
of Participants: up to 18
of Trainers: 1

An additional \$25,000 would allow Alianza to design a similar training for 36 systems level partners who wish to improve their contact with community by implementing restorative justice practices in their work.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at silvia@alianzacv.org or 760-972-4628. I look forward to following-up with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Silvia Paz".

Silvia Paz, MPP
Alianza Coachella Valley