



STAFF REPORT

8/12/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director

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SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Gear It Forward in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Adaptive Sports Programming.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant (CBG) in the amount of \$1,000 to Gear It Forward, Inc. to support the launch of its Adaptive Sports Program in the City of Coachella.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community-Based Grant Program account will be reduced by \$1,000, leaving a balance of \$12,000.

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.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Gear It Forward, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, inclusive, and accessible adaptive sports opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The organization is requesting a \$1,000 Community-Based Grant to help launch its Adaptive Sports Program in the City of Coachella.

The program will provide free adaptive sports clinics, qualified coaching, adaptive sports equipment, and essential resources that allow children, teens, and young adults with adaptive needs to participate in recreational activities. The program prioritizes Coachella families while welcoming participants from throughout the Coachella Valley to maximize regional inclusion.

Grant funds will be used to purchase adaptive sports equipment and safety supplies (\$700), provide coaching and program support (\$200), and purchase outreach and registration materials (\$100). The

organization intends to sustain the program through grants, sponsorships, donations, fundraising, and community partnerships.

Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the goals of the Community-Based Grant Program by expanding recreational opportunities for residents with disabilities, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging inclusion, and increasing access to adaptive sports programming.

ATTACHMENT(S):

CBG Application Packet