



STAFF REPORT
9/9/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Its College Scholarship Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider approving a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition in the amount of \$1,000 to support its college scholarship program.

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 20-21 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition is a nonprofit affordable housing organization established in 1982. In 2002, the Board of Directors and Employees of the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) established the JFM College Scholarship Fund Program, in honor of CVHC's founding and retired Executive Director, John F. Mealey. The scholarship fund awards scholarships annually to students who reside in affordable housing communities developed by CVHC, who are pursuing undergraduate higher education at any accredited college, university or vocational school. A Community Based Grant will help provide scholarship support

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Its College Scholarship Program
2. Not Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Its College Scholarship Program

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Community Based Grant program has a current budget allocation of \$15,000. Granting an award will reduce the fund by \$1,000 bringing the balance down to \$14,000.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Copy of Community Based Grant Application