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Grants Review Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 1:30 PM PST

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Meeting Minutes

I. Call To Order at 1:32PM by Chairman Craig Borba

Roll Call:

Craig Borba, Chairman

Mike Gialdini, Board

Aurora Wilson, Board

Rosemary Ortega, Board

Maria Blue, Board

Van Tanner, Board

Leticia DeLara, CEO

Christine DeMonaco, Staff

Absent:

Ann Dew, Emeritus

Stephanie Minor, Staff

Tricia Gehrlein, Community Member

- II. **Public Comment:** Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item not on the agenda may do so by mailing cdemonaco@rapfoundation.org or by calling in at the number above. All emailed comments must be received prior to the 1:30 PM start time. 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.**

Public Comment from Diane Vines with CSUSB - introduced herself and expressed interest in applying for a small grant in the future.

III. Approval of July 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes ([Attachment #1](#)) Action Required

Motion by V. Tanner made to accept and file Grants Review Committee July, 27, 2020 meeting.

Motion: V. Tanner Second: M.Blue Approve: 6 Denial: 0 Abstention Names:0

Forgot to include approval of agenda

IV. Review Grants Budget Allocation Information Only

(Attach [#2](#)) Review budget allocation FY 2020/2021

V. Funding Requests

Action Required

(Attach A) Detailed Reviewer Report Summary

(Attach B) Simplified Reviewer Report

A.Small Grant Requests

(Attach. [#3A Application](#), [#3B Budget Revision](#))

(1) Organization: Alzheimer's Coachella Valley

Program: Breathing Space

Request: **\$5,000**

Reviewers Score: 80% Recommendation: Recommend funding at full amount

Not a member of Center for Nonprofit Advancement

Summary: Alzheimer's Coachella Valley is dedicated to providing charitable support and services to residents with cognitive impairment living in the Coachella Valley, their families and care partners.

"Breathing Space is our respite scholarship program that provides financial assistance for temporary respite care for family caregivers. Studies show that 70% of family caregivers die before their loved one due to stress-related illness. This is why Breathing Space is such a critical program. Alzheimer's Coachella Valley created Breathing Space in 2019, Our first budget of \$10,420 paid for over 200 hours of caregiving assistance to families from November 2019 through March 2020. Caregivers may apply for scholarship for up to \$500 per month for three months with re-evaluation each 90 days. Scholarship are paid directly to qualified professional in-home caregivers or to licensed care facilities. This program serves family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's/dementia. We currently have five families up for renewal, four more on a wait list and new requests coming in weekly. Based on our current demand, we anticipate the \$5,000 grant funds will serve 10 families (20+ valley residents) for up to 100 hours of respite care each. The average rate of professional caregivers is \$50 per hour. During this unprecedented time of self-isolation, our family caregivers are in dire need of temporary assistance"

Overall Score: 80%

Representative: Dominick Calvano, Board President

Interview Time: 1:45 PM to 2:05 PM

A.Funding Request Recommendations **Action Required**

Small Grant- Alzheimer's Coachella Valley: **\$5,000**

Motion: R. Ortega to approve funding to Alzheimer's Coachella Valley in the amount of \$5,000.

Second: V.Tanner **Approve:** 6 **Oppose:** **Abstention Names:**

(2) (Attach. [#4A Application](#), [#4 Question Responses](#))

Organization: Borrego Health

Program: Heart to Heart

Request: \$5,000

Reviewers Score: 80%

Recommendation: Recommend funding at full amount

Not a member of Center for Nonprofit Advancement

Summary: Borrego Community Health Foundation Mission Statement* To be the community leader in improving the health of the populations in our service area. "Our primary focus is the underserved, with an empowered workforce providing measurable quality and compassionate care. Program/Project Name* Heart to Heart Program/Project Description* Describe the program/project you are proposing and what you plan to achieve. Due to the pandemics impact, many of our most vulnerable patients in the Eastern Coachella Valley are not getting their Blood Pressure (BP) checked on a regular basis. Many are staying away from the clinics for fear of exposure; many have transportation issues or work conflicts or are afraid of being out in the sweltering summer heat and can't see their Doctor on a regular basis. Our providers are frustrated they cannot monitor more closely their patients with the greatest needs. Our mobile services have been severely curtailed during COVID-19 so how do we connect with our most at risk patients? Individual BP monitors would connect our patients to their medical home and their PCP. Our Manager at our Oasis Clinic and some Providers asked our Pharmacy for a few of the monitors to see how they would work. The providers that used the monitors in the trial stated: "they were a blessing". These are patients that came in regularly to get their BP's checked and logged at their Providers request. This helps them make adjustments to the patient's medications and/or to detect "patterns" that can assist them in providing better more comprehensive treatments for their patients. Now facing COVID, transportation, heat and other environmental challenges, these patients are not making their regular visits, which is elevating the risk."

Overall Score: 86%

Representative: Cynthia Preciado, Chief Development Office & Lenny Pepper, Vice President, Special Programs & Projects

Interview Time: 2:10 PM to 2:30 PM

B. Small Grant- Borrego Health

Motion: R. Ortega to approve funding to Borrego Health in the amount of \$5,000. Second: M. Blue Approve: 6 Oppose: 0 Abstention Names: 0

B. Performance Grant

(Attach. [#5A Application](#), [#5B Budget](#), [#5C Responses to questions](#))

Organization: The LGBT Sanctuary Palm Springs - A Transitional Home For LGBTQ Foster Youth

Program: Renewal Application for Second Year Funding under MHI RFP 2018.1

Request: \$18,750

Reviewers Score: 85.4% Recommendation: Three of the four Reviewers recommend funding.

Not a member of Center for Nonprofit Advancement

Summary: Sanctuary Palm Springs's mission is to support the residential, emotional, vocational, and educational needs of LGBTQ youth ages 18-21 as they transition from foster care to adulthood. "Sanctuary entered into a contractual relationship with Dr. Jill Hingston to provide weekly individual therapy to our residents in May of 2019. This relationship with Dr. Hingston has proved to be extremely beneficial to our residents so we intend to continue to contract with her for the foreseeable future".

Overall Score: 85.4%

Representative: Rob Woronoff, Executive Director

Interview Time: 2:35 PM to 2:55 PM.

Performance Grant- LGBT Palm Springs Sanctuary

Recommendation: To fund LGBT Palm Springs Sanctuary in the amount of **\$18,750**.

Motion: V.Tanner to approve funding to LGBT Palm Springs Sanctuary in the amount of \$18,750. Second: R.Ortega Approve: 6 Oppose: 0 Abstention Names: 0

C. Sponsorship Request

(Attach [#6A Application](#), [#6B Sponsorship Levels](#))

Organization: AFP Desert Communities Chapter

Event: National Philanthropy Day

Request: \$2,500

Multiple years approved for Sponsorships

No interview with applicant. Per policy no interview for applicant who has been approved for a Sponsorship two consecutive years. Previous year \$2,500 approved because RAP was an honoree. Prior years, sponsorship approved at Table Sponsor level \$1,200

D. Sponsorship Request - AFP, Desert Communities Chapter Pending

Staff Recommendation: To recommend to sponsor this event which benefits nonprofits in the Coachella Valley. The amount should be determined by the Committee. Motion to recommend approval of \$1200 for table sponsorship.

Motion: A. Wilson to approve funding for sponsorship of this event as a \$1,200 table sponsor.

Second: R.Ortega Approve: 6 Oppose: Abstention Names:

VI. Announcements

Questions and answers from Reviewers were well appreciated and encouraged.

VII. Adjourn

2:36PM Next meeting will be October 12, 2020 @ 1:30PM

Upcoming meetings November 9, 2020 @ 1:30PM, December 14,2020 @ 1:30PM

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