



STAFF REPORT
1/28/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Mary Rodriguez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support the Housing Insecurity Prevention Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant to Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley (HFHCV) in the amount of \$1,000 to support its Housing Insecurity Prevention Program for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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:

Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley (HFHCV) has served the region since 1989 and submitted a request for \$1,000 to support its Housing Insecurity Prevention Program. The program assists low-income households by reducing housing instability and addressing unsafe living conditions for vulnerable populations, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, families, and communities of color.

Program services include A Brush With Kindness home repair projects, Emergency Household Needs Assistance, and Wellness Checks and Advocacy. These services are provided in both English and Spanish and focus on preventing displacement and mitigating health and safety hazards in existing homes.

City of Coachella funds will be used exclusively to serve eligible households within the City. During the grant period, HFHCV anticipates serving approximately 350 low-income Coachella Valley residents. The total program budget is approximately \$518,840 and is supported through grants, local government contributions, fundraising, and ReStore thrift store revenues. The City's contribution will help leverage additional funding and expand program reach.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley in the amount of \$1,000 to Support the Housing Insecurity Prevention Program
2. Do not authorize a Community-Based Grant to Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley at this time.

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 - Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley