



STAFF REPORT
4/28/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Approve a Community Based Grant to the American Outreach Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to Help Pay for Electric Wheelchairs for Veterans and Other Low-Income Persons in Coachella

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant to the American Outreach Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help pay for electric wheelchairs for veterans, children and other low-income persons in the City of Coachella.

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. 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 American Outreach Foundation has been serving the Coachella Valley since 2007, by providing high-financial need persons such as veterans, seniors, children, and other low-income persons with electric wheelchairs and scooters. The American Outreach Foundation makes mobility possible for persons who do not have the financial means to afford them, or who do not have insurance, or lack the health insurance coverage to pay for this type of assistance. Grant funds will help off-set the costs associated with purchasing, collecting, refurbishing, delivery and maintenance of electric wheelchairs or scooters.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Community Based Grant to the American Outreach Foundation n the Amount of \$1,000 to Help Pay for Electric Wheelchairs for Veterans and Other Low-Income Persons in Coachella
2. Not Authorize a Community Based Grant at this time

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00 leaving \$7,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of Community Based Grant Program Application