



The Regional Access Project Foundation provides funding, oversight, technical assistance and guidance to tax exempt/nonprofit agencies, community-based organizations, or collaborative groups, which serve the populations of eastern Riverside County, in the areas of health, mental health, and juvenile intervention.

Grants Review Committee Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2020 1:30 PM PST

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means only. There will not be a physical location. Members of the public may be able to participate by telephone, using the following dial-in information: **Meeting Code Meeting ID: 836 6839 7277, Phone number: # 1 669 900 6833** Reasonable accommodation: Any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting may request assistance by emailing cdemonaco@rapfoundation.org. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time will enable us to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call To Order at 1:31PM by Chairman Craig Borba

Roll Call:

Craig Borba, Chairman
Aurora Wilson, Board
Maria Blue, Board
Leticia DeLara, CEO

Mike Gialdini, Board
Rosemary Ortega, Board
Ann Dew, Emeritus
Christine DeMonaco, Staff

Absent:

Van Tanner, Board
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.**

None

III. Approval of Agenda

Action Required

A. Accept and file Grants Review Committee October 12, 2020 meeting agenda.

R. Ortega made the motion to accept and file October 12, 2020 meeting agenda.

Second: M. Blue

Approve: 6

Denial:

Abstention Names:

IV. Approval of September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes ([Attachment #1](#)) **Action Required**

M. Blue made the motion to accept and file Grants Review Committee September 14, 2020 meeting.

Second: R. Ortega

Approve: 5

Denial: 0

Abstention Names: A. Dew

V. **Review Grants Budget Allocation** Information Only

Review budget allocation FY 2020/2021

VI. **Small Grant Funding Requests** Action Required

A. **Organization: Parkinson’s Resource Organization**

Program: IT Expansions

Summary: Parkinson’s Resource Organization is asking for \$5,000 to assist us in purchasing needed software and subscriptions and add another staff member, all of which we need to continue our online expansion at a time when our constituents are more isolated and uncertain than ever. When COVID-19 hit, we were forced to pivot our many support programs for digital access. We expanded our subscriptions to Zoom, WeVideo, Basecamp, and others and purchased additional video production equipment for our successful video series “What to Know Right Now,” a weekly, rigorously researched COVID update for our vulnerable members. The videos have received upwards of 20,000 views and driven traffic to our organization -- we now have constituents from all over the US and Canada, 420 new members since COVID-19, a 3,000% jump in social media following, and a 6,500% (!!!) increase in online video engagement. Our pivot to digital has allowed us to reach more folks within Riverside County than ever, especially the particularly challenging rural demographic. We’re running with the opportunity, but we need help to offset the increased technical demands on our budget -- and our small staff.

Request: \$5,000

Reviewers Overall Score: Did Not Meet Threshold

No Recommendation

Not a member of Center for Nonprofit Advancement

Representative: Jo Rosen attended the meeting and discussed her application and answered questions.

B. **Organization: Courageous Healers Foundation**

(Attach)

Program: Workshops

Request: \$5,000

Reviewers Overall: Did not meet threshold
Center for Nonprofit Advancement

No Recommendation

Not a member of

Summary: Courageous Healers Foundation will hold 4 workshops to be held quarterly. These workshops will serve two purposes. They will be used as a training tool for potential leaders of the CHF. These potential leaders will attend and participate in these workshops as a way to both learn and understand what survivors of abuse and their families struggle with on their daily walks in life. In addition, survivors and their family members will be amongst the attendees to work through the struggles they face on their daily re-entry journey to life.

Representative: Randy Boyd attended the meeting and discussed his application and answered questions.

VIII. **Funding Request Recommendations** Action Required

A. Small Grant Parkinson’s Resource Organization

M. Blue recommended to approve \$1500 and focus on the CV only. The grant is contingent on applicant being a CNA member and the level of membership will be determined in consultation with the CNA Director.

Second: M. Gialdini Approve: Oppose: Abstention Names:

B. Small Grant Courageous Healers No Recommendation from Reviewers

Motion: Second: Approve: Oppose: Abstention Names:

Deny recommend funding to Board. Directed staff to contact the applicant to notify of recommendation and explain the reasons. Also to offer the option to appeal the decision to the Grants Committee which would delay the recommendation to the board until the appeal is considered.

X. Staff Comments: UC Riverside Foundation request was referred to Executive Committee for consideration above to the upcoming event October 20, 2020.

XI. Adjourn

adjourned @ 3:00PM

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

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