



STAFF REPORT
2/26/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Softball Team at Coachella Valley High School in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to Help Offset Travel Expenses Associated with a Softball Competition in Hawaii

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant (CBG) to the Coachella Valley Softball Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help offset travel expenses associated with a softball competition in Hawaii.

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:

Twenty-one (21) high-school aged girls from the Coachella Valley High School Softball Club will be traveling to Honolulu, Hawaii on February 10, 2020 for a seven-day softball competition. The softball team has been working very hard to fundraise all the necessary monies to help pay for this trip. Grant funding support will help pay for some of the travel costs of the trip.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Softball Team at Coachella Valley High School in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to Help Offset Travel Expenses Associated with a Softball Competition in Hawaii
2. Do Not Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Softball Team at Coachella Valley High School in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to Help Offset Travel Expenses Associated with a Softball Competition in Hawaii

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00 leaving \$5,000.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

Copy of Community Based Grant Program Application Packet