



STAFF REPORT
6/23/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community Based Grant to the California Farmworker Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Assist Farmworkers Facing Food Insecurity

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider authorizing a Community-Based Grant to the California Farmworkers Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 dollars to assist farmworkers facing food insecurity.

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:

The California Farmworker Foundation, also known as CFF, was formed in 2016 with the purpose of offering and creating opportunities that would enable farmworkers to develop personal and professional skills. CFF is a nonprofit organization that brings innovative programs and services to farm workers in California. To date, CFF has served more than 35,000 farm workers and earned the 2020 Nonprofit of the Year award. Programs include education, health and wellness, immigration and citizenship, professional development, and personal development.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community Based Grant to the California Farmworker Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Assist Farmworkers Facing Food Insecurity
2. Not Authorize a Community Based Grant to the California Farmworker Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Assist Farmworkers Facing Food Insecurity

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00 leaving \$4,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of Application