



STAFF REPORT
10/22/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Galilee Center in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support their Food Basket Distribution Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant (CBG) to the Galilee Center in the amount of \$1,000 to support their food basket distribution program.

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:

Founded in 2010, the Galilee Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged and disadvantaged by providing food, clothing, and other basic needs and affirm their dignity with love, compassion and respect. They successfully serve over 350,000 meals through its weekly food basket distribution.

The food basket distribution program is a core service of the Galilee Center. They sustain the program through a combination of community donations, grants, food drives organized by local schools, businesses, and faith-based groups, as well as partnerships with regional food banks. The Galilee Center primarily serves low-income, immigrant and farmworker families living

below the poverty level, many of whom face food insecurity due to irregular employment and low wages. Of the 450 families that they serve, roughly 90 households are from the city of Coachella. The funding from the Community Based Grant will go towards providing food baskets during the December holiday season.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Galilee Center in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support their Food Basket Distribution Program
2. Do not Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Galilee Center in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support their Food Basket Distribution Program

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