



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Program Committee Meeting
October 11, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

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3. Grant #1362 Jewish Family Service of the Desert - \$160,000 over a two-year period – *Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents* –Strategic Plan alignment is Goal #3

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4. Grant #1358 Foundation for Palm Springs Unified School District - \$110,000 -*School-Based Wellness Center Project* – Strategic Plan alignment is Goal #3

VIII. Committee Member Comments

IX. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting November 08, 2022

The undersigned certifies that on October 06, 2022, I posted a copy of this agenda in the front entrance to the Desert Healthcare District offices located at 1140 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California. I also caused a copy of this agenda to be posted in the front entrance of the Desert Healthcare District office located at the Regional Access Project Foundation, 41550 Eclectic Street, Suite G100, Palm Desert, California.

If you have any disability which would require accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting, please email Andrea S. Hayles, Special Assistant to the CEO and Board Relations Officer, At ahayles@dhcd.org or call (760) 567-0298 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Andrea S. Hayles

Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer

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Directors Present via Video Conference	District & Legal Counsel Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
President Karen Borja Vice-President Evett PerezGil Secretary Carmina Zavala	Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and President Borja to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. July 12, 2022	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the July 12, 2022, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and President Borja to approve the July 12, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
V. Old Business 1. Grant Payment Schedule 2. Grant applications and RFP proposals submitted and under review	Chair PerezGil inquired if the committee had any questions concerning the grant payment schedule, grant applications, and requests for proposals submitted and under review. Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, responded to questions concerning the Behavioral Health Awareness Education Program for the JFK Memorial Foundation.	

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3. Desert Medical Physicians Group (DPMG) – Mobile Medical Unit Vendor Contract Update	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired if the committee had any questions concerning the Desert Medical Physicians Group (DPMG) mobile medical unit vendor contract as presented in the staff report.</p>	
VI. Program Updates 1. Progress and Final Reports Update	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired if the committee had any questions concerning the progress and final reports.</p>	
VII. Grant Funding Requests 1. Consideration to forward to the board of directors for approval of the following grants: a. Grant #1353 Vision Y Compromiso: COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation Education in the CV - \$90,000	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the \$90k grant request from Vision Y Compromiso – COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation Education in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>The committee engaged in a robust discussion on the grant request period, the potential for staff layoffs if the grant is not approved, the status of the grant submitted to Riverside University Health System (RUHS), which included Vision Y Compromiso as one of the grantees through the CV Equity Collaborative a clarification on the staffing costs, and the total net assets of \$2.9M.</p>	<p>No motion was made and as a result, it died for lack of a motion.</p>

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	<p>Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to forward to the Board of Directors for approval of Grant #1353 – Vision Y Compromiso. No motion was made and as a result, it died for lack of a motion.</p>	
<p>b. Grant #1350 JFK Memorial Foundation: <i>Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program</i> - \$57,541</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the \$57,541 grant request from JFK Memorial Foundation – Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve Grant #1350 JFK Memorial Foundation: <i>Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program</i> - \$57,541 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>c. Grant #1355 Joslyn Center: <i>The Joslyn Wellness Center</i> - \$85,000</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the \$85k grant request from The Joslyn Wellness Center.</p> <p>The committee inquired about the client demographic ethnicity classification associated with the census data ratio and servicing a 15% Hispanic population.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that these were prior demographics, and the goal is to increase the Hispanic clients by 20%.</p> <p>Public Comments: Jack Newbie, Executive Director, The Joslyn Wellness Center, described the recruitment of bilingual staff for outreach intake and counselors for expansion to</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve Grant #1355 Joslyn Center: <i>The Joslyn Wellness Center</i> - \$85,000 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p>the Spanish-speaking community. Mr. Newby also explained that initial work has begun with the promotoras teams of the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative (CVEC). The Joslyn Wellness Center has provided written materials to the Collaborative in Spanish and has proposed working more closely with CVEC through outreach and information about Joslyn's programs and services.</p> <p>When presented to the Board for approval, the committee requested that outreach to the Spanish-speaking community is included in the grant application summary.</p>	
<p>d. Grant #1361 DAP Health: <i>DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response</i> - \$586,727</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the \$586,727 grant request from the DAP Health – Monkeypox Virus Response.</p> <p>The committee inquired on the shortage of vaccinations in the Coachella Valley related to the grant request.</p> <p>Public Comments: Bill VanHermert, Director of Institutional Giving, DAP Health, described the collaborations with the Riverside County Department of Public Health and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). As a Federally Qualified Health Center</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by President Borja and Chair PerezGil to approve Grant #1361 DAP Health: <i>DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response</i> - \$586,727 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p>(FQHC), DAP Health, with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White grant, vaccinations are released while utilizing the same tier systems as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and CDPH for those most at risk.</p> <p>C.J. Tobe, Director of Community Health, DAP Health, described the equity divide with vaccinations and vaccine clinic collaborations.</p>	
VIII. Committee Members Comments	<p>President Borja inquired on the formal grant appeals process for declined applications as requested at the July meeting.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that staff is engaged in a declination appeals process while researching and dialoguing with other public agencies. A draft will be presented to the Policy Committee for any potential revisions.</p>	
IX. Adjournment	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

ATTEST: _____
 Evett PerezGil, Chair/Vice-President, Board of Directors
 Program Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT								
OUTSTANDING GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE								
September 30, 2022								
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023								
			Approved	6/30/2022	Current Yr	Total Paid Prior Yrs	Total Paid Current Yr	Open
Grant ID Nos.	Name	Grants - Prior Yrs	Bal Fwd	2021-2022	July-June	July-June	BALANCE	
2014-MOU-BOD-11/21/13	Memo of Understanding CVAG CV Link Support	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 4,990,000		\$ -		\$ 4,990,000	
2021-1136-BOD-01-26-21	Ronald McDonald House Charities - Temporary Housing & Family Support Services - 1 Yr.	\$ 119,432	\$ 11,944		\$ -		\$ 11,944	
2021-1171-BOD-03-23-21	Blood Bank of San Bernardino/Riverside Counties - Bloodmobiles for Coachella Valley - 18 Months	\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000		\$ -		\$ 15,000	
2021-1266-BOD-04-27-21	Galilee Center - Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter - 1 Yr.	\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ -	
2021-1277-BOD-04-27-21	Lift To Rise - United Lift Rental Assistance 2021 - 8 Months	\$ 300,000	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000		\$ -	
2021-1280-BOD-05-25-21	Desert AIDS Project - DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare - 1Yr.	\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ -	
2021-1296-BOD-11-23-21	Coachella Valley Volunteers In Medicine - Improving Access to Healthcare Services - 1 Yr.	\$ 154,094	\$ 84,752		\$ 69,342		\$ 15,410	
2021-1289-BOD-12-21-21	Desert Cancer Foundation - Patient Assistance Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 150,000	\$ 82,500		\$ 67,500		\$ 15,000	
2022-1301-BOD-01-25-22	UCR Regents - Community Based Interventions to Mitigate Psychological Trauma - 1 Yr.	\$ 113,514	\$ 62,433		\$ -		\$ 62,433	
2022-1302-BOD-01-25-22	Vision To Learn - Palm Springs, Desert Sands, and Coachella Valley School Districts 1 Yr.	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,500		\$ -		\$ 27,500	
2022-1303-BOD-01-25-22	CSU San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus Street Medicine Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 54,056	\$ 29,731		\$ -		\$ 29,731	
2022-1306-BOD-02-22-22	Olive Crest Treatment Center - General Support for Mental Health Services - 1 Yr.	\$ 123,451	\$ 67,898		\$ -		\$ 67,898	
2022-1311-BOD-04-26-22	Desert Arc - Healthcare for Adults with Disabilities Project Employment of Nurses - 1 Yr.	\$ 102,741	\$ 56,508		\$ -		\$ 56,508	
2022-1313-BOD-04-26-22	Angel View - Improving Access to Primary and Specialty Care Services for Children With Disabilities 1 Yr.	\$ 76,790	\$ 42,235		\$ -		\$ 42,235	
2022-1314-BOD-05-24-22	Voices for Children - Court Appointed Special Advocate Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		\$ 27,000		\$ 33,000	
2022-1325-BOD-06-28-22	Vision Y Compromiso - CVEC Unrestricted Grant Funds - 2 Yrs.	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 33,750		\$ 116,250	
2022-1327-BOD-06-28-22	Youth Leadership Institute - Youth Voice in Mental Health - 2 Yrs.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 11,250		\$ 38,750	
2022-1328-BOD-06-28-22	El Sol - Expanding Access to Educational Resources for Promotoras - 2 Yrs.	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 33,750		\$ 116,250	
2022-1331-BOD-06-28-22	Pueblo Unido - Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services - 2 Yrs.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 11,250		\$ 38,750	
2022-0965-BOD-06-28-22	Desert Healthcare Foundation - Behavioral Health Initiative Expansion - 3 Yrs.	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000		\$ -	
2022-22-15-BOD-06-28-22	Carry over of remaining Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Funds*	\$ 2,566,566	\$ 2,566,566		\$ 1,429,268		\$ 1,137,298	
2022-1324-BOD-07-26-22	Galilee Center - Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter - 2 Yr.			\$ 100,000		\$ 22,500	\$ 77,500	
2022-1332-BOD-07-26-22	Alianza CV - Expanding and Advancing Outreach Through Increasing Capacity Development - 2 Yrs.			\$ 100,000		\$ 22,500	\$ 77,500	
2022-1329-BOD-09-27-22	DPMG - Mobile Medical Unit - 3 Yrs.			\$ 500,000		\$ -	\$ 500,000	
2022-1350-BOD-09-27-22	JFK Memorial Foundation - Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program - 1 Yr.			\$ 57,541		\$ -	\$ 57,541	
2022-1355-BOD-09-27-22	Joslyn Center - The Joslyn Wellness Center - 1 Yr.			\$ 85,000		\$ -	\$ 85,000	
2022-1361-BOD-09-27-22	DAP Health - DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response - 1 Yr.			\$ 586,727		\$ -	\$ 586,727	
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						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL GRANTS		\$ 16,670,644	\$ 10,552,067	\$ 1,429,268	\$ 3,738,110	\$ 45,000	\$ 8,198,225	
Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs - FY 2022-23:								
Amount budgeted 2022-2023			\$ 4,000,000			G/L Balance:	9/30/2022	
Amount granted through September 30, 2022:			\$ (1,429,268)			2131	\$ 4,678,225	
Mini Grants: 1321; 1322; 1323			\$ (15,000)			2281	\$ 3,520,000	
Financial Audits of Non-Profits; Organizational Assessments			\$ -					
Net adj - Grants not used: FY 21-22 Funds			\$ 2,566,566			Total	\$ 8,198,225	
Matching external grant contributions			\$ -				\$ (0)	
Balance available for Grants/Programs			\$ 5,122,298					
* Value listed in Total Paid column reflects funds oranted from carrvover funds. Actual orant oavments will be reflected under the respective grant.								



**DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION**

Date: October 11, 2022
To: Program Committee
Subject: Grant Applications and RFP Proposals Submitted and Under Review

Staff Recommendation: Information only.

Grant Applications: The following grant applications have been submitted and under review by the grants team and are pending either proposal conferences and or a site visit or have been approved by the board of directors. Recommendations/suggested decisions will be brought forward to the October Program Committee for possible action:

1. #1318 Riverside County Latino Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc. \$618,173 over an 18-month period: *Healthy Minds, Healthy, Lives – Mente Sanas Visas Sanas*. Funds will be used to address Goal 3 of the DHCD Strategic Plan and used for salaries of mental health professionals; promotoras, case managers, legal counsel, program administrator/supervisor.
 - a. Status: this grant request is before the 10/11/22 Program Committee for review and consideration to award.
2. #1356 Blood Bank AKA Lifestream - \$140,000 - *Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program*. Use of District funds - the creation of their Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program. Funding will cover the costs of an Optia machine, TA related equipment, and a customized vehicle dedicated to transport apheresis equipment and staff to Coachella Valley hospitals caring for seriously ill patients.
 - a. Status: this grant request is before the 10/11 Program Committee for review and consideration to award
3. #1358 Foundation for Palm Springs Unified School District - \$110,000 - *School-Based Wellness Center Project*. Use of District funds - will be used to convert an identified space at four (4) elementary schools into "wellness centers" at these schools
 - a. Status: this grant request is before the 10/11 Program Committee for review and consideration of award.
4. #1362 Jewish Family Service of the Desert - \$160,000 over a two-year period – *Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents* – Use of District Funds - support personnel costs, enabling JFS to continue serving those most in need by providing mental health counseling services and case management services – including in Spanish, if preferred or required,
 - a. Status: this grant request is before the 10/11 Program Committee for review and consideration to award.
5. #1353 Vision Y Compromiso \$90,000 grant for 12 months to continue COVID-19

prevention and mitigation education in the Coachella Valley while waiting for approval of additional funds from a DHCD/CVEC submitted grant application to the County of Riverside Public Health. Should the RUHS grant be awarded, this grant will cease, and the work will continue through the County grant.

- a. Status: this grant request went before the 9/13 Program Committee for review and consideration to award and died for lack of a motion.
6. #1350 JFK Memorial Foundation - \$57,541 *Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program*. Use of District funds – personnel costs and office supplies for the Certified SafeCare Providers program.
 - a. Status: the grant was approved by the board of directors at their 9/27/22 meeting
7. #1355 Joslyn Center -\$85,000 – *Joslyn Wellness Center*. Use of District funds – Staff support for a Program Director, a Program Supervisor, a Bi-lingual Counselor, and an Intake/Outreach Coordinator to implement various health and behavioral health evidence-based program.
 - a. Status: the grant was approved by the board of directors at their 9/27/22 meeting
8. #1361 DAP Health - \$586,727 – *DAP Health Monkeypox Virus*. Use of District funds – will support project implementation including but not limited to staffing; program expenses, supportive services, education and outreach, training and certifications.
 - a. Status: the grant was approved by the board of directors at their 9/27/22 meeting
9. #1357 Desert Recreation District mini grant - \$5,000: *Adaptive Program Expansion: Inclusion & Education* – Use of District mini grant funds: to purchase additional specialized equipment [sound based] to expand adaptive programs to reach more individuals with visual impairments, fund registration fees participants, and fund some of the additional staffing required in programs [to provide additional supports to participants, where needed].
 - a. Status: pending site visit/proposal conference on 10/19 at the Palm Desert Community Center for an adaptive program
- 9 . #1316 OneFuture Coachella Valley – resubmission of grant application is pending on review of potential revisions by internal DHCD staff for re-review and re-consideration at a future Program Committee meeting
- 10; #1363 Pegasus Riding Academy - \$60,092 – *Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy Program*. Use of District funds: to increase Pegasus’ capacity to serve additional individuals in need, specifically program/services; program staffing; and transportation costs
 - a. Status: pending site visit



Date: October 11, 2022

To: Program Committee – District

Subject: Progress and Final Grant Reports 9/1/2022 – 9/30/2022

The following progress and final grant reports are included in this staff report:

Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House #1136

Grant term: 2/1/2021 – 1/31/2022

Original Approved Amount: \$119,432

Final report covering the time period from: 2/1/2021 – 1/31/2022

Program Staff Update: DHCD staff met with the executive director of Ronald McDonald House for a site visit of the facility in Loma Linda. After the tour, DHCD staff discussed the barriers/challenges/opportunities of the grant award. RMDH had many challenges with COVID and the after effect on the loss of the workforce and ongoing challenges to replace the workforce on a continued committed balance. Of the five things the grantee would do differently, RMDH assures that these are being reviewed and addressed going forward.

Desert AIDS Project #1280

Grant term: 6/1/2021 – 5/31/2022

Original Approved Amount: \$100,000

Final report covering the time period from: 6/1/2021 – 5/31/2022

Program Staff Update: DHCD staff is in the process of scheduling a post grant meeting with key staff of DAP Health to review their challenges and barriers.

Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House, Grant#: 1136

Temporary Housing and Family Support Services

Strategic Area: Healthcare Infrastructure and Services

Reporting Period: 2/1/21 to 01/31/22

Karen Hooper

Tel: (909) 747-1260

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Grant Information

Grant Amount: \$119,432

Paid to date: \$107,488

Balance: \$11,944

Proposed Goals and Evaluation

The specific benefits or measurable impact to be achieved by: (1/31/2022)

Evaluation Plan:

Our projects will be carefully evaluated by monitoring and collecting data on various levels. The House program collects surveys from every family regarding their guest experience and how it has impacted the child undergoing treatment and the family as a whole. The comments provided are used to assess where changes need to be made or what other types of support a family is requesting that we could potentially provide. For example, we had families that were struggling with transportation to get back and forth to one of our other medical facilities. After evaluating, we established a shuttle service specifically to that location. FSS also does independent surveys of the families seen through their program and a follow-up survey is done three months after the family has returned home. All survey data and comments are used to evaluate the effectiveness of each of our programs and to determine possible enhancements. The House also captures statistical data on each family (person), i.e., # of families served, # of in or out-patients, diagnosis, # of adults, # of children, ethnicity, income level, place of origin, # of new families, # of returning families, etc. FSS also collects statistical data such as # of hours in family meetings and support groups, # of check-ins with families, # of hours spent in therapeutic fun clubs for children, parents, and families, # of hours providing educational workshops, # of hours putting on activities. We will have very rich data to share on all these dimensions and look forward to reporting this information to you.

Goal #1: By January 31, 2022, 100 Coachella Valley families will be provided temporary housing for a total of 1,600 nights to alleviate the financial burden placed on these

families who have to temporally relocate.

Evaluation of goal #1: Action and evaluation of Stay Requests happens on a day to day basis. Monthly reports are reviewed to evaluate support to the Coachella Valley families. The stay requests are submitted to the IE Ronald McDonald House by the social workers at our partnering hospital and other medical facilities that utilize our program. The requests are evaluated and prioritized based on distance and diagnosis of the child and confirmation of completed medical protocol. Once all is met, those families are then scheduled to check in to the Ronald McDonald House. They are entered in to our Guest Information System where all pertinent data is entered and tracked. This data is then used to produce our monthly occupancy reports for our Chapter office, Board of Trustees, as well as for necessary reporting to our grantors. To ensure that families know of our program and services, House brochures are taken to the hospital on a regular basis to stock the children's hospital guest services desk, the nurses stations on each pediatric floor, and all the social workers have brochures on hand to provide to families. We will also be placing brochures at the Loma Linda University Health center in Indio.

Goal #2: By January 31, 2022, 80% of Coachella Valley families served will receive supportive services through the Family Support Services (FSS) program.

Evaluation of goal #2: The FSS team keeps robust statistical data in regards to which families they meet with, hours in family meetings, support groups held, weekly check-ins, hours out and about the House, hours providing therapeutic fun clubs for the children, parents and families, and education workshops for families and staff. This data is readily available and will be shared at each of the reporting periods. Surveys are also taken when the family is at the House and three months after returning home to collect further data.

We currently have a team of four providing these services. They work throughout the House, creating supportive environments wherever and whenever families or members of the House staff need emotional support, compassion and care. FSS is available to the house and families seven days a week, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. These services are offered in English/Spanish. The House has translation services in place to accommodate any potential language needed. Evaluations have shown that families appreciate and feel the supportive impact of FSS. They have demonstrated the importance of the program as part of the spectrum of care families receive.

Goal #3: Provide supportive services to our medical partners to assist those pediatric parents from Coachella Valley that choose to stay bedside by providing comfort bedside bags, provide food and gas cards as available. The goal is to support an additional 50 families through this service. By January 31, 2022, \$25.00 gas cards will be provided to 50 Coachella Valley families to assist with travel expense due to financial hardship.

Evaluation of goal #3: Each of our partnering medical facilities has a request sheet which outlines items of support that they can request for families. They turn those in to

our Operations team to fulfill. Our Operations team, working with the community and volunteers, assemble the bags to fit the needs requested and distribute appropriately. A spreadsheet is kept of the number given to each medical partner, typically the Director of Social Work, in support of those families staying bedside. Data is collected from the social workers as to the distribution on their end. The food cards and gas cards are given to the families who are struggling with finances and have to travel back and forth from home to hospital. These cards are logged and tracked as to which families received which type card and the value given. These cards would be tracked specifically for Coachella Valley families.

Proposed number of District residents to be served:

Total: 325

Proposed geographic area(s) served:

Cathedral City
Coachella
Desert Hot Springs
Indio
La Quinta
Palm Desert
Palm Springs
Thermal
Thousand Palms
Bermuda Dunes

Final Progress:

Final Outcomes on Goals and Evaluation

Program/project final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Staying true to our evaluation plan and after reviewing all of our statistical data, we fell a bit short in each of our three proposed goals in terms of numbers, however, the impact and support to the families went beyond our expectation in light of the COVID restrictions. Explanations are below addressing each of the goals.

Goal #1:

During the reporting period, we accommodated 74 family stays from the Coachella Valley. These families combined used a total of 1,336 night stays, and the people count for these 74 family stays was 308 people. At the nightly cost to IERMH at \$100 nightly per room, the total budget impact to IERMH is \$133,600.

Evaluation of goal #1:

Although we did not meet our goal of providing temporary housing to 100 Coachella Valley families, those that stayed were provided the comfort, care, and support per our

mission.

Goal #2:

We have met our goal in providing Family Support Services (FSS) to 80% the Coachella Valley families. Each family upon registering to stay at the Ronald McDonald House are given their initial appointment to meet with FSS. They then can decide to continue with weekly one-on-one meetings and/or the FSS team members check in with them regularly as they are out in the common spaces of the House,

Evaluation of goal #2:

Our Family support services team provided over 1500 hours of support services. This includes individual family meetings, check-ins, therapeutic fun clubs, and educational workshops.

Goal #3:

We have provided over 1,500 comfort bags to the Loma Linda University Children's hospital and to-date 37 \$25 gas gift cards.

Evaluation of goal #3:

We provided request forms to our partnering hospital and medical clinics for the comfort bag support which included the Loma Linda Children's Hospital, outpatient oncology, and the behavioral health institute. It was difficult requiring the social workers at the hospital to track the city of the family receiving the bag(s). Our primary focus was the children's hospital. With the 1,500 comfort bags and pantry boxes provided, I'm confident that this outreach supported many Coachella Valley families. In terms of the gas cards, those requests came directly through the IERMH. Social workers sent email requests and the family came to the House to pick them up so that we were able to track and gather data to ensure they were from the cities in the Coachella Valley. We continue to provide this service to date. We will ensure the remaining 13 gift cards get to those Coachella Valley families needing the travel support.

Final number of District residents served:

Total: 308

Please answer the following questions

1. Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the proposed program/project goals:

During this reporting period, we were still in the midst of the COVID protocols not only throughout the county, but from our global organization, the hospital visitation policy, and the public health orders that were put in place for parents entering the hospital. This put an additional strain on the families which played a part in their decision to stay in the area to utilize the IERMH.

2. Please describe any unexpected successes other than those originally planned

Because we wanted to still support the families as much as possible, we began to make comfort bags available to not only the families in the hospital but we included the outpatient clinics as well. It was so successful, that we continue the program to date. The families from the Coachella Valley were not only grateful for the comfort bags, but for those that were traveling back and forth, and the ability that we were able to support that by providing a gas gift card, they were so grateful. Because this resource is such a necessity for families that travel a great distance, I've written other grants to support gas cards to issue to any family needing this type of support.

3. After the initial investment by the DHCD how will the program/project be financially sustained?

We continue to cultivate our current donors to strengthen that revenue stream along with sustaining our relationships with the foundations currently providing grant support. We are actively seeking other opportunities to increase the number of grant requests submitted to different foundations, organizations, and corporations, with a goal of increasing applications and support by 10% each year. Our development associate works directly with the broader community to identify and execute new third-party fundraising opportunities and increase workplace giving through our "Heroes" program.

4. List five things to be done differently if this project/program were to be implemented again

1. Work with the hospital social workers to put in place a better tracking system for the comfort bags to capture family data (last name, patient name, city) to be more concise with those numbers. We provided such a large volume, that it was not conducive for them to keep track as they were handed out to families due to their own work commitments. It wasn't an issue with the gas cards, as when the social worker requested a card for a family, they sent us an email with the information and the family picked it up from the House so we could check their driver's license.

2. Training another staff person to pull together all the data/reports needed specifically associated with the Coachella Valley families so that required reports can be filled out in a more timely manner.

3. More outreach to the referring hospitals from the valley that send patients to the LLUCH providing them with brochures and a virtual tour so they are able to make available this information to families prior to their transfer so the parents have more peace of mind as to where they will be able to stay near-by through our housing at the IERMH while there child is in Loma Linda for treatment.

Desert AIDS Project, Grant#: 1280

DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare

Strategic Area: Healthcare Infrastructure and Services

Reporting Period: 6/1/21 to 5/31/22

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Grant Information

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Paid to date: \$90,000

Balance: \$10,000

Proposed Goals and Evaluation

The specific benefits or measurable impact to be achieved by: (5/31/2022)

Evaluation Plan: DAP will use our EHR system to provide a quantitative assessment of the program. Since we capture a patient's demographic data in their EHR, we can track the number of patient visits to each provider as well as the number of District residents who were provided care by the BHC, the psychiatrist, and the three residents during the grant year.

To evaluate qualitative measures, DAP provides satisfaction surveys to patients of our BHD as well as our primary care clinics. At the termination of a patient's therapy treatment with the BHC, the patient will be given an in-house patient satisfaction survey that measures the patient's perception of the care provided and success in meeting therapeutic goals. The survey questions will focus on what goals the patient identified at the start of therapy and whether or not those goals were achieved. In addition, the survey measures the patient's experience of the therapy process (i.e., did the patient feel heard, understood, and respected by the therapist?).

After a visit to one of DAP's primary care clinics, which includes psychiatry, all patients receive an email generated by our EHR system with a link to complete a satisfaction survey allowing them to provide feedback about their care.

DAP will collate results from the BHC therapy surveys as well as the collating psychiatry treatment survey results, addressing any issues identified as needed.

Goal #1: Psychotherapy program – clients come on a self-referral basis (talk therapy)

DAP's behavioral health clinician (BHC) funded by this grant will increase the number of patients seen in the Behavioral Health Department by 52 new patients who are District residents by the end of the grant year.

Evaluation of goal #1: DAP will use our electronic health record system, EpicCare Ambulatory 2018 Certified EHR Suite (Epic) to track new patients assigned to the new BHC, including contact information as part of the patient's demographic data, enabling us to identify District residents.

Goal #2: Psychiatry program – medication management – medical doctor referrals

Within 6 months, DAP anticipates schedules for the psychiatrist and up to three psychiatry residents to be fully booked at 8 visits per day. This would net 28 patients per week who reside in the District (based on 4 hours per week).

Evaluation of goal #2: DAP will use our EHR system to track patients and patient visits as assigned to the psychiatrist and three residents, which includes contact information as part of the patient's demographic data, thus enabling us to identify District residents.

Goal #3: By the end of the grant year, DAP will achieve sustainability through insurance billing reimbursement for the BHC and the psychiatrist to be funded through this grant.

Evaluation of goal #3: DAP will submit the BHC's professional qualifications to Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and the State of California for credentialing upon hiring. The BHC and psychiatry residency program are expected to be billing for a full panel after 6 months. DAP's Department of Finance will use Sage Intacct®, a project-based accounting software in coordination with the EHR to track financial performance measures.

When clinicians start, it can take from 4-6 months on average for full credentialing with the payors – IEHP typically takes 3 months – and we cannot bill until they are approved. Until credentialed, the clinician would only see emergent cases to assure patients receive necessary care. Additionally, when clinicians join the practice, they have no patient base, therefore their panels will grow over time, typically taking 3-6 months for a medical provider to have a full panel. Also, provider schedules are ramped up over an average of 3 months to allow them to become competent charting in the electronic record and keeping pace with the clinic workflows. Finally, patients receiving psychiatric medication management are generally followed monthly or every 2 months, depending on the severity of the mental health condition, thus extending the time needed to fill their panels.

Proposed number of District residents to be served:

Total: 80

Proposed geographic area(s) served:

Cathedral City
Coachella
Desert Hot Springs
Indio
La Quinta
Palm Desert
Palm Springs
Rancho Mirage
Sky Valley
Thousand Palms

Final Progress:

Program/project final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

As stated in our last report, DAP's Behavioral Health department has undergone changes during the grant year that have affected our ability to meet the goals as outlined in our proposal. The most significant barrier has been a series of resignations and an inability to replace clinicians who left despite aggressive recruitment efforts.

We have underperformed in regard to the psychotherapy component goals, but have been successful in meeting the needs of our patients seeking psychiatric care. Clinicians entered patient data into the EpicCare Ambulatory 2018 Certified EHR Suite (Epic) system, which allowed our IT staff to generate reports detailing not only the number of new patients within each component and the number of visits, but whether or not the patient resided within the District.

The third goal was to achieve sustainability for the program. When the PNP became credentialed through Inland Empire Health Plan and the State of California, DAP was able to bill for the services this clinician provided. If pending legislation SB966 is passed, it will allow us to bill for LMFTs and ASW, AMFT interns and we will achieve increased sustainability for Behavioral Health psychotherapy.

Goal #1: During the grant year, DAP's Behavioral Health department realized an increase of two new psychotherapy patients who are within the District. Since patient insurance must provide authorization for treatment, and many local insurance providers either carve out mental health benefits and/or do not contract with DAP. This limits access to DAP services for some potential patients.

Evaluation of goal #1: We have a doctoral intern providing therapy under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, which has been very successful. The intern began her post-doctoral residency in May 2022 and will continue until May 2023. We also were able to hire an LMFT with these grant funds who has provided triage

assessment intake coordination and individual and couples psychotherapy.

Due to COVID, like many organizations, DAP has experienced greater staff turnover than normal as many licensed clinical psychologists have returned to private practice. We are currently recruiting for two Clinical Psychologists and a full-time Psychiatrist, and have just recently hired two Licensed Clinical Social Workers who are scheduled to start in July 2022.

We did not see 52 new psychotherapy patients because DAP Behavioral Health could not accept new patients during the grant year due to lack of capacity, specifically lack of clinicians.

Goal #2: DAP has hired a full time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner who saw an average of 14 patients per week in January and February, but realized an increase to an average of 23 patients per week in March. The goal was 28 patients per week with one psychiatrist and three residents, who were only available one day per week. During the grant period, and with the addition of our .75FTE PNP, DAP has seen an increase of 90 new patients seeking psychiatric care.

For complex psychiatric cases that require a psychiatrist for ongoing care, DAP has a contract with an outside psychiatrist employed by Inland Psychiatric Medical Group. The psychiatrist also provides ongoing supervision of our psychiatric nurse practitioner, including consultation on complex cases.

Evaluation of goal #2: By contracting with a psychiatrist who can provide oversight to our psychiatric nurse practitioner, DAP has been able to progressively increase the number of psychiatric patients seen at DAP after the discontinuation of the UCR residency program. In July 2022, due to increased demand, the psychiatric nurse practitioner will be increasing to 4 days/week, with potential for 64 visits per week.

Goal #3: Since the PNP is now credentialed through Inland Empire Health Plan and the State of California, the program has reached sustainability by now billing for services. The Behavioral Health Clinicians (LMFT and Psychological Associate) will be able to bill for services pending new legislation described above. The Psychological Associate is now accruing post-doctoral licensure hours and once licensed as a clinical psychologist, will also be able to bill for services.

Evaluation of goal #3: We expect the program to be sustainable pending the new legislation and staff retention.

Final number of District residents served:

Total: 90

Please answer the following questions

1. Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the proposed program/project goals:

The barrier in meeting proposed project goals stated in the previous progress reports was an issue throughout the grant project period. Already a designated health professional shortage area, the shortage in the Coachella Valley has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. COVID-19, burnout, and poor pay are cited as factors in a Morning Consult poll conducted among 1,000 U.S. health care workers in September 2021 where 1 in 5 workers have quit their jobs since COVID hit the U.S. Due to psychotherapist staff shortages, DAP was unable to increase patient caseload as planned. However, this grant allowed us to hire an LMFT and a Psychological Associate, and without these clinicians there would have been an even greater shortage of mental health services available.

2. Please describe any unexpected successes other than those originally planned

The clinical internship stated in the previous two reports allowed us to increase access to therapy, which has been very successful. The intern is now continuing with a post-doctoral residency which began in May 2022. Existing patients of DAP were able to access psychotherapy and receive treatment and would not have been able to see a therapist otherwise. Other unexpected successes include the ability to offer couples counseling and a new treatment protocol for transgender patients.

3. After the initial investment by the DHCD how will the program/project be financially sustained?

Since the PNP is now credentialed through Inland Empire Health Plan and the State of California, the psychiatry program is sustained by billing for services. We have now been able to hire two new LCSWs, and with SB966 pending legislation we hope to be able to bill for interns and LMFTs in the future.

4. List five things to be done differently if this project/program were to be implemented again

- 1) Continue aggressive recruitment for licensed clinicians
- 2) Add additional clinical internship training placements from nearby universities
- 3) Continue to offer work schedule flexibility
- 4) Evaluate case load productivity expectations and make adjustments as appropriate
- 5) Continue interdepartmental/collaborative case consultations, training, and collegial interaction and team building



Date: October 11, 2022

To: Program Committee

Subject: Grant # 1318 Riverside County Latino Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services Inc.

Grant Request: Healthy Minds Healthy Lives - Mentas Sanas Vidas Sanas

Amount Requested: \$618,173.

Project Period: 11/1/2022 to 5/31/2024

Project Description and Use of District Funds:

The mission of the Riverside County Latino Commission (RCLC) is to provide programs and services for those in our community who are facing problems with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. Funds received will not only enhance RCLC's already established services but also allow RCLC to target the underserved population of the Coachella Valley, including the migrant/farm communities. Funds received for this project will also improve communication within the community through the use of promotoras, case managers, social media, and continuing/follow up care when services are provided.

RCLC will partner with Vision y Compromiso to use promotoras to directly engage with community members. Mobile clinic and satellite offices will be established to bring services closer to individuals in need. Promotoras will be used to link the community to RCLC to access services such as community resources, mental health and substance use services, legal services, and human rights services. RCLC believes that through partnering with Vision y Compromiso and TODEC legal counsel, the information and relationships that will be established will improve community outcomes and have a restorative practice approach such as reducing stigma, improving emotional and physical safety, reducing stress and trauma, etc.

RCLC will utilize all forms of resources available such as social media, printed resources, local community business, and partner providers to expand and disburse information about services available to the community.



District funds will specifically be used for the salaries of mental health professionals, promotoras, case managers, program administrator/supervisor, and communications; computers/printers/hot spots, mileage, office supplies, communications, outreach supplies and materials, and indirect costs.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services, most specifically in the eastern region of the Coachella Valley.

Strategy 3.1: Provide funding to support an increase in the number of behavioral/mental health professionals (includes training) (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.3: Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services (consider co-location with other health services) (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.6: Educate community residents on available behavioral/mental health resources (Priority: Moderate)

Strategy 3.7: Collaborate/Partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally sensitive behavioral/mental health services (Priority: Moderate)

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Cathedral City; Coachella; Desert Hot Springs; Indio; Mecca; North Shore; Oasis; Palm Springs; Thermal; Thousand Palms

Action by Program Committee: (Please select one)

- Full recommendation and forward to the Board for consideration with the Committee's recommendation that a grant amount of \$618,173. be approved.
- Recommendation with modifications
- Decline



Grant Application Summary

Riverside County Latino Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services Inc., Grant #1318

About the Organization

Riverside County Latino Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services Inc.
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Organization History and Mission

The mission of the Riverside County Latino Commission is to provide programs and services for those in our community who are facing problems with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. We see ourselves as an extension of our community and have dedicated ourselves to develop access, prevention, and treatment for individuals and families suffering from substance abuse and/or mental health issues.

Organization Annual Budget: \$6,663,104.00

Historical (approved Requests)

Project Information

Project Title: Healthy Minds Healthy Lives - Mentas Sanas Vidas Sanas

Start Date: 11/1/2022 **End Date:** 5/31/2024

Term: 18 months

Total Project Budget: \$878,428

Requested Amount: \$618,173

Executive Summary:

Funds received will not only enhance RCLC's already established services but also allow RCLC to target the underserved population of the Eastern Riverside County ,

more specifically the migrant/farm communities. The funds received will allow RCLC to extend services to address and remove barriers such as: legal needs (i.e. immigration/family/civil law,) human rights (rights to basic needs such as housing, food, physical and mental health care) and qualifying for available resources. Funds received for this Project will also improve communication within the community through the use of promotoras, case managers, social media, and continuing/follow up care when services are provided.

RCLC plans to serve the migrant/farm communities of the Eastern Riverside County . Services will address the barriers preventing mental and emotional health. RCLC will partner with Vision y Compromiso to use promotoras to directly engage with community members. Mobil clinic and satellite offices will be established to bring services closer to individuals in need. Promotoras will be used to link community to RCLC to access services such as community resources, mental health and substance use services, legal services, and human rights services. RCLC will also be working with a local immigration attorney to provide workshops and events to educate and inform the community of resources that are available to address needs within their community, provide information on legal rights, understanding and navigating the legal system, etc. RCLC believes that through partnering with Vision y Compromiso and TODEC legal counsel, the information and relationships that will be established will improve community outcomes and have a restorative practice approach such as reducing stigma, improving emotional and physical safety, reducing stress and trauma, etc.

RCLC will utilize all forms of resources available such as social media, printed resources, local community business, and partner providers to expand and disburse information about services available to the community.

Community Need for the Project:

There are a few needs that the project will address. The needs are:

1. Increase the number of behavioral/mental health professionals. RCLC will hire graduate students/trainees and providing supervised graduate work to obtain degree. After completion of degree requirements, RCLC will retain them to continue to work in the Coachella Valley by offering them positions with competitive pay to continue working with the underserved communities. This will limit the number of associates (registered and working toward licensure) that are taking jobs outside of the area.
2. Improve access to mental health and substance use services in remote areas.
3. Increase awareness of mental health resources available.
4. Reduce stigma around accessing mental health and substance use services.
5. Improve accuracy of information community receives.
6. Increase access to information (such as legal rights, available community resources, importance of addressing emotional, medical and physical health needs, etc.) to improve an individual's overall functioning and reduce stress/trauma that negatively contributes to poor mental health functioning and substance use as a means of coping with stress/trauma.
7. Improve overall outcomes of daily mental and physical wellbeing through using the strengths and assets within the individual and/or their community - (using a strengths-based perspective.)

8. Ensure that all services that are provided are culturally relevant and appropriate to the individual that is receiving services.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services, most specifically in the eastern region of the Coachella Valley.

Strategy 3.1: Provide funding to support an increase in the number of behavioral/mental health professionals (includes training) (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.3: Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services (consider co-location with other health services) (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.6: Educate community residents on available behavioral/mental health resources (Priority: Moderate)

Strategy 3.7: Collaborate/Partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally sensitive behavioral/mental health services (Priority: Moderate)

Project Description and Use of District funds:

With this project Riverside County Latino Commission will provide comprehensive services - beginning with community outreach services, outpatient community services, telehealth mental health services, and ending with social media marketing platforms to promote services and maintain community engagement. The various aspects of the plan will help increase accessibility to underserved communities, living in rural communities, thus will increase not only the quality of life for individual community members but also increasing equity for this community. As previously mentioned, these services will help to increase accessibility to human rights such as – access to adequate housing, healthcare – mental healthcare, and physical healthcare. A component of accessibility is for community members to have access to appropriate and accurate information; thus an aspect of this program will be comprehensive communication services, inclusive of case management services, who will serve as brokers to community services, promotoras who will provide direct communication to community members, and social media communications which will provide additional support to bridge community gaps and further promote education and program information. RCLC will partner with Vision y Compromiso to directly engage community members. This will go hand in hand with the mobile community centers provided by RCLC, as well as telemedicine alternatives. Promotoras oversee linkage to RCLC to further access to community resources, mental healthcare, and substance use services. Accessibility and equity in accessibility will improve community outcomes by further reducing stigma surrounding mental healthcare and will improve emotional and physical wellbeing.

Funds will be used to address Goal 3 of DHCD Strategic Plan, for salaries of mental health professionals; promotoras, case managers, and, program administrator / supervisor, and social media communications. RCLC will use DHCD funds for salaries as follows: Clinical Therapists will provide direct behavioral mental health services (individual, family, conjoint, group counseling) referrals for psychiatric evaluations, and referrals to other types of care, if needed, such as medical, housing assistance, etc. The projected costs for therapists may be less if RCLC is able to hire additional cost for each trainee is #3 and #4, instead of associate or licensed level to support SP 3.1. Social Worker will provide psychoeducational work such as workshops, support community

outreach projects, liaison with promotoras, and act as case manager to support clinical therapist work.

Trainees and Associates will work under the license of the clinical supervisor and clinical supervisor will provide direct oversight, training, support of clinical therapists. Program supervisor will manage contract, ensuring that program meets contract requirements, handle evaluation process, track data, progress, outcomes, etc. The social media/marketing/communications' position will be used to give more time to Latino Commission's social media accounts, consultation on what other virtual platforms Latino Commission should be utilizing to reach community members, etc. Funds from DHCD will also allow for equipment costs to create workstations and will allow for users to be added to the EHR system. These are the only costs being requested to be funded for this project.

Description of the Target Population (s):

Services will be available to all ages, genders, and income/employment status including Migrant/farm community within the geographic areas and unincorporated areas of the Coachella Valley serviced by this project.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Cathedral City; Coachella; Desert Hot Springs; Indio; Mecca; North Shore; Oasis; Palm Springs; Thermal; Thousand Palms

Age Group:

- (0-5) Infants
- (06-17) Children
- (18-24) Youth
- (25-64) Adults
- (65+) Seniors

Total Number of District Residents Served:

Direct: At least 200
Indirect: unknown

Project Goals and Evaluation

<p>Goal #1: By May 31st, 2024 provide behavioral mental health and substance abuse services to an estimated 200 clients in the Coachella Valley (addressing strategy 3.3)</p>	<p>Evaluation #1: Within less than 3 months from date Project RCCL will begin to hire and train staff that are culturally diverse/aware/competent to deliver appropriate services to communities. Partnering with Vision y Compromiso, utilize promotoras to directly engage community members and open lines of communication to bring behavioral mental health and substance abuse services to the community. Establish mobile clinic and satellite offices to service community members in remote areas of</p>
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	<p>the Coachella Valley - utilizing telehealth services when possible or community/public areas to provide direct services.</p> <p>Evaluation means used will be mostly quantitative. RCLC uses its own internal tracking system that tracks client information such as demographic identifiers (name, gender, ethnicity, age, date of attendance, number of sessions, diagnosis, type of counseling/service received, and more, etc.) Will be working with Regional Access Project and learning to use Results-Based Accountability and how to apply it to this project. Following completion of services, for clients that are willing to participate, use an exit survey to capture information such as how impactful and useful services was to meet needs of client.</p>
<p>Goal #2: By May 31st, 2024, improve awareness of behavioral mental health and substance abuse resources to community members in the unincorporated areas of Coachella Valley, by providing at least 4 community awareness activities related to educating the community around behavioral/mental health services and resources. Provide at least one community awareness activity each quarter with the intended target audience of at least 75 persons to attend (addressing strategy 3.6)</p>	<p>Evaluation #2: Within less than 3 months from date Project begins, hire and train staff that are culturally diverse/aware/competent to deliver appropriate services to communities.</p> <p>Partnering with Vision y Compromiso, utilize promotoras to directly engage community members and open lines of communication to educate and inform community members of available services, how to access services, and offer early intervention, prevention and education to interrupt or arrest behaviors and choices that will later produce poor mental and physical health outcomes.</p> <p>Establish and develop trusting community relationships through "convivios." All these approaches will be done throughout the duration of the 18 months of the project and continuing.</p> <p>Evaluation means used will be mostly quantitative. RCLC will use the same means to track progress as mentioned in Evaluation #1</p>
<p>Goal #3: By May 31st, 2024, enhance access to culturally-sensitive behavioral/mental health services of</p>	<p>Evaluation #3: Within less than 3 months from date Project begins, hire and train staff that are culturally</p>

<p>approximately 200 individuals in the unincorporated areas of Coachella Valley, will receive culturally-sensitive behavioral/mental health services (addressing strategy 3.7)</p>	<p>diverse/aware/competent to deliver appropriate services to communities.</p> <p>Link community members to RCLC for direct services of behavioral mental health and substance abuse services. As part of case management services, assist client in accessing other types of services that are impeding positive mental health functioning such as linking members to community resources, legal/human rights services, medical services, and any other types of assistance needed to remove barriers that are impacting functioning.</p> <p>All these approaches will be done throughout the duration of the 18 months of the project and continuing.</p> <p>RCLC will use the same means to track progress as mentioned in Evaluation #1</p>
<p>Goal #4: Each 6-8 months, hire 4 .5 FTE graduate students who are in the behavioral mental health field and are "Trainees/Interns" needing intern hours to complete graduate work to support an increase in the number of behavioral/mental health professionals entering the field. As each intern completes graduate work, move them into a full-time position working in other contract funded programs to obtain hours toward licensure. Within 18 months, at least 4, but up to 8, graduate students will graduate with the ability to quickly obtain registration with the California BBS as an Associate and work more directly in the behavioral mental health field providing direct services to the community. (Addressing strategy 3.1 by increasing number of internship positions for behavioral/mental health service professionals and increasing number of behavioral/mental health service</p>	<p>Evaluation #4: Continue outreach with local graduate colleges to be an approved site to provide graduate hours (Latino Commission is already an approved site at 3 colleges.) Will provide wages to professionals fulfilling intern/graduate work positions.</p> <p>Hire a full-time clinical supervisor to provide supervision, oversight, training and support to interns so that graduate work that is obtained is culturally and linguistically appropriate, quality of care is of highest standard, and quality of experience and knowledge interns gain meets and exceeds standards of care.</p> <p>Provide competitive wages for interns to continue working at Latino Commission as a FTE Associate registered with the California BBS. Continue to provide ongoing support, training, supervision, and growth through Clinical Supervisors to strengthen retention of BBS registered bilingual associates to continue the work of Latino Commission to the underserved communities.</p>

Goal #5:	Evaluation #5:
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Proposed Project Evaluation Plan

RCLC uses all the various ways of collecting data to determine needs within the communities it serves, see trends, and understand impact services have on the community it serves. RCLC uses this information to either create programs that are specific to community needs, adapt and change current programs to meet more specific needs, and/or awareness so that funding and services are being directed to the community needs and actual services provided are adequate to meet these needs.

RCLC relies heavily on the data it tracks to keep in step with the needs of the communities it serves so that all services are effective and there are positive outcomes in individuals. RCLC believes that when individuals receive the proper care and attention, the community is strengthened and restored so that it can operate at its highest potential for all individuals within that community.

The area serviced has many opportunities and challenges. Unincorporated areas in Coachella Valley lack resources, adequate housing (families doubling up in one home, multi-generations living in one home, displacement) and access to care (medical professionals and health care, lack of reliable transportation, apply for and receiving benefits). Population is under reported, large number of number people fearful of accessing resources for fear of legal ramification. Population unaware of their rights.

Cultural differences prevent individuals from building trusting, stable and reliable alliances within the community. Opportunities for the community are: strong family ties (creates unity, working together for the good of everyone, creates community, sense of belonging and purpose), deep cultural beliefs that strengthen family tradition (tradition creates meaning, purpose, and is a large part of how people live day-to-day and bring meaning to their existence.) This program is designed to not take away or change their culture but empower and strengthen their culture.

Organizational Capacity and Sustainability

Organizational Capacity

Vision y Compromiso will provide 4 FTE promotoras to service the Coachella Valley and area.

RCLC will provide up to the equivalent of 3 FTE clinicians to provide direct mental health services

RCLC will provide 1 FTE social worker to provide intervention, education and prevention services (workshops, psychoeducational groups, substance abuse groups, case management services, and any and all other services individual needs to address and remove issues and barriers preventing access to proper care.)

RCLC will provide 1 FTE clinical supervisor to supervise trainee/associates (specific time depending on number of trainees/associates hired and supervision will be in accordance with California BBS supervision requirements so that trainees/associates

are able to meet the requirements to obtain hours toward either degree or licensure, whichever track they are working on.)

RCLC will also provide .5 program supervisor to oversee work and ensure work and efforts are in compliance with Project requirements. Program supervisor will also track data and outcomes of services for evaluation purposes.

RCLC will also partner with other professionals such as legal counsel, social media professionals, and any other professionals needed to provide support and strengthen services being provided to community members.

Organizational Sustainability:

To continue the work after Desert Healthcare District & Foundation funding ends RCLC will continue employment of the hired staff for this project, through actively seeking for funds to support this efforts. RCLC depends on its community partnerships including local, County, and State leaders to support RCLC's efforts, working closely to open doors for new funding opportunities. RCLC also continues the efforts and maintains partnerships so that funding can continue. RCLC has experienced, year-after-year, increased funding opportunities so that its foundational contracts, through long-term established partnerships, continue to increase opportunities therefore increasing services (type of service, frequency of service, level of care) as well as expand the area that services can be delivered.

RCLC's offices are located in the areas that will be serviced and continue to build relationships with local, County, and State officials to ensure that the that funding continues to specifically meet the needs of the Coachella Valley communities served.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

How does your organization address diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels?

Directors is comprised of community members that either have grown up in, currently live in, or are somehow personally involved in the community that Latino Commission serves. Currently, Latino Commission services the Coachella Valley, with the majority of the services being provided to the eastern most part of the Coachella Valley (Coachella, Mecca, Thermal, North Shore, Desert Shores, etc.) Individuals who serve on the Board of Directors usually also work in the area. All Board Members and executive staff are vetted to ensure that individuals who hold decision making power are aware of, and responsive to, the unique needs of the community. The communities served by Latino Commission are diverse not only in culturally but also by socio-economics, race, faith/creed/ideology, etc. Latino Commission's leaders are inclusive of all people and although the majority of the individuals served by Latino Commission are Hispanic/Latino, services are inclusive to all and leadership is careful to hire and train staff that is culturally aware, responsive, and sensitive to each individual's culture.

If your organization is not currently addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels, please explain the barriers, such as knowledge, financial investment, capacity, etc., that are preventing you from doing so.

Partnerships:

Key Partners:

Regional Access Project - providing funding to Latino Commission

Vision y Compromiso - providing staff to support work for outreach to unincorporated areas.

TODEC Legal Counsel-will provide workshops to address concerns, inform and raise awareness of, rights and privileges of an individual as well as provide information to community about their legal and ethical rights.

Coachella Valley Unified School District - supports Latino Commission efforts through ongoing collaboration and utilizing CVUSD's programs and services to enhance access to Latino Commission programs and services.

Line Item Budget

Project

Operational Costs

PROJECT OPERATIONS		Total Project Budget	Funds from Other Sources Detail on sheet 3	Amount Requested from DHCD
Total Staffing Costs Detail on sheet 2		\$ 759,400.60	\$ 198,925.31	\$ 560,475.29
Equipment (itemize)				
1	Computer/Printers/Hot Spots	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Supplies (itemize)				
1	EHR System	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Printing / Duplication		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Mailing / Postage				\$ -
Travel / Mileage (use current Federal mileage rate)		\$ 25,200.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ -
Education / Training				\$ -
* Items listed below are included for calculation of the total project budget only. For use of DHCD funds, these line items would be included in the allowable 10% indirect cost rate.				
Office / Rent / Mortgage*		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Telephone / Fax / Internet*		\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -
Utilities*		\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ -
Insurance*		\$ 26,650.00	\$ 26,650.00	\$ -
Other direct project costs not described above (itemize)				
1				\$ -
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Indirect Cost Rate - Maximum of 10% Allowed				\$ 56,197.53
Total Project Budget		\$ 878,428.13	\$ 260,255.31	\$ 618,172.81
Budget Narrative	<p>Fully describe items above in this cell. You may insert rows or create additional worksheets if more space is needed to fully describe your budget. Description of salaries is provided on Section 2 Narrative. Equipment costs are to create 5 mobile workstations (laptops, hotspots, etc.). These are the only costs being requested. The rest of the costs being described below are not being requested to be funded for this project, but are still costs that will be necessary to run the project.</p> <p>Cost for EHR System is a direct cost of \$25 per additional user per month. This will allow for up to 6 users to be added to the EHR system. \$3,000 is projected to be used in marketing material, printing of resources, etc. A total cost of \$25,200 is calculated by using Latino Commission's vehicle stipend rate of \$420 a month for cost reimbursement for up to 5 people a month for the project.</p> <p>Costs reflected for office, telephone, utilities, insurance, etc., was the total annual cost at Latino Commission's main center and estimated at 15% of that total annual cost. 15% of Latino Commission's main office center is used to estimate the amount of space used by the project</p>			

Line Item Budget Staffing Costs

Staff Salaries		Annual Salary	% of Time Allocated to Project	Total Project Salary	Amount Requested from DHCD
Employee Position/Title					
1	Clinical Therapist Licensed	\$ 76,800.00	100%	115,200.00	\$ 63,072.00
2	Clinical Therapist Associate	\$ 63,360.00	100%	95,040.00	\$ 52,034.40
3	Clinical Therapist, Trainee	\$ 22,080.00	100%	33,120.00	\$ 18,133.20
4	Clinical Therapist, Trainee	\$ 22,080.00	100%	33,120.00	\$ 18,133.20
5	Social Worker	\$ 48,000.00	100%	7,200.00	\$ 39,420.00
6	Clinical Supervisor	\$ 96,000.00	75%	108,000.00	\$ 59,130.00
7	Program Supervisor	\$ 145,000.00	25%	54,375.00	\$ 29,770.31
9	Social Media/Marketing/Communica	\$ 25,200.00	100%	37,800.00	\$ 25,200.00
Total Employee Benefits / Employer Taxes - proportional fringe costs and/or employer taxes based on % of time allocated to project			12%	53,526.60	33,563.17
Enter this amount in Section 1;Staffing Costs			Total >	\$ 537,381.60	\$ 338,456.29
Budget Narrative	<p>Please describe in detail the scope of work and duties for each employee on this grant. Clinical Therapists will provide direct behavioral mental health services (individual, family, conjoint, group counseling) referrals for psychiatric evaluations, and referrals to other types of care, if needed, such as medical, housing assistance, etc. The total amount reflected under clinical therapist is high however, cost will be much less if able to hire trainees (projected cost for each trainee is #3 and #4, will hire more, instead of associate or licensed level to support SP 3.1) Social Worker will provide psychoeducational work such as workshops, support community outreach projects, liaison with promotoras, and act as case manager to support clinical therapist work. Trainees and Associates will work under the license of the clinical supervisor and clinical supervisor will provide direct oversight, training, support of clinical therapists. Program supervisor will manage contract, ensuring that program meets contract requirements, handle evaluation process, track data, progress, outcomes, etc., Social media/marketing/communications' position will be used to give more time to Latino Commission's social media accounts, consultation on what other virtual platforms Latino Commission should be utilizing to reach community members, etc. at \$35 for 15 hours a week for 18 months.</p>				
Budget Narrative	<p>Please describe in detail the employee benefits including the percentage and salary used for calculation. The cost under "total project salary" includes 12% applied to benefits, taxes, etc. that Latino Commission pays for each employed staff position only applied to the total percent dedicated to the project. This total amount for staff salaries in "Amount requested from DHCD" also reflects funds from other sources allocated to this project, described on the budget narrative on section 3- other funds.</p>				
Professional Services / Consultants		Hourly Rate	Hours/Week	Monthly Fee	Total Project Fees
Company and Staff Title					
1	Vision y Compromiso				\$ 222,019.00
2	TODEC Legal Counsel	Will provide workshops for \$0			\$ -
3					
4					
5					
Enter this amount in Section 1;Staffing Costs				Total >	\$ 222,019.00
Budget Narrative	<p>Please describe in detail the scope of work for each professional service/consultant on this grant. TODEC Legal Counsel will provide workshops to address concerns, inform and raise awareness of, rights and privileges of an individual as well as provide information to community about their legal and ethical rights. Through these workshops, connect members to appropriate legal support to assist individuals in receiving the right type of legal support for their needs. Vision y Compromiso will provide 4 promotoras. The cost for 4 promotoras was provided to Latino Commission by VyC and accounts for salaries, management, mileage, etc. and so it is being placed on this budget line item. They estimate their cost to partner with Latino Commission as follows: 4 promotoras (35 hours/week for 18 months) with .50 FTE coordination and materials/local mileage, etc and including indirect @ \$222019.</p>				

Line Item Budget
Other Project Funds

Other funding received (actual or projected) SPECIFIC to this project. "Total funding in addition to DHCD request" below should match or exceed value listed in Section 1 for "Funds from Other Sources".			Amount
Fees			
Donations			
Grants (List Organizations)			
	1	Regional Access Program Awarded to Latino Commission	\$ 75,000.00
	2		
	3		
	4		
Fundraising (describe nature of fundraiser)			
	1		
	2		
Other Income, e.g., bequests, membership dues, in-kind services, investment income, fees from other agencies, etc. (Itemize)			
	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
Total funding in addition to DHCD request			\$ 75,000.00
Budget Narrative	Describe project income listed above. Note whether income is "projected" or actual. Actual amount awarded from RAP for fiscal year is \$75,000 with 100% of proceeds going toward this project salary for staff. Costs for supplies, printing, mileage, education, etc. is not being requested because those costs are already a part of the day-to-day operating costs and Latino Commission. Latino Commission does not need funds for operational expenses in order for the project to be successful. The funds requested are to cover mental Health staff salaries so that Latino Commission can hire staff for the project. Any other costs that are required to run the project, the 10% indirect cost allowance is sufficient and if more is required, the additional amount can be covered by funds from Latino Commission.		

Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives / *Mentes Sanas, Vidas Sanas*

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Riverside County Latino Commission Counseling Center
and
Visión y Compromiso**

A. Project Overview

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Riverside County Latino Commission Counseling Center (RCLC) and Visión y Compromiso (VyC) aims to advance equity, support COVID recovery, increase promotores' knowledge about behavioral and mental health, and reduce stigma associated with behavioral and mental health among Latino residents in Coachella Valley.

Promotoras are skilled relationship builders who reflect the communities they serve. They deliver personalized messages in culturally relevant and non-stigmatizing ways and have an in-depth understanding of the community that makes them ideal to improve community wellness. VyC's approach integrates the promotor model, a model that is effective because it strengthens families, incorporates cultural values and perspectives, addresses social isolation, reduces cultural and language barriers, and emphasizes concepts of social, emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness. Promotoras who work in VyC's behavioral and mental health-focused programs address stigma through one-on-one conversations and small and large group education. provide an array of resources, and link community members to services. They prioritize information that is accurate, clinically sound, evidence-based, and culturally and linguistically relevant.

B. Project Timeline

During the proposed 18-month project (and upon approval of a subcontract), VyC will hire and support one project coordinator (.50 FTE) and one team of community-based promotores (3 FTEs) in the Coachella Valley to carry out the scope of work in collaboration with RCLC.

D. Scope of Work

VyC will promote emotional health and wellness by training and supporting promotores, trusted community leaders, about behavioral and mental health issues and local services in order to reduce stigma associated with mental health issues, reduce access barriers, increase service utilization, and navigate people to behavioral and mental health services they can trust.

VyC will carry out the following activities:

- Promotores will participate in training with VyC and RCLC as required.
- Promotores will prepare educational presentations about mental health topics (depression, anxiety, grief and loss, suicide prevention) to reduce stigma among Latino individuals and families in Coachella Valley; presentations will be delivered in non-stigmatizing and community-based locations via one-on-one dialogues, small and large group presentations and with in-person and virtual presentations as appropriate.

- Promotores will share information about diverse mental health topics by participating in local community outreach activities (i.e. tabling, door-to-door canvassing, health fairs, other community and cultural events).
- Promotores will provide information about RCLC's services, how to access services, provide a warm hand off to navigate residents to local mental health services (i.e. RCLC, Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health), and make referrals to local resources to address other issues such as food and housing insecurity, health care access, insurance enrollment, access to transportation, etc.
- Promotores will meet weekly with VyC Project Coordinator to plan activities, participate in training, problem solve as needed, deliver encounter data, and celebrate project successes.
- Project Coordinator and promotores will meet regularly with RCLC as determined to plan activities, participate in training, and share information as needed.
- Promotores will track, record and report data as determined which may include but not be limited to: # of presentations delivered, # of participants reached, # of community events attended, # of outreach contacts, # of referrals to mental health and other local resources.

RCLC will carry out the following activities:

- Train promotores about designated mental health and substance abuse-related topics to reduce stigma associated with mental and behavioral health issues and to increase knowledge of and utilization of RCLS services.
- Train promotores about RCLC's mental health and substance abuse counseling and other services, how to access services at RCLC, and the importance of early intervention to address emotional, medical and mental health needs.
- Ensure that RCLC's mental and behavioral health and substance abuse counseling services are delivered to the community in culturally and linguistically relevant ways.
- Designate an RCLC contact person and ensure regular communication with the VyC Project Coordinator and promotores.

E. Indemnification

Each party to this MOU agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party, its principals, officers, directors, and employees with respect to any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, administrative proceedings, criminal proceedings, arbitrations and expenses (including attorneys' fees) resulting from that party's omissions or acts of negligence or willful misconduct.

F. Proprietary Rights

At all times during the time of this agreement, and after its termination VyC shall take all reasonable precautions to protect the integrity and property rights of RCLC and shall refrain from any use or divulgence of RCLC's confidential information and trade secrets including but not limited to: all files, resource information produced, documents, presentations, processes, items, copies thereof, whether the originals or copies prepared for or by their employees.

G. Financial Obligation and Payment

Upon execution of this agreement, RCLC agrees to compensate VyC upon availability of funds to carry out the proposed scope of work. This investment will include personnel costs (salaries and fringe benefits for promotoras, staff training, supervision, administrative support), direct costs (internet/telephone communications, local travel, outreach materials and supplies), and indirect costs.

VyC agrees to submit an invoice to RCLC on or before the 7th day of each month for all services rendered for the prior month, including details of the services performed as requested. RCLC agrees to pay VyC for all invoices within 30 days of receipt.

Remittance Address: For questions, please contact Berenice Guzmán, Finance Manager, berenice@visionycompromiso.org

Attn: Berenice Guzmán, Finance Department
Visión y Compromiso
15808 Hesperian Blvd, #708
San Lorenzo, CA. 94580-5087

Invoicing Address: Invoices will be sent directly to:

Leonel Contreras, Executive Director
Riverside County Latino Commission Counseling Center
1612 1st Street
Coachella, CA 92236

Signatures

By signature below, the parties to this agreement certify that the individuals signing this document are representatives of the parties and are authorized to act in matters related to this MOU. The parties hereby agree to the terms of this agreement.

Visión y Compromiso:



Signature: _____

Date: September 30, 2022

Maria Lemus,
Executive Director
Visión y Compromiso
1000 N. Alameda Street, Third Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Riverside County Latino Commission Counseling Center:



Signature

10/03/2022
Date

Leonel Contreras, Executive Director
Riverside County Latino Commission Counseling Center
1612 1st Street
Coachella, CA 92236
(760) 398-9000

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 1 of 3

- Executive Summary:** 9
- Community Need and Alignment:** 10
- Goals:** 9
- Proposed Evaluation Plan:** 9
- Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure:** 9
- Organizational Sustainability:** 8
- Budget:** 9
- Key Partners/Collaborations:** 10

Total Score: 73.00

Reviewer Comments:

Riverside County Latino Commission is a new organizational partner to the Desert Healthcare District and this grant request is in alignment with Strategic Plan Goal #3 - providing access to behavioral health services. Utilizing the work of the promotoras also allows RLC to be an extension of the CV community and have dedicated themselves to develop access, prevention, and treatment for individuals and families suffering from substance abuse and/or mental health . RCLC, also, by utilizing trainees and associates who will work under the license of the clinical supervisor and clinical supervisor will provide direct oversight, training, support of clinical therapists, will provide the necessary clinical hours so that the BH workforce can be increased here in the Valley.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

- Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 17.5 (2 of 2)
- Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 69.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

- Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 35 (2 of 2)
- Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 209 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 87/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 2 of 3

Executive Summary: 7

Community Need and Alignment: 9

Goals: 8

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 8

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 8

Organizational Sustainability: 8

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 8

Total Score: 65.00

Reviewer Comments:

The Riverside County Latino Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services has proposed to provide improved access to information, linkage and access to behavioral health services focused on the underserved communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This project will employ the use of a focused behavioral health team that includes a Clinical Supervisor, Licensed therapist, Associate Clinician and 2 Therapist Trainees. This structure will utilize a network of 4 Promotores who will act as the trusted messengers who will initiate contact through scheduled outreach activities to increase awareness of available behavioral health/substance abuse support services, assist with linkage to the needed services and track the number of contacts achieved.

The progress of this project will be evaluated using an internal tracking system that includes identification of clients served, frequency of sessions and documented progress. This data will be analyzed to insure goal accomplishment which also aligns with DHCD Strategic Plan Goal #3 (Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services).

The structure of the budget associated with this project demonstrates the necessary capacity in terms of support team assets to perform the intended outreach and linkage activities to achieve the level of improved access for the Eastern Coachella Valley.

Response Notes:

Grant Scoring Review

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 17.5 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 69.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 35 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 209 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 87/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 3 of 3

- Executive Summary:** 9
- Community Need and Alignment:** 8
- Goals:** 9
- Proposed Evaluation Plan:** 8
- Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure:** 9
- Organizational Sustainability:** 9
- Budget:** 9
- Key Partners/Collaborations:** 10

Total Score: 71.00

Reviewer Comments:

The Riverside County Latino Commission has a proven track record of providing vital behavioral and mental health services to District residents, specifically those residing in the Eastern Coachella Valley. DHCD funds will increase access and awareness to these vital services, along with increasing their staffing to accommodate this increase in services.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

- Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 17.5 (2 of 2)
- Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 69.666666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

- Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 35 (2 of 2)
- Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 209 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 87/100

Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 1 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 9

Total Score: 18.00

Reviewer Comments: Unmodified audited financial statements presented to and approved by Board. Assets sufficient to meet liabilities. Grant budget is reasonable in comparison with organizational budget. Multiple sources of funding documented. Strategic plan provided, although not current, organization provided updates on how progress has been made beyond dates of plan.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 17.5 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 69.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 35 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 209 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 87/100

Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 2 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 8

Total Score: 17.00

Reviewer Comments: Fiduciary Compliance -

The FY 06/30/21 audit report is unmodified. The Board of Directors accepted the audit report.

Audit report Current Ratio is strong (13:1), which represents the grantee's ability to pay its short-term liabilities.

The Net Assets increased by \$469k as of 6/30/21, with Total Net Assets of \$1.2M. Internal financial statements, as of 5/02/22, demonstrates an increase of \$422k. The Balance Sheet is in good order.

Financial Stability -

Grantee demonstrates a sound financial position.

Grantee has additional resources for this project of approximately \$878k. The District's grant of \$618,173 is moderately supported by potential other resources.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 17.5 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 69.666666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 35 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 209 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 87/100



Date: October 11, 2022

To: Program Committee

Subject: Grant # 1356 Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Grant Request: Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program

Amount Requested: \$140,000.00

Project Period: 11/1/2022 to 10/31/2023

Project Description and Use of District Funds:

LifeStream Blood Bank is the sole provider of Therapeutic Apheresis (TA) services for critically ill patients in Coachella Valley hospitals. This specialized medical procedure removes harmful components of a patient's blood and replaces the harmful components with either albumin or other blood products.

TA services provided by LifeStream for Coachella Valley patients is crucial because hospitals do not have the clinical TA expertise or trained staff to perform these procedures for patients who are often in acute critical condition. LifeStream's hospital partners have found it is more cost effective and efficient to utilize LifeStream's staff and equipment to perform these life-saving procedures for the relatively small number of patients who require TA treatment at their facilities each year. Additionally, since there are several different procedures (plasma exchange, red cell exchange, leukopheresis, etc.), it would be very difficult for hospital staff to maintain competency on all of the procedures.

With a Coachella Valley-based vehicle and TA equipment, LifeStream expects to perform 100 to 125 therapeutic apheresis treatments per year for 20 to 30 local hospital patients. Historically, TA services have helped saved the lives of elderly patients experiencing serious health issues. More recently, there has been an increased need to perform TA procedures for patients who are 20 to 30 years old. Most patients receive a treatment regimen of consecutive TA procedures usually over a 5-day period.

LifeStream expects the equipment and vehicle purchased with this grant will allow LifeStream staff to provide life-saving therapeutic apheresis services for approximately 10 years.



LifeStream is requesting \$140,000 to help fund the creation of their Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program. Funding will cover the costs of an Optia machine, TA related equipment, and a customized vehicle dedicated to transport apheresis equipment and staff to Coachella Valley hospitals caring for seriously ill patients. The vehicle, which would be branded with the DHCD logo to acknowledge DHCD's financial support, will be a van customized with a lower floor and a ramp to allow for easy transportation of the bulky equipment from facilities to the patient's bedside.

LifeStream will cover all other costs associated with this new program including staffing, supplies, and other expenses.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 2: Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services

Strategy 2.3: Provide funding support and evaluation to community organizations providing expanded mobile primary and specialty care services (Priority: High)

Geographic Area(s) Served:

All District Areas

Action by Program Committee: (Please select one)

- Full recommendation and forward to the Board for consideration with the Committee's recommendation that a grant amount of \$140,000.00 be approved.
- Recommendation with modifications
- Decline



Grant Application Summary

Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, Grant #1356

About the Organization

Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
384 W Orange Show Road
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Tel: (909) 885-6503
<http://www.lstream.org>

Tax ID #: 951708743

Primary Contact:

Daniel Ballister
Tel: (909) 885-6503
Fax: (909) 890-9816
dballister@lstream.org

Organization History and Mission

Briefly describe the history AND mission of your organization

Celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2021, LifeStream Blood Bank was established to meet our community's need for a safe supply of blood and blood components and life-saving therapeutic services. The niche filled by LifeStream has never been more vital and more relevant to the communities we serve.

LifeStream utilizes bloodmobiles to conduct approximately 600 mobile blood drives a year in the Coachella Valley to supplement collection efforts at its local blood donor centers in La Quinta and Rancho Mirage. More than a traditional blood bank, LifeStream has evolved to offer a variety of life-saving blood products and services that benefit thousands of area residents.

LifeStream's mission is to help save lives by connecting donors and patients through the gift of blood.

Organization Annual Budget: \$64,000,000.00

Historical (approved Requests)

Grant Year	Project Title	Grant Amount	Type	Disposition Date	Fund
2010	Expanding Capacity at the Local Rare Blood Library	\$174,000	Achievement Building	1/25/2011	Grant budget
2016	LifeStream Prostate Cancer Treatment Program	\$60,000	Capital Improvement	10/25/2016	Grant budget
2020	Bloodmobiles for Coachella Valley	\$150,000	Grant	3/24/2021	

Project Information**Project Title:** Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program**Start Date:** 11/1/2022 **End Date:** 10/31/2023**Term:** 12 months**Total Project Budget:** \$300,518**Requested Amount:** \$140,000**Executive Summary:**

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TA services provided by LifeStream for Coachella Valley patients is crucial because hospitals do not have the clinical TA expertise or trained staff to perform these procedures for patients who are often in acute critical condition. Our hospital partners have found it is more cost effective and efficient to utilize LifeStream's staff and equipment to perform these life-saving procedures for the relatively small number of patients who require TA treatment at their facilities each year. Additionally, since there are several different procedures (plasma exchange, red cell exchange, leukopheresis, etc.), it would be very difficult for hospital staff to maintain competency on all of the procedures.

Due to limited resources, LifeStream and its Southern California hospital partners currently triage the order in which patients receive TA treatments from LifeStream's San Bernardino headquarters. A grant from the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation (DHCD) will allow LifeStream to purchase TA equipment and a customized vehicle that would be based in the Coachella Valley to provide local patients prompt access to therapeutic apheresis procedures.

With a Coachella Valley-based vehicle and TA equipment, we expect to perform 100 to 125 therapeutic apheresis treatments per year for 20 to 30 local hospital patients. Historically, TA services have helped saved the lives of elderly patients experiencing

serious health issues. More recently, there has been an increased need to perform TA procedures for patients who are 20 to 30 years old. Most patients receive a treatment regimen of consecutive TA procedures usually over a 5-day period. We fully expect the equipment and vehicle purchased with this grant will allow LifeStream staff to provide life-saving therapeutic apheresis services for approximately 10 years.

We will utilize our current tracking system to monitor requests for TA services by partner hospitals and demonstrate that having equipment and a vehicle dedicated for use in the Coachella Valley will ensure that these patients' apheresis needs are consistently met and ensure that these patients will never have to be transported to a distant medical facility for an apheresis treatment.

Community Need for the Project:

LifeStream provides Therapeutic Apheresis (TA) services for critically ill patients in hospitals located throughout six Southern California counties. Dozens of hospitals rely on LifeStream to perform this specialized medical procedure. Examples of apheresis procedures include Therapeutic Plasma Exchange and Red Cell Depletion/Exchange. Therapeutic plasma exchanges are performed on patients experiencing complications from pathogenic autoantibodies or immune complexes as part of a treatment regimen determined by the clinical team. Red Cell Depletion/Exchange is performed on patients experiencing acute sickle cell crisis by removing the sickling red cells and replacing the patient's blood with healthy red blood cells.

TA procedures require the use of an Optia machine and related equipment, expertise of a highly trained apheresis registered nurse, and a customized vehicle to transport the equipment to the bedside of the patient needing treatment. Due to limited resources, specifically the availability of Optia machines and customized vehicles, LifeStream and its hospital partners must triage the order in which patients receive TA treatments. Prioritization is especially challenging when LifeStream is asked to treat patients, often on short notice, in an area that stretches from the low desert to the high desert and from San Diego to Thousand Oaks.

A grant from the DHCD will allow LifeStream to purchase the equipment and vehicle necessary to create a Coachella Valley-based TA Program which will provide Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), Eisenhower Health, and JFK Memorial hospital patients prioritized access to apheresis procedures. Based on past demand, we expect to help approximately 10 DRMC patients, 15 Eisenhower Health patients, and 1 JFK Memorial patients each year. Having TA equipment and staff dedicated to serve Coachella Valley patients would essentially ensure that these patients would never have to be transported to a distant medical facility for an apheresis treatment.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 2: Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services
Strategy 2.3: Provide funding support and evaluation to community organizations providing expanded mobile primary and specialty care services (Priority: High)

Project Description and Use of District funds:

LifeStream is requesting \$140,000 to help fund the creation of our Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program. Funding will cover the costs of an Optia machine, TA

related equipment, and a customized vehicle dedicated to transport apheresis equipment and staff to Coachella Valley hospitals caring for seriously ill patients. The vehicle, which would be branded with the DHCD logo to acknowledge DHCD’s financial support, will be a van customized with a lower floor and a ramp to allow for easy transportation of the bulky equipment from facilities to the patient’s bedside. LifeStream will cover all other costs associated with the new program including staffing.

Description of the Target Population (s):

Historically, therapeutic apheresis services have helped elderly patients experiencing serious health issues. More recently, there has been an increased need to perform TA procedures for patients who are 20 to 30 years old. These younger patients need TA procedures to treat life-threatening conditions including TTP (thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura) and Myasthenia Gravis.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

All District Areas

Age Group:

- (25-64) Adults
- (65+) Seniors

Total Number of District Residents Served:

Direct: On average, 25 patients per year
Indirect: 0

Project Goals and Evaluation

Goal #1: Through the use of dedicated equipment purchased with grant funding, based on statistics gathered over the past five years, we expect to provide TA treatment for approximately 25 Coachella Valley patients each year. Patients, on average, require 5 consecutive treatments	Evaluation #1: We will utilize our current tracking system to monitor requests for TA services by partner hospitals and demonstrate that having equipment and a vehicle dedicated for use in the Coachella Valley will ensure that these patients receive expeditious therapeutic apheresis treatment. We expect to perform between 100 and 125 TA procedures throughout the year in Coachella Valley hospitals.
Goal #2: N/A	Evaluation #2: N/A

Proposed Project Evaluation Plan

Within the first year of receiving the grant, we will monitor the program to track TA treatments required by patients who suffer from chronic medical conditions. If the need for chronic (non-critical) treatments is substantial, we will initiate conversations with Eisenhower Health and Desert Regional Medical Center to discuss the creation of a Chronic Apheresis Outpatient Program. Under this program, our hospital partner would provide space for the TA equipment at its facility over a fixed period of time each month. This arrangement would make it more convenient for patients with chronic conditions to

receive necessary TA services and eliminate the need for LifeStream staff to transport and set up equipment on a daily basis.

Organizational Capacity and Sustainability

Organizational Capacity

LifeStream currently has six (6) registered nurses trained to provide therapeutic apheresis procedures and one director who oversee services provided at area hospitals. Additionally, our Medical Director, Tuan Le, MD, provides clinical apheresis oversight and consults with patients' physicians.

Organizational Sustainability:

The therapeutic apheresis service being provided by LifeStream to our Coachella Valley hospital partners is crucial because none of the hospitals have the clinical TA expertise or trained staff to provide these procedures for patients who are often in acute critical condition. Implementing a Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program would strengthen our relationships with Desert Regional Medical Center, Eisenhower Health and JFK Memorial Hospital. Our dedicated staff and equipment would be on-call seven days a week to help their patients seeking TA treatments. We also anticipate that creating a Chronic Apheresis Outpatient Program with a Coachella Valley partner hospital would further solidify our service relationship and provide a convenient, valuable clinical service for potentially dozens of patients each year and eliminate the need for patients to travel long distances to receive TA treatment.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

How does your organization address diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels?

The LifeStream Board of Directors is currently comprised of 11 members. The bylaws allow any number between 10 and 15 members. Currently, the board membership has 45% minority composition and 27% female composition. Three board members are of Asian descent, (Filipino, Japanese and Indian), one board member is Hispanic, and one member is African American. In 2022, LifeStream's Board of Directors chairperson is female while its vice chairman is of Filipino descent.

The executive team composition is 33% female and 17% minority. The executive team has had little turnover during the past 15 years. We had one position open in the past 12 months and the position was filled with a male of Asian descent.

If your organization is not currently addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels, please explain the barriers, such as knowledge, financial investment, capacity, etc., that are preventing you from doing so.

Partnerships:

Key Partners:

Desert Regional Medical Center and Eisenhower Health are LifeStream's healthcare partners that request the majority of therapeutic apheresis services for their patients.

Based on past requests for TA treatment, we expect to treat 10 DRMC patients and 15 Eisenhower Health patients. JFK Memorial Hospital requests fewer TA treatments for its patients but is still an important community partner that will benefit from our Coachella Valley-based program. We expect to treat 1 JFK patients each year. LifeStream's therapeutic apheresis team will work with staff and physicians at all three facilities to ensure patients' needs are met.

All Coachella Valley hospitals sign a multi-year exclusive contract with LifeStream to provide therapeutic apheresis services which guarantees the volume needed to ensure a financially sustainable program. They also pay a service fee to LifeStream for every therapeutic apheresis procedure performed at their hospital, provide free space for LifeStream to perform TA procedures, and store our equipment when needed. The service fee includes a positive financial margin to LifeStream that helps finance the ongoing expenses of this program through perpetuity. This is why we are not asking our hospital partners to provide an upfront portion of the funding for the start-up of this Coachella Valley program.

Line Item Budget Operational Costs

PROGRAM OPERATIONS		Total Program/Project Budget	Funds from Other Sources Detail on sheet 3	Amount Requested from DHCD
Total Staffing Costs Detail on sheet 2		125943		0
Equipment (itemize)				
1	Optia Machine	70000		70000
2	Blood Warmer and Infusion Pump	7000		7000
3	CAPR (hood) and Supply Cart	3000		3000
4	Modified van for transportation	60000		60000
Supplies (itemize)				
1	Kits	24000		0
2	Saline & Misc supplies	4800		0
3				0
4				0
Printing/Duplication				0
Mailing/Postage				0
Travel/Mileage		990		0
Education/Training				0
Office/Rent/Mortgage		525		0
Telephone/Fax/Internet				0
Utilities				0
Insurance				0
Other facility costs not described above (itemize)				
1	Credentialing	750		0
2				0
3				0
4				0
Other program costs not described above (itemize)				
1	Equipment Rental	3510		0
2				0
3				0
4				0
Total Program Budget		300518	0	140000

Line Item Budget Staffing Costs

Staff Salaries		Annual Salary	% of Time Allocated to Program	Actual Program Salary	Amount of Salary Paid by DHCD Grant
Employee Position/Title					
1	Director Clinical Services	\$ 140,608.00	15%	\$ 21,091.20	0
2	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 91,520.00	15%	\$ 13,728.00	
3	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 13,000.00	15%	\$ 1,950.00	
4	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 105,830.40	15%	\$ 15,874.56	
5	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 106,641.60	15%	\$ 15,996.24	
6	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 108,596.80	15%	\$ 16,289.52	
7	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 65,931.84	15%	\$ 9,889.78	
8	Therapeutic Apheresis RN	\$ 13,738.40	15%	\$ 2,060.76	
Total Employee Benefits				\$ 29,064.02	
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs				Total ›	\$125,943.34
Budget Narrative	TA RN's will perform therapeutic procedures in clinical settings (e.g. acute, critical care, out-patient) at Coachella Valley hospitals using various venous access devices, including peripheral phlebotomy. TA RNs perform procedures as ordered, monitor patient status and make appropriate interventions to reduce adverse reactions. They coordinate with hospital staff as needed, and ensure that complete documentation is recorded. TA RNs also perform central venous catheter (CVC) care as required during performance of therapeutic procedures. TA procedures at the 3 Coachella Valley hospitals represents 15% of our business.				
Budget Narrative	Benefits include Health, Life and Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation, Paid Time Off, 403b Contribution Match. Approximately 30% of salary is the average used to calculate the total cost amount for benefits.				
Professional Services / Consultants		Hourly Rate	Hours/Week	Monthly Fee	Fees Paid by DHCD Grant
Company and Staff Title					
1	None				
2					
3					
4					
5					
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs				Total ›	0
Budget Narrative	N/A				

Line Item Budget
Other Program Funds

Other funding received (actual or projected) SPECIFIC to this program/project		Amount
Fees		
Donations		0
Grants (List Organizations)		
	1	N/A
	2	
	3	
	4	
Fundraising (describe nature of fundraiser)		
	1	N/A
	2	
Other Income, e.g., bequests, membership dues, in-kind services, investment income, fees from other agencies, etc. (Itemize)		
	1	N/A
	2	
	3	
	4	
Total funding in addition to DHCD request		0
Budget Narrative	LifeStream is not seeking funding for the equipment for this program from other sources. Rationale is provided in Section 7 of the grant application.	

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 1 of 3

Executive Summary: 9
Community Need and Alignment: 10
Goals: 8
Proposed Evaluation Plan: 9
Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 10
Organizational Sustainability: 9
Budget: 9
Key Partners/Collaborations: 9

Total Score: 73.00

Reviewer Comments:

Lifestream Blood Bank is the only healthcare organization in the CV that currently provides Therapeutic Apheresis services for critically ill patients DRMC, EMC, and JFK. This specialized medical procedure removes harmful component's of the patient's blood and replaces the harmful components with either albumin or other blood products. The TA procedure is so specialized and provided by Lifestream is because the hospitals themselves do not have the clinical TA experience or trained staff to perform these life-saving procedures for patients in acute critical condition. The TA equipment and staff dedicated to CV patients will ensure that these patients will not have to be transported to a distance medical facility for an apheresis treatment.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 18.5 (2 of 2)
Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 70.666666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 37 (2 of 2)
Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 212 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 89/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 2 of 3

- Executive Summary:** 9
- Community Need and Alignment:** 8
- Goals:** 8
- Proposed Evaluation Plan:** 8
- Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure:** 9
- Organizational Sustainability:** 9
- Budget:** 8
- Key Partners/Collaborations:** 9

Total Score: 68.00

Reviewer Comments:
LifeStream Blood Bank is the sole provider of the life-saving Therapeutic Apheresis procedure in the Coachella Valley in partnership with the three local hospitals. District funds will provide LifeStream Blood Bank with the ability to purchase TA equipment and a speciality vehicle to increase access to the TA procedure to patients across the Coachella Valley.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:
Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 18.5 (2 of 2)
Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 70.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:
Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 37 (2 of 2)
Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 212 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 89/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 3 of 3

Executive Summary: 9

Community Need and Alignment: 9

Goals: 9

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 8

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 9

Organizational Sustainability: 9

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 9

Total Score: 71.00

Reviewer Comments:

The project proposal submitted by the Blood bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, endeavors to continue to provide Therapeutic Apheresis (TA) services for Coachella Valley residents who are critically ill are hospitalized. As a long term provider of these services, this project seeks to expand services with a specific Coachella Valley (LifeStream) TA unit dedicated to this community. These units provide TA services to 20 -25 patients who will review multiple sessions (5) with this device. Local hospitals will pay a fee for these services and will provide a space for use. Hospital staff are not trained to implement the TA services (Therapeutic Plasma Exchange and Red Cell Depletion/Exchange) to patients who are usually in critical condition. A dedicated vehicle will also be designated through this funding to transport the TA machine to local hospitals as needed.

This project aligns with DHCD Strategic Plan Goal 2 (Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services), Strategy 2.3 (Provide funding support and evaluation to community organizations providing expanded mobile primary and specialty care services).

This project will serve adults and older adults in the CV community through the efforts of (6) registered nurses who are specifically trained to provide TA services and a Director who will oversee the progress of this project.

The evaluation of the progress gains associated with this project will be tracked through an internal tracing system that will monitor TA requests between hospital locations, the time between the request and actual services and any the relation to the project anticipated goals.

Grant Scoring Review

The Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties has cultivated partnerships with multiple local hospitals (DRMC, JFK and Eisenhower Health) to provide TA services to critical care patients in need utilizing an expedited response platform to meet this need area successfully.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

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Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 70.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

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Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 1 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 10

Financial Stability: 9

Total Score: 19.00

Reviewer Comments: Fiduciary Compliance - 10

The FY 06/30/21 audit report is unmodified. The Board of Directors accepted the audit report.

Audit report Current Ratio is strong (5:1), which represents the grantee's ability to pay its short-term liabilities.

The Net Assets increased by \$212M as of 6/30/21, with Total Net Assets of \$771M. Internal financial statements, as of 4/30/22, demonstrates a loss of \$2M, predominantly due to an unrealized loss on investments. The Balance Sheet is strong.

Financial Stability - 9

Grantee demonstrates a sound financial position.

Grantee has diversified internal resources for this project of approximately \$300k. The District's grant of \$140,000 is supported by other internal resources.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

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Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 37 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 212 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 89/100

Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 2 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 9

Total Score: 18.00

Reviewer Comments: Unmodified consolidated financial audit approved by Board. Positive cash flow not noted for prior fiscal year. Consolidated assets sufficient to meet consolidated liabilities. Strategic plan in place detailing multiple ways to increase funding in short term through 2024. Project budget is reasonable in relation to overall organizational budget.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 18.5 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 70.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 37 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 212 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 89/100



Date: October 11, 2022

To: Program Committee

Subject: Grant # 1362 Jewish Family Service of the Desert

Grant Request:

Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents

Amount Requested: \$160,000.00

Project Period: 11/1/2022 to 10/31/2024

Project Description and Use of District Funds:

Jewish Family Services of the Desert (JFS) has provided counseling services to thousands of individuals, couples, and families since 1999 and is now one of the Valley's largest nonprofit counseling agencies. A high proportion of residents are from households with low incomes and few resources to treat behavioral health issues. Its commitment to the community is illustrated by its promise to offer counseling to all who request it regardless of ability to pay.

District funds would specifically support personnel costs, enabling JFS to continue serving those most in need by (a) providing mental health counseling services – including in Spanish, if preferred or required – for 1,344 clients ages 6 and above; (b) administering depression scales to all adult counseling clients; and (c) ensuring that all adult counseling clients are aware of case management services, including emergency financial assistance. This support will also allow JFS to launch the "Hole Soul to Whole Soul" support group, which partners with teens and their parents or guardians to educate and address mental health struggles most pertinent to community youth.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goals #3 Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services

Strategy 3.2 Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations to support an increase in the number of days and hours of operation of behavioral/mental health services (Priority: High)



Strategy 3.4 Provide funding support to Community-Based Organizations providing tele-behavioral/mental health services (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.7 Collaborate/Partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally sensitive behavioral/mental health services (Priority: Moderate)

Geographic Area(s) Served: All District Areas

Action by Program Committee: (Please select one)

- Full recommendation and forward to the Board for consideration with the Committee's recommendation that a grant amount of \$160,000.00 be approved.
- Recommendation with modifications
- Decline



Grant Application Summary

Jewish Family Service of the Desert, Grant #1362

About the Organization

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Organization History and Mission

Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) has provided an array of counseling and social services to Coachella Valley residents since 1982. Core services include (1) low- to no-cost, in-person and telecare mental health counseling; (2) case management services that assist with connecting to available benefits such as CalFresh, LIHEAP and others, and offer needs-based emergency financial assistance for necessities such as overdue rent and utilities, food and medication; (3) Let's Do Lunch! senior education and socialization program in five locations; (4) Cafe Europa education and socialization program for our local Holocaust survivors; (5) monthly food distribution program to JFS clients in several locations; (6) "well-check" phone calls to isolated seniors assessing physical and mental health and offering connections to needed services; and (7) volunteer-based transportation services for medical appointments. JFS is guided by a mission to provide for the social service needs of the Jewish and general community throughout the greater Coachella Valley with a commitment to promote the well-being of people of all ages, incomes, and lifestyles. Its services are available to all without discrimination in English and Spanish, and more than 93% of those served are from backgrounds other than Judaism.

Organization Annual Budget: \$2,221,260.00

Historical (approved Requests)

Grant Year	Project Title	Grant Amount	Type	Disposition Date	Fund
1998	grant # 199-028	\$3,000	Grant	6/30/1999	
1998	grant # 199-007	\$25,000	Grant	6/30/1999	
1999	grant # 2000-016	\$12,450	Grant	6/30/2000	
1999	grant 2000-007-p	\$25,000	Grant	6/30/2000	
2000	grant # 2001-095	\$25,000	Grant	6/30/2001	
2000	grant 2001-044	\$3,000	Grant	6/30/2001	
2002	Grant Writer	\$0	Grant	7/23/2002	
2002	PHI: Mental Health Collaborative	\$0	Grant	1/28/2003	
2003	Solutions for Seniors (geriatric case management)	\$10,000	Grant	6/15/2004	Grant budget
2003	DMHC - Preventive Health Initiative continuation project.	\$62,601	Grant	6/22/2004	
2006	Nightengale Manor - Supportive Services	\$117,595	Grant	11/28/2006	Grant budget
2007	Case Management & Supportive Services for Families at Nightengale Manor	\$110,636	Grant	1/22/2008	Grant budget
2008	Solutions for Seniors - summer food distribution	\$2,500	Grant	8/4/2008	Grant budget
2008	Nightengale Manor Supportive Case Management	\$107,964	Grant	1/27/2009	Grant budget
2008	Alleviating food insecurity for District residents in need	\$5,000	Food Assistance	2/23/2009	Grant budget
2010	Alleviating Food Insecurity for District Residents	\$5,000	Food Assistance	8/26/2010	Grant budget
2010	KidsFirst	\$44,905	Improving Lives	1/25/2011	Grant budget
2012	Mental Health Counseling Program for Low Income Coachella Valley Residents	\$60,000	Achievement Building	11/27/2012	Grant budget
2012	KidsFirst Healthy Life Project	\$75,000	Grant	6/25/2013	Grant budget
2013	Mental Health Counseling Program for Low Income Coachella Valley Residents	\$95,000	Grant	5/27/2014	Grant budget
2015	Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Services for Low	\$497,411	Achievement Building	11/17/2015	Grant budget

	Income Coachella Valley Residents				
2019	Preventing Homelessness Among Coachella Valley Residents with Low Incomes	\$89,855	Grant	9/10/2019	
2020	Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents	\$80,000	Grant	2/24/2021	

Project Information

Project Title:

Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents

Start Date: 11/1/2022 **End Date:** 10/31/2024

Term: 24 months

Total Project Budget: \$2,540,261

Requested Amount: \$160,000

Executive Summary:

JFS has provided counseling services to thousands of individuals, couples, and families since 1999 and is now one of the Valley's largest nonprofit counseling agencies. District funds will support personnel costs, enabling JFS to continue serving those most in need by (a) providing mental health counseling services – including in Spanish, if preferred or required – for 1,344 clients ages 6 and above; (b) administering depression scales to all adult counseling clients; and (c) ensuring that all adult counseling clients are aware of case management services, including emergency financial assistance. In FY21, 750 JFS clients received counseling services. Approximately 49% were White, 43% Hispanic/Latino, 5% Black, 2% Asian, and 2% Multiracial. An estimated 10% identified as LGBTQ, and 12-15% were Spanish speakers. Around 83% were from households with incomes at 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Upon initiating treatment, therapists conduct comprehensive bio-psychosocial assessments to determine clinical needs. JFS utilizes evidence-based psychotherapy techniques, primarily Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), exploring thought patterns that lead to self-destructive actions. This type of therapy facilitates clients' ability to modify thinking patterns to improve coping skills. Therapists work with clients to develop individualized treatment plans; identify mutually agreed upon goals, behavioral outcomes, and projected treatment duration; and monitor progress as clients attend an average of 7 sessions.

The project's success will be defined by providing affordable access to quality mental health care for all Coachella Valley residents. JFS's counseling program is measured by achieving objectives and positive mental health outcomes. Counseling benchmarks include attendance at a minimum of three sessions and improvement of symptoms. JFS's Electronic Health Record (EHR) database tracks demographics, sessions, identification and achievement of treatment goals, and progress notes. This data is

compiled bi-annually. Treatment goal achievements are reported at year-end. Client satisfaction data will be gathered via a JotForm survey sent to clients upon discharge.

JFS utilizes tools consistent with the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD 10), including the Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD 7) scale, the Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS), and the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ9), which are collected at intake and every subsequent sixth session and recorded in the database. Outcome measurements are monitored by JFS therapists, with challenging or otherwise compelling results brought to the attention of the Clinical Director. Weekly Clinical update meetings allow for the sharing of ideas and tools in order to offer all clients an opportunity to improve.

Community Need for the Project:

The California Healthy Places Index (HPI) shows that the Coachella Valley contains high concentrations of poverty, people of color, LGBTQ individuals, and people needing mental health support. In its 2019 Community Health Survey, Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC) found that the region has one of the nation's highest per capita rates of adults identifying as LGBTQ (15%, compared to 7% statewide), and nearly 52% identified as Hispanic/Latino. Approximately 43.4% were living with incomes below 200% of the poverty level, and 27% of adults were uninsured. In its 2019 Mental & Behavioral Health Assessment, HARC reported that 28.6% of adults were diagnosed with mental health disorders and that 41.4% of area children have experienced one or more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) related to household instability—potentially traumatic events including parental divorce, mental illness in the household, incarceration of a household member, and substance abuse in the household—putting them at high risk of poor long-term health outcomes. Unfortunately, the pandemic has exacerbated these issues. In HARC's COVID-19 Needs Assessment, 60.2% of participants reported being under increased stress. Of the 37% affected financially, 45% reported struggling to pay rent/mortgage, and 38% had difficulty paying utilities. The situation is compounded by a shortage of counselors in the region (68.4 providers per 100,000 residents, compared to 157 per 100,000 statewide) and the high cost of therapy.

Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) provides low- or no-cost mental health counseling services to address these needs. Services are provided on a sliding scale for those without insurance, with no one turned away for inability to pay. Support from Desert Healthcare District & Foundation (DHCD/F) will enable JFS to provide access to mental health services for 1,344 clients annually, as well as connect clients in need to case management services, including emergency financial assistance.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goals #3 Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services

Strategy 3.2 Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations to support an increase in the number of days and hours of operation of behavioral/mental health services (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.4 Provide funding support to Community-Based Organizations providing tele-behavioral/mental health services (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.7 Collaborate/Partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally sensitive behavioral/mental health services (Priority: Moderate)

Project Description and Use of District funds:

JFS has provided counseling services to thousands of individuals, couples, and families since 1999 and is now one of the Valley's largest nonprofit counseling agencies. A high proportion of residents are from households with low incomes and few resources to treat behavioral health issues. Its commitment to the community is illustrated by its promise to offer counseling to all who request it regardless of ability to pay. This past fiscal year, JFS offered nearly 650 free sessions to 112 clients, and 28 clients received assistance with their insurance copayments.

JFS therapists help people confront mental illness, anxiety, depression, partner/marital conflict, divorce, death and grieving, domestic violence, alcohol/drug addiction, job stress, child abuse, and senior abuse, among others. Upon initiating treatment, therapists conduct comprehensive bio-psychosocial assessments to formulate a diagnosis in compliance with the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder (DSM-V). JFS utilizes evidence-based psychotherapy techniques, primarily focusing on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), exploring thought patterns that lead to self-destructive actions. This type of therapy facilitates patients' ability to modify thinking patterns to improve coping skills. Therapists work with clients to develop individualized treatment plans; identify mutually agreed upon goals, behavioral outcomes, and projected treatment duration; and monitor progress. As previously noted, JFS counseling clients average 7.3 sessions per year, but this is just an average. Client need varies widely, as does duration of treatment. Counseling requires that providers be dynamic and empathetic while requiring boundaries and expectations. There are no clinical timetables, but speedy progress is always a goal.

District funds will support personnel costs, enabling JFS to continue providing mental health counseling services for Coachella Valley residents, administering assessment and treatment that allows clients to make progress in their mental health and achieve their goals. This support will also allow JFS to launch the "Hole Soul to Whole Soul" support group, which partners with teens and their parents or guardians to educate and address mental health struggles most pertinent to community youth.

Currently in the final steps of development, "Hole Soul to a Whole Soul" represents a collaboration between the JFS clinical team and Harriet Rosetto, co-founder of the Los Angeles-based Beit T'Shuvah residential substance abuse treatment program. The goal of "Hole Soul to a Whole Soul" is to help youth and their parents/guardians recalibrate ideas of success, fulfillment, and happiness. As a young person's goals, circumstances, and resulting decisions change, many feel they have "failed" by not creating the life they or their families expected. This non-denominational group will guide the family unit to understanding that, regardless of one's vocation, status, or standing, they can still offer something meaningful and unique to their families and communities. Topics include self-care, decision making, substance awareness, perfectionism, social media, and spiritual growth. JFS hopes that helping youth and their parents redefine satisfaction and happiness will lead to a reduction in depression and anxiety for both participating youth and their parents or guardians. "Hole Soul to Whole Soul" will utilize JFS resources to

strengthen community understanding and access to resources, helping combat stigma that surrounds mental health and seeking treatment.

Description of the Target Population (s):

JFS serves eastern Riverside County's greater Coachella Valley area, and client demographics closely reflect that of the entire community. The Valley's population is distinct from surrounding areas. Its diversity stems from its popularity as a vacation and retirement destination, resulting in a large hospitality industry and an exceptionally high proportion of older adults; its agricultural base, drawing immigrants seeking work; and the high per capita rate of LGBTQ community members.

Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC) found in its 2019 Community Health Survey that approximately 43.4% of the Coachella Valley’s 429,860 adult residents live with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level. According to the California Healthy Places Index, families with children under age 18 in Riverside County are more likely to live below the poverty line (17.4%, compared to 16.7% statewide). These issues have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly for seniors living on fixed incomes and adults earning low wages in the service industry and agricultural jobs, industries hit hard by pandemic-related financial fallout.

The Coachella Valley Community Health Survey reports that Coachella Valley has an adult population of 429,860 that is 51.7% Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, 3% African American, 1% Asian, and 3% Native American [Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC), 2019]. Among the Valley's 88,360 children, 51.9% are Hispanic/Latino.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

All District Areas

Age Group:

- (06-17) Children
- (18-24) Youth
- (25-64) Adults
- (65+) Seniors

Total Number of District Residents Served:

Direct: 2688

Indirect: 10752

The average household size of JFS counseling clients is over 4 persons. We believe the provision of counseling services to 2688 clients directly will at least affect all those in the household. $2688 \times 4 = 10,752$

Project Goals and Evaluation

Goal #1: For the grant term of 11/1/2022 through 10/31/2024 JFS will provide	Evaluation #1: JFS’s EHR database tracks demographics, sessions, identification and achievement of
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<p>low- or no-cost mental health counseling services for 1,344 unduplicated clients per year for two years. (2,688 over the grant term)</p>	<p>treatment goals, and progress notes. JFS front office and clinical personnel are tasked with entering information into the EHR in a timely fashion, ensuring the agency's ability to produce accurate reports when needed. JFS also enjoys significant volunteer and intern support of both the front office and finance departments, reducing input time while allowing JFS staff to engage more closely with clients and colleagues.</p>
<p>Goal #2: For the grant term of 11/1/2022 through 10/31/2024 at least 70% of JFS's adult mental health clients (847 clients) each year will attend three or more counseling sessions.</p>	<p>Evaluation #2: JFS personnel work together to confirm client participation, noting session completion in the agency's EHR. Attendance of at least three counseling sessions is deemed an important benchmark, representing client engagement and ongoing effort to offer meaningful support. Continued attendance also provides a snapshot of agency scheduling and billing efforts, believing that failure to offer clients timely sessions and/or delaying billing well past the date of service will negatively impact client participation. While attaining clinical goals is perceived as more important than the exact number of sessions required to realize them, attending at least three sessions is an important goal for which use of the EHR will be key in determining agency success.</p>
<p>Goal #3: For the grant term of 11/1/2022 through 10/31/2024 JFS therapists will administer a depression scale to 100% of adult counseling clients (1,210 clients) annually.</p>	<p>Evaluation #3: Depression scales are administered to adult clients at intake and at four and eight weeks after counseling begins, and at the therapist's discretion, to monitor clinical progress. JFS depression scale scores are integrated into the EHR, which aids in the efficiency of reporting and use of data. The EHR also alerts clinical and administrative staff if a scale has not been issued, ensuring the timely gathering of clinical data.</p>
<p>Goal #4: In FY23, JFS will launch the "Hole Soul to a Whole Soul" group, which will engage with at least 10 local youth.</p>	<p>Evaluation #4: Once curriculum is finalized, promotional efforts will take place, in the first quarter of FY23. Group availability is expected within the second quarter of FY23, and youth attendance will be tracked utilizing the agency's electronic health record.</p>

<p>Goal #5: For the grant term of 11/1/2022 through 10/31/2024: JFS will ensure that 100% of adult mental health clients (1,210 clients) are aware of case management services, including emergency financial assistance.</p>	<p>Evaluation #5: JFS has integrated its mental health and case management programs to provide greater levels of service for counseling clients. JFS therapists actively refer clients to case managers for additional support. Additionally, JFS case managers have an increased level of commitment from therapists to address any behavioral health issues identified. Using this model, JFS case managers have been able to refer clients to the counseling program, increasing the likelihood of compliance to instruction, improving communication, and creating better outcomes for both case management and mental health clients. JFS clinicians discuss case management services with all clients. Since this information is included in clinical notes, progress toward this goal will be monitored through ongoing discussions with the clinical team and the agency’s Clinical Director, in addition to review of client records.</p>
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Proposed Project Evaluation Plan

Success of the proposed project will be defined by providing affordable access to quality mental health care for all Coachella Valley residents. JFS’s counseling program is measured by achieving objectives and positive mental health outcomes. Counseling benchmarks include attendance at a minimum of three sessions and meeting treatment goals. Quantitative evaluation is primarily measured through reports generated from the JFS EHR database, developed, and maintained by Welligent, Inc. This data is compiled bi-annually, and treatment goal achievements are reported at year-end. Qualitative evaluation is based on processes that are consistent with the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD 10), including the Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD 7) scale, the Primary Care-PTSD (PC-PTSD) screen, the CAGE Adapted to Include Drugs (CAGE-AID) screen, the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), and the Depression Scale for Children (CES-DC). The PC-PTSD and CAGE-AID screening tools are used at admission, while the GAD-7 and PHQ-9 tools are utilized at periodic times during the course of treatment and recorded in the database. Outcome measurements are monitored by individual clinicians and agency management, and any unexpected outcomes brought to the monthly clinical roundtable for discussion.

Success will also be measured anecdotally: Will clients remain stable, reducing their need for JFS counseling and/or case management support? Will the “Hole Soul to a Whole Soul” cohort complete the program and improve clinically? A successful outcome will be a reduction in repeat requests for counseling and/or case management services.

Organizational Capacity and Sustainability

Organizational Capacity

JFS has served the Coachella Valley community for 40 years and was established to meet the Coachella Valley's significant unmet need for social services. JFS professional staff includes licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, Masters' level counselors, drug and alcohol treatment specialists, and geriatric care managers. Multiple bilingual staff members are available to assist Spanish-speaking clients, and 10 clinicians offer counseling services. In fiscal year 2021, 14 full-time and 4 part-time staff, along with approximately 300 volunteers, served 2,667 Coachella Valley residents across all programs.

JFS also works with several U.S.-based universities to offer clinical internship positions. Under the supervision of a licensed therapist, clinical associates are able to offer sound, culturally sensitive counseling to clients who are utilizing the agency's sliding cash fee scale or to those who are receiving agency-provided scholarships, making it possible to connect with a JFS therapist regardless of ability to pay.

Organizational Sustainability:

JFS has been serving the Coachella Valley since 1982 and has offered mental health counseling since 1999. The need for outpatient mental health services is expected to increase with population growth and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the JFS strategic plan calls for offering needs-based community services. JFS continues to work with multiple sources of reimbursement, including Medicare, Medi-Cal, and private insurance providers, and sustainability is strengthened by varied funding sources — including grants, fundraising, and client fees — decreasing the organization's vulnerability to reduced support from a single funder. JFS will continue to seek additional corporate, foundation, and municipal grants to support this vital program for Coachella Valley residents. In recent years, the program's value has been recognized through increased funder support, including grants from Anderson Children's Foundation, Annenberg Foundation, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Champions Volunteer Foundation, Community Foundation's Seraphim Fund, Fogelson Family Foundation, Jewish Federation of the Desert, Kaiser Permanente, Regional Access Project Foundation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and United Way of the Desert, as well as the Desert Healthcare District. In the event of funding gaps, agency general operating funds may be called upon to support the provision of this much-needed community service.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

How does your organization address diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels?

The JFS Nominating Committee is tasked with identifying potential Board candidates, and an emphasis has been placed on nominating persons who represent the agency's stakeholders. Further, any staff person can now make a nomination, and staff are encouraged to nominate members of the community with whom they interact who understand the organization's mission. JFS instituted this process to intentionally identify a more diverse list of nominees and thus create a more diverse Board. The executive staff is made up of six persons with diverse backgrounds, and equal

representation will be considered in the event a need to replace or add executive staff arises.

Recently, the agency created a plan to increase its recognition in the community in an effort to expand its stakeholders and the pool of potential Board members, with a goal to make the Board more reflective of the community in which we serve. The plan served as the basis for an application requesting grant support to supplement funds the agency has already committed to this effort, illustrating the agency's commitment to ensuring an appropriately diverse Board of Directors.

If your organization is not currently addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels, please explain the barriers, such as knowledge, financial investment, capacity, etc., that are preventing you from doing so. N/A

Partnerships:

Key Partners:

JJFS has focused its efforts on providing better access to mental health services in the Coachella Valley, capitalizing on its extensive community relationships with local school districts, hospitals, public health departments, and nonprofit service providers to effectively target those most in need. For mental health counseling, JFS receives referrals from local Boys and Girls Clubs, local churches and temples, and the Palm Springs Unified School District. JFS also receives counseling referrals via contracts with Medicare, Molina Health Care, Inland Empire Health Plan, Healthnet/MHN, Blue Shield, Cigna, Kaiser, SCAN, and United Healthcare Med Advantage Plans. Referrals for counseling are also generated through word of mouth, often through testimonials provided by past clients and/or their parents.

In order to expand accessibility of its services, JFS has partnered with the LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert to create a designated space in the Center Coachella facility where JFS clients can connect to telecare counseling sessions and/or JFS case managers securely and privately. In collaboration with Get in Motion Entrepreneurs and Inland Equity Partnership, JFS has also expanded its mental health services to better serve the migrant community through free telecare counseling and stigma-busting educational resources. Most recently, JFS began a Let's Do Lunch program at the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center, offering their members and the community an increased understanding of available JFS services. Beyond its own services, JFS takes part in several initiatives designed to lead current and plan future behavioral healthcare services. Members of its leadership team lead the local Senior Collaborative, sit on the Coachella Valley Resource Collaborative steering committee, and serve as part of the Coachella Valley Behavioral Health Initiative, sponsored by the District, RUHS-BH, and Supervisor Perez's office.

Line Item Budget Project Operational Costs

PROJECT OPERATIONS		Total Project Budget	Funds from Other Sources Detail on sheet 3	Amount Requested from DHCD
Total Staffing Costs Detail on sheet 2		\$ 2,275,425.70	\$ 2,115,425.70	\$ 160,000.00
Equipment (itemize)				
1	Leasing/maint alloc of office equipt	\$ 13,478	\$ 13,478	\$ -
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Supplies (itemize)				
1	Program/office supplies	\$ 6,158	\$ 6,158	\$ -
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Printing / Duplication		\$ 1,676	\$ 1,676	\$ -
Mailing / Postage		\$ 4,449	\$ 4,449	\$ -
Travel / Mileage (use current Federal mileage rate)		\$ 3,031	\$ 3,031	\$ -
Education / Training		\$ 2,815	\$ 2,815	\$ -
* Items listed below are included for calculation of the total project budget only. For use of DHCD funds, these line items would be included in the allowable 10% indirect cost rate.				
Office / Rent / Mortgage*		\$ 121,341	\$ 121,341	\$ -
Telephone / Fax / Internet*		\$ 28,025	\$ 28,025	\$ -
Utilities*		\$ 4,449	\$ 4,449	\$ -
Insurance*		\$ 24,527	\$ 24,527	\$ -
Other direct project costs not described above (itemize)				
1	Program Outreach	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ -
2	Electronic Health Record System	\$ 28,751	\$ 28,751	\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Indirect Cost Rate - Maximum of 10% Allowed				
Total Project Budget (Rounded up to nearest dollar)		\$ 2,520,726	\$ 2,360,726	\$ 160,000
Budget Narrative	a) Equipment: Total organization (2-year) Leasing/Equipment maintenance cost \$21,043 x 64% (Mental Health program allocation of agency costs); b) Program/Office Supplies: Total agency (2-year) Office Supplies \$10,262 x 64% allocation; c) Printing/Duplication: Total agency (2-year) Copying/General Printing cost \$2,617 x 64% allocation; d) Mailing/Postage: Total agency (2-year) Postage cost \$6,946 x 64% allocation; e) Travel/Mileage: Total agency (2-year) mileage cost \$9,350 x 64% allocation; f) Education/Training: Total agency (2-year) travel and training costs \$4,123 x 64%; g) Office/Rent/Mortgage: Total agency (2-year) Rent cost \$189,447 x 64% allocation; h) Telephone/Fax/Internet: Total agency (2-year) Telephone cost \$38,709 x 65% allocation; i) Utilities: Total agency (2-year) utility cost \$6,946 x 64% allocation; j) Insurance: Total agency (2-year) Insurance cost \$38,293 x 64% allocation; k) Program Outreach: Total agency (2-year) Community outreach cost \$10,305 x 64% allocation; l) Other Program Costs: Total program (2-year) Electronic Health Record System cost \$28,751.			

Line Item Budget Staffing Costs

Staff Salaries		Annual Salary (x2)	% of Time Allocated to Project	Total Project Salary	Amount Requested from DHCD
Employee Position/Title					
1	Cliniical Director, LMFT	\$ 239,433	95%	227,461	\$ 32,000
2	Clinician, LCSW1	\$ 236,655	100%	236,655	\$ 26,000
3	Clinician, LMFT1	\$ 112,413	100%	112,413	\$ 12,000
4	Clinician, LCSW2	\$ 159,470	100%	159,470	\$ 18,000
5	Clinician, LMFT2	\$ 183,053	100%	183,053	\$ 20,000
6	Clinician, LMFT3	\$ 225,289	100%	225,289	\$ 26,000
7	Clinician, LMFT (TBH)	\$ 101,882	100%	101,882	
8	Clinician, LMFT4	\$ 31,093	100%	31,093	\$ 2,000
9	Clinician, LCSW3	\$ 70,999	100%	70,999	\$ 8,000
10	Clinician, LCSW4	\$ 66,827	100%	66,827	\$ 8,000
11	Clinician, LMFT5	\$ 53,894	100%	53,894	\$ 8,000
12	Program Support - Exec Dir	\$ 285,516	25%	71,379	
13	Program Support - IT & Ops	\$ 212,813	60%	127,688	
14	Program Support - Client Svcs	\$ 111,778	100%	111,778	
15	Program Support - Intake	\$ 117,326	100%	117,326	
16	Program Support - Records	\$ 123,944	100%	123,944	
17	Program Support - Fin Svcs	\$ 251,085	40%	100,434	
18	Program Support - Administrator	\$ 180,990	85%	153,842	
19				-	
Total Employee Benefits / Employer Taxes - proportional fringe costs and/or employer taxes based on % of time allocated to project				-	-
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs			Total >	\$ 2,275,425.70	\$ 160,000.00
Budget Narrative	<p>1) Clinical Director - provides psychotherapy counseling and program oversight; Clinician, LCSW1 - provides psychotherapy counseling and supervision of MSW/MFT interns; LMFT1 - provides psychotherapy counseling; LCSW2 - provides psychotherapy counseling; LMFT2 - provides psychotherapy counseling; LMFT3 - provides psychotherapy counseling and supervision of MSW/MFT interns; (tbh) - provides psychotherapy counseling; provides psychotherapy counseling (part-time); provides psychotherapy counseling (part-time); provides psychotherapy counseling (part-time); psychotherapy counseling (part-time); oversight; support of EHR system; client services; support in client intake process; medical records; financial services; medical billing and client management.</p> <p>2) 3) Clinician, 4) Clinician, 5) Clinician, 6) Clinician, 7) Clinician, LMFT 8) Clinician, LMFT4 - 9) Clinician, LCSW3 - 10) Clinician, LSCW4 - 11) Clinician, LMFT5 - provides 12) Exec Dir - provides program 13) Dir IT & Ops - provides program 14) Frontdesk Coord - provides support in 15) Admissions Coord - provides program 16) Records Coord - provides program support in 17) Dir Fin, Acctg & Hr - provides program support in 18) Business Administrator - provides program support in</p>				

Line Item Budget
Staffing Costs

Budget Narrative	1) Clinical Director = \$90,760 salary (yr1) + \$96,297 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution) x 95% (allocated to Mental Health program); 2) Clinician, LCSW1 = \$89,920 salary (yr1) + \$94,966 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 3) Clinician, LMFT1 = \$42,690 salary (yr1) + \$45,132 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 4) Clinician, LCSW2 = \$60,554 salary (yr1) + \$64,032 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 5) Clinician, LMFT2 = \$69,470 salary (yr1) + \$73,540 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 6) Clinician, LMFT3 = \$85,480 salary (yr1) + \$90,526 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 7) Clinician, LMFT (tbh) = \$34,194 salary (yr1) + \$45,401 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 8) Clinician, LMFT4 (part-time) = \$13,342 salary (yr1) + \$14,156 (yr2) + 13.07% benefits (payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 9) Clinician, LCSW3 (part-time) = \$30,467 salary (yr1) + \$32,325 (yr2) + 13.07% benefits (payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 10) Clinician, LSCW4 (part-time) = \$28,677 salary (yr1) + \$30,426 (yr2) + 13.07% benefits (payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 11) Clinician, LMFT5 (part-time) = \$23,127 salary (yr1) + \$24,537 (yr2) + 13.07% benefits (payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 12) Exec Dir = \$108,229 salary (yr1) + \$114,831 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution) x 25% (allocated to Mental Health program); 13) Dir IT & Ops = \$80,670 salary (yr1) + \$85,591 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution) x 60% allocation; 14) Frontdesk Coord = \$42,503 salary (yr1) + \$44,824 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 15) Admissions Coord = \$44,474 salary (yr1) + \$47,187 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 16) Records Coord = \$46,983 salary (yr1) + \$49,849 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution); 17) Dir Fin, Acctg & Hr = \$95,309 salary (yr1) + \$100,852 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution) x 40% allocation; 18) Business Administrator = \$68,738 salary (yr1) + \$72,660 (yr2) + 28% benefits (health, payroll taxes, 403b ER contribution) x 85% allocation.				
Professional Services / Consultants		Hourly Rate	Hours/Week	Total Project Fee	Amount Requested from DHCD
Company and Staff Title					
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs			Total >	\$ -	\$ -
Budget Narrative	Please describe in detail the scope of work for each professional service/consultant on this grant.				

Line Item Budget Other Project Funds

Other funding received (actual or projected) SPECIFIC to this project. "Total funding in addition to DHCD request" below should match or exceed value listed in Section 1 for "Funds from Other Sources".			Amount
Fees			\$ 1,536,201
Donations			\$ 117,646
Grants (List Organizations)			
1	United Way of the Desert	\$	20,000
2	Jewish Federation	\$	35,000
3	Other Foundations Support	\$	255,000
4			
Fundraising (describe nature of fundraiser)			
1			
2			
Other Income, e.g., bequests, membership dues, in-kind services, investment income, fees from other agencies, etc. (Itemize)			
1	Agency operating funds	\$	699,573
2			
3			
4			
Total funding in addition to DHCD request			\$ 2,663,419.85
Budget Narrative	a) Projected program budget revenues for Fees from counseling \$1,536,201; b) Projected budget funding from Donations \$117,646; c) Projected program budget Grants funding from United Way of the Desert \$20,000; d) Projected program budget Grants funding from Jewish Federation \$35,000; e) Projected program budget Grants funding from all other foundations \$255,000; f) Projected budget funding from Agency operating funds \$699,573		

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 1 of 3

- Executive Summary:** 9
- Community Need and Alignment:** 10
- Goals:** 9
- Proposed Evaluation Plan:** 9
- Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure:** 10
- Organizational Sustainability:** 9
- Budget:** 9
- Key Partners/Collaborations:** 10

Total Score: 75.00

Reviewer Comments:

Lack of mental health services in the Coachella Valley is ongoing and a continued growing crisis, more so with the after effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Desert Healthcare District has supported JFS mental health counseling services over the past several years. We are impressed with the outstanding services provided by their highly skilled clinicians, resulting in evidence based outcomes that are replicated Valley-wide. Their therapists deal with variety of issues that affect all residents including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, grief and loss, marital conflict, among others. They have established their credibility as being a professional organization committed to providing critically needed mental health services to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

- Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 75.3333333333333333333333333333 (3 of 3)
- Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Sum of all Reviews:

- Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 226 (3 of 3)
- Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Total average proposal score: 94/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 2 of 3

Executive Summary: 10

Community Need and Alignment: 10

Goals: 10

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 9

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 10

Organizational Sustainability: 10

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 9

Total Score: 77.00

Reviewer Comments:

Jewish Family Services of the Desert (JFS) has proposed to expand awareness of and access to behavioral health services to adults and their household members living in the Coachella Valley. This identified high risk aspect of the community includes BIPOC, LGBTQ individuals and children who have been exposed to increased stress and trauma due to the pandemic. In an effort to address these needs, District funds would be directed towards the utilization of Evidence-Based Practices including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, assessment and screening tools to identify needs and track progress and a team of licensed mental health practitioners to provide the necessary support services. This project plans to provide services to approximately 2600 clients directly and up to 4 additional household members throughout the course of treatment expanding to over 10,000 over the project term.

This project aligns with DHCD Strategic Plan Goal #3 (Proactively expand access to behavioral/mental health services), Strategies 3.2, 3.4, and 3.7. The budget identifies the cost of the entire project of which the DHCD is being asked to fund a portion (direct staff positions).

JFS has an extended history as a provider of behavioral health services to the Coachella Valley and as such, understands the needs of this community and can accomplish the necessary outreach to achieve each of the primary goals associated with this project. Goal evaluation will be tracked and analyzed through the Welligent data collection process that will track client contacts and participation in scheduled therapy or support activities. This information is important as multiple contacts and participation in the identified activities increases treatment success.

Grant Scoring Review

JFS will partner with the LGBTQ Community Center if the Desert and will create a designated space in the Coachella facility to promote JFS clients utilizing telehealth counseling sessions as an additional mode of treatment access.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 75.3333333333333333333333333333 (3 of 3)

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Sum of all Reviews:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 226 (3 of 3)

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Total average proposal score: 94/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 3 of 3

Executive Summary: 10
Community Need and Alignment: 9
Goals: 9
Proposed Evaluation Plan: 9
Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 10
Organizational Sustainability: 10
Budget: 9
Key Partners/Collaborations: 8

Total Score: 74.00

Reviewer Comments:

JFS of the Desert has been a great resource for District residents seeking behavioral or mental health services for many years. They have a proven record and the capacity to impact more District residents. With the ever-growing need for behavioral or mental health services in the Coachella Valley, the District funds will enable JFS of the Desert to continue providing mental health counseling services for Coachella Valley residents.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 75.3333333333333333333333333333 (3 of 3)
Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Sum of all Reviews:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 226 (3 of 3)
Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Total average proposal score: 94/100

Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 1 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 10

Financial Stability: 9

Total Score: 19.00

Reviewer Comments: Unmodified financial audits reviewed and approved by Board. Organizational assets are more than sufficient to address liabilities. Positive cash flow noted on two years presented in audit. Strategic plan does detail future sources of funding but only covers up through 2022. Grant budget is reasonable in comparison with overall organizational budget.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 75.3333333333333333333333333333 (3 of 3)

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Sum of all Reviews:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 226 (3 of 3)

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Total average proposal score: 94/100

Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 2 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 10

Total Score: 19.00

Reviewer Comments: Fiduciary Compliance -

The FY 06/30/21 audit report is unmodified. The Board of Directors accepted the audit report.

Audit report Current Ratio is strong (7:1), which represents the grantee's ability to pay its short-term liabilities.

The Net Assets increased by \$424k as of 6/30/21, with Total Net Assets of \$2M. Internal financial statements, as of 6/30/22, demonstrates an increase of \$17k. The Balance Sheet is strong.

Financial Stability -

Grantee demonstrates a sound financial position. The project is in alignment with the 2019 Strategic Plan.

Grantee has diversified resources for this project of approximately \$2.5M. The District's grant of \$160,000 is well supported by potential other resources.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 75.3333333333333333333333333333 (3 of 3)

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Sum of all Reviews:

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 226 (3 of 3)

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Total average proposal score: 94/100



Date: October 11, 2022

To: Program Committee

Subject: Grant # 1358 Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District

Grant Request: School-Based Wellness Center Project

Amount Requested: \$110,000.00

Project Period: 11/1/2022 to 10/31/2023

Project Description and Use of District Funds:

To address the growing concern about the mental and behavioral health challenges facing the district's students, the Foundation of PSUSD, in a collaborative partnership with the Palm Springs Unified School District, will establish "wellness centers" at each of the district's five (5) high schools, five (5) middle schools, sixteen (16) elementary schools, and one (1) alternative school. A school-based "wellness center" is a safe place that supports the mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of a school's students. These "wellness centers" provide a comfortable setting for students to drop-in during their breaks to ask questions, get support, or just decompress. Students will be allowed to use these campus-based "wellness centers" before school, during recess, during lunch, and after school. Students will also be allowed to use these "wellness centers" during class times, with special permission from an administrator or teacher.

These "wellness centers" will serve as calm settings where students can engage in emotional management, talk to a trusted adult about any mental/behavioral challenge being faced by a student, engage in mindfulness and other experiences designed to address psychomotor agitation, and provide easy access to individual and group counseling.

To date, five "wellness centers" have been established and opened and two "wellness centers" are in the process of being established at schools throughout the Palm Springs Unified School District. Foundation of PSUSD's newest partner, Desert Health Care Network, has secured funding for one Wellness Center for \$25k. This funding will be allocated to cover the cost of retrofitting a room at Raymond Cree Middle School.

A grant from the Desert Healthcare District will be used to convert identified spaces at four (4) elementary schools (Bella Vista, Bubbling Wells, Cabot Yerxa, and Two Bunch



Palms) into "wellness centers." Specifically, grant funds will be used for furniture (e.g., modular workstations, comfortable seating, tables, chairs, shelving, etc.), as well as controllable and adjustable lighting, calming water features, and equipment (e.g., exercise mats, jump ropes, etc.) designed to assist students who are experiencing a psychomotor agitation event (e.g., pacing, fidgeting, fast talking, etc.).

The students who attend these schools (Title I schools that serve high-need student populations) are racially/ethnically diverse – approximately 82.5% are Hispanic, 7.8% are white, 5.8% are African-American, and 3.9% are other races/ethnicities. Approximately 34.3% of these students are classified as English Learner (EL) students. Further, 98.8% of these students are classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged and 91.8% are eligible for free and/or reduced cost meals.

The administrators, teachers, and staff at Bella Vista, Bubbling Wells, Cabot Yerxa, and Two Bunch Palms elementary schools will be provided with wellness-related training and restorative practice training. Restorative practice focuses on strengthening relationships between individuals, as well as strengthening the four types of social connections -- social integration, dyadic connectedness, structural connectedness, and direct connectedness. Social connection is vitally important in elementary school settings because high levels of social connection: 1) lower anxiety and depression, 2) help regulate emotions, 3) lead to higher self-esteem and empathy, and 4) improve immune systems. PSUSD is using restorative practice to help students identify behaviors, interactions, and approaches which help to build and maintain positive, healthy relationships; resolve difficulties; and repair harm where there has been conflict. Additionally, the district works with RUHS as a contractor for mental health services.

To ensure sustainability and, therefore, impact of the four (4) "wellness centers," the Palm Springs Unified School District has made a long-term commitment to fund all operational and staffing cost associated with all of the district's "wellness centers."

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services.

Strategy 3.3: Provide funding to community-based organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Desert Hot Springs



Action by Program Committee: (Please select one)

- Full recommendation and forward to the Board for consideration with the Committee's recommendation that a grant amount of \$110,000.00 be approved.
- Recommendation with modifications
- Decline



Grant Application Summary

Foundation Of Palm Springs Unified School District, Grant #1358

About the Organization

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Organization History and Mission

Established in 2008 to benefit the Palm Springs Unified School District (district) and governed by a 17-member Board of Directors, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District (organization) represents a strategic initiative of the district to close gaps in funding routinely encountered by public schools. The organization is charged with providing a sustainable stream of private funding – individual, group, business, and foundation donations, grants, and gifts – for the district's schools. The organization funds efforts that enhance education in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and art, as well as student wellness. To accomplish this, the organization uses multiple fundraising strategies (e.g., donor naming opportunities, major donors, grant-seeking, etc.). All efforts improve lives, increase student achievement, enable academic excellence, and strengthen the community through the furtherment of public education. The mission of the organization is to mobilize donors, teachers, parents, and community leaders/members to ensure the success of all of the district's students. By tapping into passion and power, the organization unites community leaders/members and joins forces with donors to fulfill the promise of public education and prepare every student for success. The organization operates multiple programs that range from small grants to large-scale school improvement initiatives.

Organization Annual Budget: \$780,000.00

Historical (approved Requests)

Grant Year	Project Title	Grant Amount	Type	Disposition Date	Fund
2017	Wellbeing 2018	\$5,000	Mini-Grant	7/17/2017	Grant budget

Project Information**Project Title:** School-Based Wellness Center Project**Start Date:** 11/1/2022 **End Date:** 10/31/2023**Term:** 12 months**Total Project Budget:** \$742,500**Requested Amount:** \$110,000**Executive Summary:**

The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District and the Palm Springs Unified School District have identified a growing concern about the mental/behavioral health challenges of the district's students. These challenges arise from a wide range of stressors (e.g., family struggles related to economic uncertainty, homelessness, etc.).

To address this concern, the organization, in a collaborative partnership with the district, will establish "wellness centers" at each of the district's schools. A school-based "wellness center" is a safe place that supports the mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of a school's students. These safe spaces are furnished with youth appropriate furnishings, comfortable seating, artwork, music, games, art supplies, and healthy snacks to make it a comfortable refuge for students to relax and share feelings.

The establishment of "wellness centers" at each of the district's schools will provide students with easy access to individual and group counseling, as well as other services/activities designed to enhance the well-being of students and improve the overall mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of students (e.g., meditation, journaling, etc.). As a result, these "wellness centers" will promote the mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of students and will increase access to behavioral health services and resources for children (0-18) and their families by:

- Increasing access to behavioral health services and resources through non-traditional settings (schools) and hours (before and during school)
- Delivering behavioral health services and resources in a community-based, safe, familiar, and comfortable setting (schools)
- Enhancing access to culturally-sensitive behavioral health services and resources through the provision of services and resources that adequately and appropriately meet the needs of all students

To date, five (5) “wellness centers” have been established and opened and two (2) “wellness centers” are in the process of being established at schools throughout the district. A grant from the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation will be used to convert an identified space at four (4) elementary schools into “wellness centers” at these schools.

The students who attend these schools (Title I schools that serve high-need student populations) are racially/ethnically diverse – approximately 82.5% are Hispanic, 7.8% are white, 5.8% are African-American, and 3.9% are other races/ethnicities, and approximately 34.3% of these students are classified as English Learner (EL) students. Further, 98.8% of these students are classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged and 91.8% are eligible for free and/or reduced cost meals.

Community Need for the Project:

The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District and the Palm Springs Unified School District have identified a growing concern about the mental and behavioral health challenges of the district’s students. These challenges arise from a wide range of stressors (e.g., family struggles related to economic uncertainty, homelessness, feelings of anxiety and displacement caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, etc.). The environment and the communities in which the district’s students reside and attend school shape their mental and behavioral health. The students at the four (4) identified elementary schools are coping with crime, gang presence, gun violence, transient populations, low-income/poverty, offenders, immigration/deportation issues, and more. All of these factors were present before the COVID-19 pandemic, of course, and have only increased with the pandemic. Current district counselors can attest to how severely some students are impacted by these and other social and family forces. The results can include fear, anxiety, depression, PTSD, guilt/shame, and doubt about the future to name a few. These feelings continue to grow and fester in students who lack an outlet to express their concerns and get the assistance they need. The pandemic has exacerbated the already present concerns. COVID-19 is a new type of trauma that no one anticipated or expected. Some students have been waking up 10-15 minutes before class, trying to learn while babysitting siblings, working full-time jobs, not attending school at all, or taking care of ill relatives. Students will have had a year or more of online learning at this point, creating many difficulties transitioning back into in-person learning. Time management, learning environments, separation anxiety, general anxiety, and PTSD are all real. During the coming school years, students are going to need as much support as possible to meet their needs and be guided to the appropriate services.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Goal 3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services.

Strategy 3.3: Provide funding to community-based organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services.

Project Description and Use of District funds:

To address the growing concern about the mental health and behavioral health challenges facing the district’s students, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School

District, in a collaborative partnership with the Palm Springs Unified School District, will establish “wellness centers” at each of the district’s five (5) high schools, five (5) middle schools, sixteen (16) elementary schools, and one (1) alternative school. A school-based “wellness center” is a safe place that supports the mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of a school’s students. These “wellness centers” provide a comfortable setting for students to drop-in during their breaks to ask questions, get support, or just decompress. These safe spaces are furnished with youth appropriate furnishings, comfortable seating, artwork, music, games, art supplies, and healthy snacks to make it a comfortable refuge for students to relax, hang out, and share feelings. Students will be allowed to use these campus-based “wellness centers” before school, during recess, during lunch, and after school. Students will also be allowed to use these “wellness centers” during class times -- with special permission from an administrator or teacher. These “wellness centers” will serve as calm settings where students can engage in emotional management, talk to a trusted adult about any mental/behavioral challenge being faced by a student, meditate, practice yoga, relax, and engage mindfulness and other experiences designed to address psychomotor agitation.

Being a youth today comes with countless challenges and stressors. It is vitally important that students have an adequate and appropriate way to address these challenges and stressors, because “wellness” enhances lifelong mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health; cultivates learning; and improves positive health-related outcomes by promoting healthy attitudes and behaviors. It also strives to reduce preventable health risks and illnesses that interfere with academic performance, learning, student retention, student success, and personal growth opportunities.

The establishment of “wellness centers” at each of the district’s schools will provide the district’s students with easy access to individual and group counseling, as well as a multitude of other services and activities designed to enhance the well-being of students and improve the overall mental health, behavioral health, social health, and emotional health of students (e.g., meditation, journaling, etc.). As a result, these “wellness centers” will promote the mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of students and will increase access to behavioral health services and resources for children (0-18) and their families by:

- Increasing access to behavioral health services and resources through non-traditional settings (schools) and hours (before and during school)
- Delivering behavioral health services and resources in a community-based, safe, familiar, and comfortable setting (schools)
- Enhancing access to culturally-sensitive behavioral health services and resources through the provision of services and resources that adequately and appropriately meet the needs of all students

To date, five (5) “wellness centers” have been established and opened and two (2) “wellness centers” are in the process of being established at schools throughout the Palm Springs Unified School District. A grant from the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation will be used to convert identified spaces at Bella Vista Elementary School, Bubbling Wells Elementary School, Cabot Yerxa Elementary School, and Two Bunch Palms Elementary School into “wellness centers.” Specifically, grant funds will be used for furniture (e.g., modular workstations, comfortable seating, tables, chairs, shelving,

etc.), as well as controllable and adjustable lighting, calming water features, and equipment (e.g., exercise mats, jump ropes, etc.) designed to assist students who are experiencing a psychomotor agitation event (e.g., pacing, fidgeting, fast talking, etc.). To ensure sustainability and, therefore, impact of the four (4) "wellness centers," the Palm Springs Unified School District has made a long-term commitment to fund all operational and staffing cost associated with all of the district's "wellness centers."

The administrators, teachers, and staff at Bella Vista Elementary School, Bubbling Wells Elementary School, Cabot Yerxa Elementary School, and Two Bunch Palms Elementary School will be provided with wellness-related training and restorative practice training. Restorative practice focuses on strengthening relationships between individuals, as well as strengthening the four (4) types of social connections -- social integration, dyadic connectedness, structural connectedness, and direct connectedness. Social connection is vitally important in elementary school settings because high levels of social connection: 1) lower anxiety and depression, 2) help regulate emotions, 3) lead to higher self-esteem and empathy, and 4) improve immune systems. Restorative practices are a mindset, a set of beliefs about why people choose positive behavior and the power of relationships. Restorative practices are also a set of strategies schools can use. They are rooted in repairing harm and building and repairing relationships. The Palm Springs Unified School District is using restorative practice to help students identify behaviors, interactions, and approaches which help to build and maintain positive, healthy relationships; resolve difficulties; and repair harm where there has been conflict.

Description of the Target Population (s):

The students who will be served by the establishment of the four (4) "wellness centers" (proposed project) attend Bella Vista Elementary School, Bubbling Wells Elementary School, Cabot Yerxa Elementary School, and Two Bunch Palms Elementary School. These schools, which are located in Desert Hot Springs, provide high-quality education services to approximately 2,800 elementary school students (kindergarten - 5th grade) per year. Each of these elementary schools is a Title I school that serves a high-need student population. The students who attend these schools are racially/ethnically diverse – approximately 82.5% are Hispanic, 7.8% are white, 5.8% are African-American, and 3.9% are other races/ethnicities (California Department of Education, 2021). These schools also have large English Learner (EL) student populations – approximately 34.3% of these students are classified as EL students with Spanish being the primary language spoken among the majority of these students (California Department of Education, 2021). At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, 98.8% of the students at these schools were classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged and 91.8% were eligible for free and/or reduced cost meals (California Department of Education, 2021).

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Desert Hot Springs

Age Group:

(06-17) Children

Total Number of District Residents Served:**Direct:** 2,800**Indirect:** 5,600

The indirect population to be served includes parents, siblings, and other family members of students. The indirect population will be notified of "wellness center" services through 1) parent-teacher meetings, 2) distribution of informational flyers, and 3) family night assemblies.

Project Goals and Evaluation**Goal #1:**

By January 31, 2023, the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center will be established; all administrators, teachers, staff, students, and families will be informed about the "wellness center" and the services provided; and a minimum of three hundred (300) unduplicated students will be served through the "wellness center." This project goal coincides with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation strategic plan goal to proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services (Goal 3). Further, it coincides with the strategic plan performance measure of number of new sites providing behavioral/mental health services under Strategy 3.3 Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services. The accomplishment of project goals will expand availability of behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families and increase access to behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.

Evaluation #1:

The accomplishment of this project goal will be measured by weekly (virtual) meetings to track the conversion of the identified space at Bella Vista Elementary School into the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center under the guidance of the development team -- representatives from the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District, the Palm Springs Unified School District, and Bella Vista Elementary School who are responsible for the establishment of the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center; the number of informational posters posted on campus, the number of informational flyers delivered to students and their families, and the number of presentations conducted for school administrators, teachers, and staff conducted by the development team; and the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center attendance and service usage sheets, which will be maintained at the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center.

Goal #2:

By April 28, 2023, the Cabot Yerba Elementary School Wellness Center will be established; all administrators, teachers, staff, students, and families will be informed about the "wellness center" and the services provided; and a minimum of three hundred (300) unduplicated students will be served

Evaluation #2:

The accomplishment of this project goal will be measured by weekly (virtual) meetings to track the conversion of the identified space at Cabot Yerxa Elementary School into the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center under the guidance of the development team -- representatives from

<p>through the “wellness center.” This project goal coincides with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation strategic plan goal to proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services (Goal 3). Further, it coincides with the strategic plan performance measure of number of new sites providing behavioral/mental health services under Strategy 3.3 Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services. The accomplishment of project goals will expand availability of behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families and increase access to behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.</p>	<p>the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District, the Palm Springs Unified School District, and Cabot Yerxa Elementary School who are responsible for the establishment of the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center; the number of informational posters posted on campus, the number of informational flyers delivered to students and their families, and the number of presentations conducted for school administrators, teachers, and staff conducted by the development team; and the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center attendance and service usage sheets, which will be maintained at the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center.</p>
<p>Goal #3: By July 31, 2023, the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center will be established; all administrators, teachers, staff, students, and families will be informed about the "wellness center" and the services provided; and a minimum of three hundred (300) unduplicated students will be served through the “wellness center.” This project goal coincides with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation strategic plan goal to proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services (Goal 3). Further, it coincides with the strategic plan performance measure of number of new sites providing behavioral/mental health services under Strategy 3.3 Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services. The accomplishment of project goals will expand availability of behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families and increase access to behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.</p>	<p>Evaluation #3: The accomplishment of this project goal will be measured by weekly (virtual) meetings to track the conversion of the identified space at Bubbling Wells Elementary School into the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center under the guidance of the development team -- representatives from the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District, the Palm Springs Unified School District, and Bubbling Wells Elementary School who are responsible for the establishment of the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center; the number of informational posters posted on campus, the number of informational flyers delivered to students and their families, and the number of presentations conducted for school administrators, teachers, and staff conducted by the development team; and the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center attendance and service usage sheets, which will be maintained at the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center.</p>

<p>Goal #4: By October 1, 2023, the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center will be established; all administrators, teachers, staff, students, and families will be informed about the "wellness center" and the services provided; and a minimum of three hundred (300) unduplicated students will be served through the "wellness center." This project goal coincides with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation strategic plan goal to proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services (Goal 3). Further, it coincides with the strategic plan performance measure of number of new sites providing behavioral/mental health services under Strategy 3.3 Provide funding to Community-Based Organizations enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services. The accomplishment of project goals will expand availability of behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families and increase access to behavioral health services/resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.</p>	<p>Evaluation #4: The accomplishment of this project goal will be measured by weekly (virtual) meetings to track the conversion of the identified space at Two Bunch Palms Elementary School into the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center under the guidance of the development team -- representatives from the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District, the Palm Springs Unified School District, and Two Bunch Palms Elementary School who are responsible for the establishment of the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center; the number of informational posters posted on campus, the number of informational flyers delivered to students and their families, and the number of presentations conducted for school administrators, teachers, and staff conducted by the development team; and the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center attendance and service usage sheets, which will be maintained at the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center.</p>
<p>Goal #5:</p>	<p>Evaluation #5:</p>

Proposed Project Evaluation Plan

The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District and the Palm Springs Unified School District routinely collect detailed demographic information and statistical data on each of the district’s students participating in the organization's programs and projects. Further, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District and the Palm Springs Unified School District regularly analyze the collected data in longitudinal studies of these programs and projects to adequately and appropriately gauge the effectiveness of the organization's programs and projects. The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District also conducts periodic surveys of program/project alumni to supplement this data with anecdotal information, and to obtain information regarding students' status subsequent to participation in the organization's programs/projects. As a result, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District and the Palm Springs Unified School District are able to effectively measure the results of the organization's programs and projects at the district’s high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools and share those results with grantors, donors, and other interested individuals.

Organizational Capacity and Sustainability

Organizational Capacity

Established in 2008, governed by a 17-member Board of Directors, and continuously operational for fourteen (14) years, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District is a strong, fiscally responsible, and productive organization. The organization, which has an annual budget of approximately \$780,000, is operated on a day-to-day basis by three (3) dedicated staff members -- the Executive Director, who is the driving success with educators, community stakeholders, and families in the Coachella Valley, resulting in the Palm Springs Unified School District emerging as a leader in innovative and scalable programing, aligning stakeholders with school-based programs, college and career readiness initiatives, and facilitating vibrant dialogues on education reform, as well as the Organizational and Development Coordinator, and the Office Administrator. The organization's original mandate of distributing classroom micro-grants to teachers has been expanded to include: donor-naming opportunities; commercial/business underwriting of specialized curriculum academies; formal appeals to venture philanthropists; major donors; grant-seeking; and the formulation of local/national sponsorship opportunities. As a result, the organization has the infrastructure and capacity to raise the funds needed to establish the four (4) elementary school "wellness centers," as well as manage all tasks associated with receiving a grant from the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation.

Organizational Sustainability:

The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District is committed to the long-term sustainability and, therefore, impact of all programs and projects undertaken by the organization. As a result, the organization is committed to the long-term sustainability of the established "wellness centers." The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District, which is a strategic initiative of the Palm Springs Unified School District, is charged with providing a sustainable stream of private funding – individual, group, business, and foundation donations, grants, and gifts – to close gaps in funding routinely encountered by the district's schools. The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District, in collaboration with the Palm Springs Unified School District, has a goal of establishing a "wellness center" at each of the district's twenty-seven (27) high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools to address the vital behavioral health needs of the more than 20,000 students served by these schools. More than 97% of these students are socioeconomically disadvantaged students. To ensure sustainability of each of these "wellness centers," the district has made a long-term commitment to fund all operational and staffing costs associated with these "wellness centers" after establishment of these "wellness centers" is completed.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

How does your organization address diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels?

The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels of organizational leadership. As a result, the organization works continuously to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion at both the Board of Directors and staff levels. To improve diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District:

- Recruits Board of Directors members and staff members using established racial, ethnicity, cultural, professional, gender, sexual identity and orientation, and disability status diversity goals that will, ultimately, ensure the Board of Directors and the staff are able to most appropriately meet the needs of the student population served by the Palm Springs Unified School District.
- Provides initial and ongoing racial equity training, as well as initial and ongoing cultural awareness and sensitivity training to both Board of Directors members and staff members, because when Board of Directors members and staff members are aware of racial and cultural disparities within the community, the organization is better able to make prudent organizational and programmatic decisions, seize new opportunities, and manage risks.
- Invites diverse groups to share in the organization's mission by encouraging Board of Directors members and staff members to expand their personal outreach and ambassadorship to diverse groups (e.g., Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Coachella Valley, Raices Cultura, local churches, etc.).
- Celebrates cultural differences through a demonstrated commitment to the creation of an organizational culture that supports open, robust conversations and ensures all voices are heard.

Further, the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, age, religion, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, family status, genetic information, or any other status protected by law.

If your organization is not currently addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion at the board and executive staff levels, please explain the barriers, such as knowledge, financial investment, capacity, etc., that are preventing you from doing so. Not Applicable

Partnerships:

Key Partners:

The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District (applicant) is working closely and collaboratively with the Palm Springs Unified School District (collaborative partner) to establish and operate "wellness centers" at each of the district's five (5) high schools, five (5) middle schools, sixteen (16) elementary schools, and one (1) alternative school. A school-based "wellness center" is a safe place that supports the mental, behavioral, social, and emotional health of a school's students. To date, five (5) "wellness centers" have been established and opened and two (2) "wellness centers" are in the process of being established at schools throughout the Palm Springs Unified School District. The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District is charged with obtaining the funding needed to convert identified campus-based spaces to "wellness centers" -- safe spaces for students who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis (e.g., rapidly fluctuating emotions, feeling overwhelmed, test anxiety, etc.). At a cost of approximately \$27,500 per "wellness center," the funding raised by the organization will be used to convert

identified spaces at each school into “safe” spaces. Specifically, funds will be used for furniture (e.g., modular workstations, comfortable seating, tables, chairs, shelving, etc.), as well as controllable and adjustable lighting, calming water features, and equipment (e.g., exercise mats, jump ropes, etc.) designed to assist students who are experiencing a psychomotor agitation event (e.g., pacing, fidgeting, fast talking, etc.). To ensure sustainability and, therefore, impact of the established “wellness centers,” the Palm Springs Unified School District has made a long-term commitment to fund all operational and staffing cost associated with the “wellness centers,” including the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center, the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center, the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center, and the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center.

PSUSD’s behavior team facilitates trainings for teachers and for behavior paras. The behavior team provides a menu of training options for teachers and behavior paraprofessionals. All trainings that are offered through the district are listed on an intranet menu and runs through the district’s professional development platform. The district does work with Riverside University as a contractor for mental health services.

We are pleased to announce our newest partner Desert Health Care Network (Desert Regional Hospital who has secured funding for one Wellness Center for \$25k at one PSUSD school. This funding will be allocated to cover the cost of retrofitting a room at Raymond Cree MS.

Line Item Budget

Project

Operational Costs

PROJECT OPERATIONS		Total Project Budget	Funds from Other Sources Detail on Sheet 3	Amount Requested from DHCD
Total Staffing Costs Detail on Sheet 2		\$ 789,600.00	\$ 789,600.00	\$ -
Equipment (itemize)				
1	Furniture	\$ 68,000.00		\$ 68,000.00
2	Lighting	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
3	Water Feature	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
4	Psychomotor Agitation Equipment	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
Supplies (itemize)				
1				\$ -
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Printing / Duplication				\$ -
Mailing / Postage				\$ -
Travel / Mileage (use current Federal mileage rate)				\$ -
Education / Training		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
* Items listed below are included for calculation of the total project budget only. For use of DHCD funds, these line items would be included in the allowable 10% indirect cost rate.				
Office / Rent / Mortgage*			\$ -	\$ -
Telephone / Fax / Internet*			\$ -	\$ -
Utilities*			\$ -	\$ -
Insurance*			\$ -	\$ -
Other direct project costs not described above (itemize)				
1				\$ -
2				\$ -
3				\$ -
4				\$ -
Indirect Cost Rate - Maximum of 10% Allowed				\$ 10,000.00
Total Project Budget		\$ 899,600.00	\$ 789,600.00	\$ 110,000.00
Budget Narrative	<p><u>Furniture</u>: This item represents the furniture (e.g., modular work stations, seating, tables, chairs, shelving, etc.) that will be used to furnish the wellness centers.</p> <p><u>Lighting</u>: This item represents the "controllable" lighting that will be installed at the wellness centers.</p> <p><u>Water Feature</u>: This item represents the "calming" water feature that will be installed at the wellness centers.</p> <p><u>Psychomotor Agitation Equipment</u>: This item represents the psychomotor agitation equipment (e.g., exercise mats, jump ropes, resting mats, blankets, etc.) that will be used by students who are experiencing a psychomotor agitation event.</p> <p><u>Training</u>: This item represents the costs associated with the provision of wellness-related training and restorative practice training (an emerging social science that studies how to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections) for the administrators, teachers, and staff at Bella Vista Elementary School, Bubbling Wells Elementary School, Cabot Yerxa Elementary School, and Two Bunch Palms Elementary School. The Palm Springs Unified School District is using restorative practice to help students identify behaviors, interactions, and approaches which help to build and maintain positive, healthy relationships; resolve difficulties; and repair harm where there has been conflict. (\$100/person x 50 persons/school x 4 schools = \$20,000)</p> <p><u>Indirect Costs</u>: This item represents indirect costs (e.g., audit, accounting, bookkeeping, administrative and managerial staff time related to project implementation, etc.). Indirect costs are calculated at a rate of 10% of direct costs.</p>			

Line Item Budget Staffing Costs

Staff Salaries		Annual Salary	% of Time Allocated to Project	Actual Program Salary	Total Project Salary
Employee Position/Title					
1	Behavioral Specialist	\$ 85,000.00	100%	85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
2	Therapist	\$110,000.00	50%	55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
3	Behavioral Specialist	\$ 85,000.00	100%	85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
4	Therapist	\$110,000.00	50%	55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
5	Behavioral Specialist	\$ 85,000.00	100%	85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
6	Therapist	\$110,000.00	50%	55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
7	Behavioral Specialist	\$ 85,000.00	100%	85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
8	Therapist	\$110,000.00	50%	55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Total Employee Benefits / Employer Taxes - proportional fringe costs and/or employer taxes based on % of time allocated to project				229,600.00	\$ 229,600.00
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs				Total >	\$ 789,600.00
Budget Narrative	<u>Behavioral Specialist:</u> This item represents the salary of the full-time Behavioral Specialist (to-be-hired). The Behavioral Specialist will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center, the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center, the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center, or the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center. (\$85,000/year x 100% time x 4 behavioral specialists = \$340,000) <u>Therapist:</u> This item represents the salary of the part-time -- twenty (20) hours per week -- therapist. The therapist will facilitate individual and group counseling services, as well as other wellness-related activities. (\$110,000/year x 50% time x 4 therapists = \$220,000)				
Budget Narrative	<u>Employee Benefits:</u> This item represents the employee benefits for the Behavioral Health Specialists and the therapists. Employee benefits are calculated at a rate of 41% of salary and include: Social Security, Medicare, unemployment insurance, health insurance, retirement, and worker's compensation. (41% x \$560,000 = \$229,600)				
Professional Services / Consultants		Hourly Rate	Hours/Week	Monthly Fee	Total Project Fees
Company and Staff Title					
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Enter this amount in Section 1: Staffing Costs				Total >	\$ -
Budget Narrative					

Line Item Budget
Other Project Funds

Other funding received (actual or projected) SPECIFIC to this project. "Total funding in addition to DHCD request" below should match or exceed value listed in Section 1 for "Funds from Other Sources".			Amount
Fees			
Donations			
Grants (List Organizations)			
	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
Fundraising (describe nature of fundraiser)			
	1		
	2		
Other Income, e.g., bequests, membership dues, in-kind services, investment income, fees from other agencies, etc. (Itemize)			
	1	Palm Springs Unified School District	\$ 789,600.00
	2		
	3		
	4		
Total funding in addition to DHCD request			\$ 789,600.00
Budget Narrative	The Palm Springs Unified School District will fund all ongoing operational costs associated with the Bella Vista Elementary School Wellness Center, the Bubbling Wells Elementary School Wellness Center, the Cabot Yerxa Elementary School Wellness Center, and the Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Wellness Center -- primarily the salary and employee benefits for the Behavioral Specialist and the salary and employee benefits for the therapist that will staff each of the four (4) wellness centers.		

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 1 of 3

- Executive Summary:** 9
- Community Need and Alignment:** 10
- Goals:** 9
- Proposed Evaluation Plan:** 9
- Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure:** 9
- Organizational Sustainability:** 9
- Budget:** 9
- Key Partners/Collaborations:** 9

Total Score: 73.00

Reviewer Comments:
Kudos to the leadership at Palm Springs Unified School District who recognize the need for critical mental health services for students. The long term goal of having a Wellness Center in each school is commendable. The school district is looking at adding the centers to the schools on a scaffolding/case-ready basis. The four elementary schools that are scheduled for creation and implementation have all in place, including the hard-to-recruit behavioral health staff. These Wellness Centers can serve as a successful means of replication for other school districts. The request meets the high priority goals of the District's strategic plan.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:
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Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 74.6666666666666666666666666667 (3 of 3)

Sum of all Reviews:
Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 37 (2 of 2)
Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 224 (3 of 3)

Total average proposal score: 93/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 2 of 3

- Executive Summary:** 10
- Community Need and Alignment:** 9
- Goals:** 9
- Proposed Evaluation Plan:** 9
- Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure:** 10
- Organizational Sustainability:** 10
- Budget:** 9
- Key Partners/Collaborations:** 9

Total Score: 75.00

Reviewer Comments:
The Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD)- Wellness Centers have the ability to provide crucial behavioral health services to students and their families. By establishing these Wellness Centers on school grounds, students and their families will have access to behavioral health services in a comfortable setting during non-traditional hours and in a culturally-sensitive manner. This strategy of providing services where the target population works, plays, prays, or studies is an effective one that will increase access and confidence amongst the participants.

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Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 3 of 3

Executive Summary: 10

Community Need and Alignment: 10

Goals: 9

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 10

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 10

Organizational Sustainability: 10

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 8

Total Score: 76.00

Reviewer Comments:

This project as presented by the Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District will expand the current Wellness Center model that is currently in place in 5 locations. This expansion will include 4 elementary sites all located within the Desert Hot Springs community. District funds will support the design of the space and the necessary materials to fully promote a supportive Wellness Center location at each site. The school teams will receive training regarding the proper use of this environment and how to integrate it into the educational setting. Tracking of progress will include weekly team meetings with the behavioral staff and the faculty and the level of center utilization and student/family awareness can be addressed or adjusted. Wellness Centers are a goal for all 27 school locations in the district. The rollout plan is a paced plan with future location openings only as team identification, training and space design is complete.

The budget clearly identifies the cost of the entire project and the specific allocation of DHCD District funds and their use. The overall costs include the necessary behavioral health staff to support the implementation and the ongoing use of each of the 4 Wellness Centers. The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District utilizes a collaborative relationship with Palm Springs Unified to insure a seamless implementation pathway for this endeavor that will result in a safe, behavioral and mental space for students to access. established network of community partnerships that include,

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Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 1 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 9

Total Score: 18.00

Reviewer Comments: Fiduciary Compliance - 9

The FY 06/30/21 audit report is unmodified. The Board of Directors accepted the audit report.

Audit report Current Ratio is strong (100:1), which represents the grantee's ability to pay its short-term liabilities.

The Net Assets increased by \$490k as of 6/30/21, with Total Net Assets of \$3M. Internal financial statements, as of 4/30/22, demonstrates a decrease of \$200k. The Balance Sheet is strong.

Financial Stability - 9

Grantee demonstrates a sound financial position.

Grantee has diversified resources for this project of approximately \$900k. The District's grant of \$110k is well supported by PSUSD resources.

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Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 2 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 10

Financial Stability: 9

Total Score: 19.00

Reviewer Comments: Unmodified audited financial statements prepared for and approved by Board. Positive cash flow noted for last two audited years. No liabilities noted as of fiscal year end. Strategic plan in place to develop more long-term funding strategies. Multiple sources of funding noted. Grant amount is reasonable in comparison to overall organizational budget. PSUSD contribution for project greater than total project budget.

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