



STAFF REPORT
1/28/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Mary Rodriguez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Valle Del Sol Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support an Educational Field Trip for Students in TK–Kindergarten

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize a Community-Based Grant to Valle Del Sol Elementary School in the amount of \$1,000 to support an educational field trip for students in TK–Kindergarten.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Based Grant Program was established in 2010 and allows the City of Coachella to offer financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations, schools, 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. The FY 25-26 budget includes an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Coachella Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) submitted a Community-Based Grant application requesting funding to support an educational field trip for approximately 89 TK–Kindergarten students from Valle Del Sol Elementary School to the Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert. The proposed field trip is scheduled for March 20, 2026, and is designed to provide early learners with hands-on, age-appropriate educational experiences aligned with curriculum standards.

Project costs include museum admission, transportation, and related program expenses, with an estimated total cost of \$2,149.19. Grant funds would be used to help offset these costs and reduce financial barriers for participating students and families.

Valle Del Sol Elementary School serves young students during a critical developmental period. Exposure to experiential learning opportunities such as museum visits supports early literacy, problem-solving, and social development. The proposed program directly benefits City of Coachella residents by expanding access to high-quality educational enrichment opportunities.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Valle Del Sol Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support an Educational Field Trip for Students in TK–Kindergarten
2. Do Not Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Valle Del Sol Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support an Educational Field Trip for Students in TK–Kindergarten

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CBG Application Packet - Valle Del Sol Elementary School