



STAFF REPORT
4/14/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Riverside County Fire Explorers (Coachella Post) in the Amount of \$1,000 to Assist with Training Program Costs

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider approving a Community Based Grant to the Riverside County Fire Explorers (Coachella Post) in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with training program costs.

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 Riverside County Fire Department Fire Explorer Program is a youth program organized through 'Learning For Life'. The program is designed to allow male and female youth, between the ages of 14 and 20, to explore a career in the fire service. The explorers receive training similar to volunteer and professional firefighters, including basic fire chemistry, hose evolutions, ladder operations, medical and CPR training, hazardous materials, and auto extrication.

Fire Explorers Gain Skills	Basic Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teamwork and leadership skills ✓ High School credits ✓ Competitive activities at Fire Explorer Musters ✓ Challenge, Hard Work, Fun, and Friendship! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fall between ages of 14 and 20 years old ✓ Completion of the 8th grade ✓ 2.0 or better grade point average



ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Riverside County Fire Explorers (Coachella Post) in the Amount of \$1,000 to Assist with Training Program Costs
2. Not Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Riverside County Fire Explorers (Coachella Post)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00 leaving \$9,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of Application