



STAFF REPORT
2/12/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert (CDMOD) in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Enrichment Activities for Children

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant (CBG) to the Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert (CDMOD) in the amount of \$1,000 to support enrichment activities for children.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1990, the Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert has been a valuable community resource for children and families to experience the joy of learning about themselves and the world around them. The museum inspires personal growth by engaging curiosity and creativity through hands-on explorations of exhibits and programs.

- **Learning**
Nurturing thoughtful, hands-on learning in a creative and engaging environment that celebrates learning as an innately joyful activity.
- **Family**
A place where multigenerational family members can grow their relationships through comfortably exploring, sharing and learning together.
- **Community**
A community resource and a welcoming place where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to share experiences while learning about themselves and our world.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The funds requested will go directly towards developing and executing educational exhibits, interactive activities, special events, outreach program, all designed to provide engaging and enriching experiences for young children. CDMOD’s hands-on activities encourage curiosity and creativity through play for children ages 0-8 years old. Since CDMOD’s reopening in May 2024,

Coachella Valley Unified School District has provided field trips for Coachella students to participate in their programs. Additionally, 10% of CDMOD's memberships are made up of Coachella residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a Community Based Grant in the amount of \$1,000
2. Do not award a Community Based Grant

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

CBG Application Packet