



STAFF REPORT
9/25/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to American Outreach Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Help Cover Costs for Providing and Maintaining Power Wheelchairs

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant (CBG) to American Outreach Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to help cover costs for providing and maintaining power wheelchairs.

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 24-25 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

For over 16 years, the American Outreach Foundation (AOF) has served veterans, low-income families and seniors throughout the Coachella Valley. They have provided over \$4.5 million worth of Durable Medical Equipment (DMEs), electric wheelchairs and scooters, parts and service maintenance calls through their Powerchair Program. The AOF makes mobility possible for persons who do not have the financial means to afford them, or who do not have insurance, or lack the health insurance coverage to pay for this type of assistance. Funding will help cover the cost of delivering, repairing and maintaining the electric wheelchairs.

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