



STAFF REPORT
6/12/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Seiden-Juku in the Amount of \$1,000 to Help Fund Coachella Valley's First Annual Para-Karate Tournament

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant (CBG) to Seiden-Juku in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund Coachella Valley's First Annual Para-Karate Tournament.

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 23-24 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Seiden-Juku's mission is to build leaders in inclusion and diversity through the art of karate-do. Their programs include inclusive classes centered on teaching karate to special needs children and adults, children in foster care, and children survivors of abuse. Currently, they are producing Coachella Valley's First Annual Para-Karate Tournament, which will take place at Rancho Mirage High School on July 13, 2024. This event will be a groundbreaking opportunity for individuals with disabilities to compete and showcase their skills in para-karate. The tournament will directly benefit 14 students who are residents of the City of Coachella. Funding will help cover the cost of the venue fees.

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