

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA

April 22, 2020 9:00 AM

CALL-IN Information

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**I. CALL TO ORDER- by Chair C. Borba at 9:02 AM - Roll Call: C. Borba, J. Pye, M. Gonda, M. Moran, B. Kroonen, J. Hayes, V. Hudson, C. Galvez, B. Gonzalez, T. St. Johns, R. Gutierrez, V. Tanner (joined at 9:25), A. Wilson, R. Ortega, A. Martinez, M. Blue (joined at 9:11), M. Gialdini, E. Romero joined at 9:11, and Supervisor Perez.**

**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.**

***Motion: M.Moran to approve the agenda with one change, to change the order of item V. C and V. D.***

***Second: C. Galvez Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0***

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS – No Public Comments**

Heather Vaikona – Lift To Rise - Update on the Economic Protection Plan (5 Minutes) **Presentation which included a power point of Weekly Data which will be shared with Board.**

***Supervisor V. Manuel Perez update on COVID 19 – Supervisor Perez shared status of where are we now and the efforts that were made which have resulted in a manageable number of COVID-19 cases. So far 31,000 people have been tested County wide, 582 positive tests in the CV and 23 deaths. The county is working on a plan to loosen restrictions and increase monitoring. A testing site will be added in Blythe in addition to a site on the 29 Band of Mission Indians location in partnership with DHCD, Borrego and the Tribe. The coordination efforts for the County are taking place at the Eastern Operation Center (EOC) in Indio.***

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. MEETINGS MINUTES of February 26, 2020 and March 25, 2020 Board meetings (attach. 1A and 1 B)
- B. GRANT/ PROGRAM OFFICER REPORT (attach. 2) – Receive and File.
- C. CNA DIRECTOR REPORT (attach. 3) – Receive and File.
- D. CEO's REPORT (attach. 4) – Receive and File.
- E. FINANCIALS-Receive and File Draft Financials and Treasurer's Summary up to February 29, 2020. (attach. 5). The Finance Committee met on April 9 and is recommending approval.

***Staff Recommendation:*** Approve Feb. and March 2020 Minutes. Receive & file: Grant, CNA, CEO Reports and Financials.

***Motion: M. Moran to accept the Staff Recommendation. Second: A. Wilson Approved: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0***

**V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required**

- A. Resolution 2020. 02 Respond to COVID-19 Negative Economic Impacts on Nonprofit Tenants (Attach# 6 ).** The Executive Committee met on April 13 and reviewed the Draft

Resolution prepared by the Facilities Committee to respond to requests from nonprofit tenants to assist them with their rents due to economic hardship caused by COVID-19.

*Executive Committee Recommendation:* To recommend that the Board adopt Resolution 2020.02.

**Motion:** *M. Moran to approve the Executive Committee Recommendation*      **Second:** *V. Tanner*

**Approved:** 18      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstention Name(s):** 0 *B. Kroonen's vote was not taken.*

- B.** Resolution 2020.03 (Attach.# 7 ) To Address the Annual Board Contribution. The Executive Committee assigned the Governance Committee to create a Policy to incorporate the Board's direction. The Committee met on March 17.

*Governance Committee Recommendation:* To approve the Resolution 2020.03.

**Motion:** *M. Moran to approve the Governance Committee Recommendation*      **Second:** *R. Ortega*

**Approved:** 18      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstention Name(s):** 0 *B. Kroonen's vote was not taken.*

## C. GRANTS

1. Clarification of source of \$200,000 COVID Emergency Funds - At the March 25 Board Meeting, the Board ratified the Executive Committee's authorization of \$200,000 to be used for:
  - a. \$100,000 Financial assistance to nonprofits that are dealing with the greatest at risk populations, seniors and homeless. RAP funding was combined with the Desert Healthcare District. Board Chair C. Borba and Eva worked with DHCD staff and selected the following RAP grantees: The LGBT Community Center, Jewish Family Services of the Desert, Angel View, Elder Love (\$5,000), JFK Foundation, and Operation Safehouse. Total expended is \$55,000. There are 3 pending applications to be considered for the remaining funds. Eva has also reached out to 3 Blythe nonprofits to explore if there is interest in applying.

DHCD grantees included: Aids Assistance, Hope Through Housing, Joslyn Senior Center, Mizell Senior Center, Cathedral Senior Center and Well in the Desert.

- b. \$50,000 to assist healthcare providers providing direct services to people who are ill and potentially be positive for the coronavirus. This would include Federally Qualified Clinics and VIM. The funding was distributed as following: Borrego Health \$12,500; Aids Desert Project \$12,500 and Clinicas de Salud \$25,000 (the only one serving Blythe).

- c. \$50,000 to contribute to a Collaborative Economic Protection Plan.

The Grants Committee met on April 13 to consider one request (Butterfly Mission). The Committee has received one Small Grant request, and is aware of 2 more requests that will be submitted in the next couple of weeks and expect more to follow. Staff does not anticipate any Performance Grant requests for the remainder of this fiscal year. Staff anticipates a funding request from Alianza for \$25,000 expected to advance to the Board in May because they have a May 30 deadline for a Matching Grant.

*Grants Committee Recommendation:* For the Board to designate that the funds previously authorized to include the remaining Grants Budget amount, thereby leaving \$0 for the current budget year. Unless there is an urgency, no other grants other than the two mentioned above would be funded for the remaining budget year which ends June 30.

**Staff Recommendation:** To direct staff to advance only Urgent Small Grant requests through Grants Process which would be funded in FY 2019-20 Budget ending June 30. All other applications will be considered in FY 2020-21 Budget. The next year's budget amount and funding priorities will be determined by the Board.

**Motion: M. Moran to accept Staff Recommendation. Second: V. Hudson Approve: 16 Oppose: J. Pye Abstention Name(s): A. Wilson; B. Kroonen left meeting before the vote was taken.**

## D. Funding Requests –

Grants Manager will provide an overview of Grants Budget (Attach.#8)

The Grants Committee took place on April 13 and was attended by: C. Borba, R. Ortega, A. Wilson, M. Gialdini, V. Tanner, M. Blue and non-board member Ann Dew along with staff: Eva, Stephanie and Lety.

### 1. Health/Mental Health Initiative RFP 2019.1

Coachella Valley Community Research Initiative dba HIV+ – Requested \$20,000

To reduce Stigma and Building Resilience in Older Adults Living With HIV

“This project addresses stigma, isolation and depression experienced by long-term HIV survivors. The objective is to use data obtained about stigma and resiliencies experienced by people aging with HIV to link them to mental health and social services to improve mental and clinical health, help maintain and/or improve engagement in care and maintain undetectable viral loads, and improve overall quality of life. This project would start 4/1/20 and end 3/31/21.”

*At the March 25 Board meeting, the board decided to continue the item to allow for staff to provide additional information from the applicant. However, the Grants Manager has not received the requested information that was needed to be clarified or explained.*

Avg. Score of 8 Reviewers: 87% Reps: Jeff Taylor, Exec. Dir. & Ken Katz, Grantwriter

*Grants Committee Recommendation:* To approve \$20,000.

**Motion: M. Moran to accept the Grants Committee Recommendation. Second: V. Hudson Approve: 18 Oppose: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0**

### 2. Small Grant

Beautifying Solutions dba The Butterfly Mission - Request: \$5,000

Summary: “Our purpose in applying ... is to fund our expansion during the coming year, enabling us to serve at least 5 more client families during the calendar year 2020, bringing our employment results up to 22 single mothers and their children -i.e. 29% growth. Our marginal cost to serve one additional client family is only \$1,047 and we have the semi-variable and fixed cost capacity to do so...” They provide clothing for single mothers to help them in their efforts to become employed as well as partner with businesses for employment opportunities.

Reviewers: 71.8%

Representatives: Kim Livreri, Executive Director/Founder & Shelby Summerville, Grantwriter

*Grants Committee Recommendation:* To approve \$5,000 conditioned that applicant join CNA at the premier level status (the amount is \$1,068 which would be reduced from \$5,000).

**Motion: V. Tanner to accept the Grants Committee Recommendation Second: R. Gutierrez Approve: 15 Oppose: J. Pye Abstention Name(s): M. Moran - T. St. Johns left the meeting.**

- E.** Ratification of the Executive Committee’s Authorization for the CEO to submit an application to the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)  
The COVID 19 virus is negatively impacting RAP operations due to uncertain future sales tax revenue, reduced CNA activities and potential loss of lease revenue. The PPP is a Federal loan, possibly a “forgiveable” loan and the amount authorized to apply for is \$110,049. The Committee met on April 3 and authorized that the application be submitted on April 6.

According to the First Foundation (FF) Branch Manager, FF received 844 requests, with 30 of them at the Indian Wells branch. The funds have been depleted as of April 16. However, they anticipate that Congress will authorize additional funds for this program. The application we submitted is good for the next go around and is in the queue to be assigned to a loan officer.

*Executive Committee Recommendation:* To Ratify authorization for submitting the application.

**Motion:** *M. Moran to accept the Executive Committee Recommendation. Second: M.Gonda*  
**Approved: 17    Opposed: 0    Abstention Name(s): 0**

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- No Action**

- A. Board Attendance for 2020 (attach. #9)
- B. EXECUTIVE–Met April 3 and April 13. Minutes for March and April 3 attached #10 Next meeting set for May 11.
- C. HEALTH-MENTAL HEALTH – Met Jan. 16. Minutes for Nov. 14 meeting attached #11. Next Mtg TBD.
- D. GRANTS – Met April 13. Minutes for March 9 attach. #12. Will meet next May 11.
- E. CNA– Met Minutes for attach. #13. Next meeting April 22 at 11 am.
- F. FACILITIES- Met April 6. Minutes March 17 attach. # 14
- F.** GOVERNANCE – Met March 17. Minutes for Feb. 18 attach. #15. Next meeting TBD.
- G.** AUDIT – To meet in early May
- I. FINANCE & INVESTMENT – Met April 9. Approved Minutes for March 17 meeting. (attach. #16). Next meeting May 11.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS**

**J. Pye asked for update on CDBG parking lot and sidewalk project and about the transition to Foundant.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Next meeting is May 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM Until further notice, all meetings will take place by web and/or teleconference. **Meeting adjourned at 10:15.**