



STAFF REPORT
2/10/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community Based Grant to Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine in the Amount of \$1,000 to Provide Ten Medical Care Visits to Coachella Residents

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider authorizing a Community-Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine in the amount of \$1,000 dollars so that they can provide ten (10) medical care visits to Coachella residents.

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 20-21 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (CVVIM) is a nonprofit organization that provides a local solution to a national problem – access to healthcare. CVVIM believes that everyone has the right to healthcare. The services provided include primary medical and dental, among many others, at no cost to adults in the Coachella Valley who are uninsured or under-insured.

As a community safety net, the CVVIM Health Center treats the whole person by addressing chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis. Acute conditions such as, colds, flu, preventive medicine, diet, and emotional health are also treated. In addition to direct patient care, CVVIM provides health education and wellness programs, case management and community referrals for patients. Patients are encouraged to schedule

appointments with the Health Center instead of visiting local hospital emergency rooms to receive care for non-life-threatening conditions. A visit to the CVVIM will avoid costly out-of-pocket expenses for uninsured patients, while providing them with high-quality, compassionate care. CVVIM is a member of Volunteers in Medicine, a national nonprofit alliance with more than 90 free clinics across the U.S., whose mission is to provide healthcare services in a compassionate, caring way to neighbors in need.

Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine is requesting grant funding support from the City of Coachella's Community Based Grant Program in the amount of \$1,000 dollars to be able to provide ten (10) free medical care visits to Coachella residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Not Authorize a Community Based Grant to Coachella Valley Volunteers In Medicine in the Amount of \$1,000 to Provide Ten Medical Care Visits to Coachella Residents
2. Authorize a Community Based Grant to Coachella Valley Volunteers In Medicine in the Amount of \$1,000 to Provide Ten Medical Care Visits to Coachella Residents

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00 leaving \$13,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of Application