



STAFF REPORT
3/22/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Approve a Community Based Grant to Peter Pendleton Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant (CBG) to Peter Pendleton Elementary School in the amount of \$1,000.00 to support their attendance at a STEM Program KidWind Challenge Nationals in Boulder, Colorado.

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 22-23 budget includes an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Grant funding will help Peter Pendleton Elementary School purchase roundtrip airfare, meals, and lodging for a parent to attend as a chaperone at the National competition, including business attire for two students. This unique opportunity is exposing students to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs and experiences. The school district, CVUSD, will provide funding for one teacher and two students to attend.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Community Based Grant to Peter Pendleton Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000
2. Not approve a Community Based Grant at this time

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the Council approves the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced to \$5,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Community-Based Grant Program Application