



STAFF REPORT
2/26/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Approve a Community Based Grant to El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support a Cultural and Educational Workshop Offered by Culturas Music-Arts

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant to El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to support a cultural and educational workshop offered by Culturas Music-Arts.

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 19-20 budget includes an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center is a nonprofit organization serving as fiscal sponsor to Culturas Music-Arts through a Memorandum of Understanding. Culturas Music-Arts lacks exempt status and this arrangement allows Culturas Music-Arts to seek grants and solicit support under its fiscal sponsor's tax exempt status for the purpose of organizing arts and educational events like its Purepechas event on March 7, 2020. Grant funds will help pay for facility rental, insurance, permits, presenter stipends, and hospitality.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Community Based Grant to El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support a Cultural and Educational Workshop Offered by Culturas Music-Arts
2. Do not award El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center a Community Based Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00 leaving \$6,000.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Copy of Community Based Grant Program Application Packet