



**STAFF REPORT**  
**9/24/2025**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

**SUBJECT:** Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support No-Charge Primary Medical Care

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant (CBG) to the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine in the amount of \$1,000 to support no-charge primary medical care.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Community Based Grant Program was established in 2010 and allows the City of Coachella to offer financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations, youth-serving organizations, and other community-based organizations that provide essential services, programs and activities to residents in Coachella. Applicant organizations are only eligible to submit one application for consideration each fiscal year and must be legally established with non-profit or tax-exempt status, be based in the Coachella Valley, or provide direct service to Coachella residents. Approval of grant funds does not constitute a precedent for grant allocations in subsequent years. All CBG grants are reimbursement grants to ensure that applicants are meeting their stated goals. The FY 25-26 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine is a nonprofit health organization incorporated in 2009. The organization provides no-cost, high-quality primary medical care to low-income and uninsured adults across the Coachella Valley. All services are designed to reduce barriers to care for residents who would otherwise go without needed medical attention

This funding request is specifically designated for residents of the City of Coachella. In 2024 alone, Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine provided medical services to 488 unique residents of the city. The proposed grant will extend this impact by funding care for an estimated

four to six residents. In addition to doctor visits, costs covered also include critical diagnostics such as labs and imaging, as well as referrals to social and behavioral health services. The population expected to be served includes adults aged 18 and older with household incomes at or below the federal poverty guidelines. Patients represent a diverse cross-section of the community, with many from Spanish-speaking and working-class households who are disproportionately uninsured. By helping to fund these services, the City would be supporting a program that directly addresses local health inequities and provides residents with consistent access to preventive and chronic disease management.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a Community Based Grant in the amount of \$1,000
2. Do not award a Community Based Grant

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant Program account will be reduced by \$1,000.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

CBG Application Packet