



**DESERT HEALTHCARE**  
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

# DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Throughout the year, the Desert Healthcare District releases Request for Proposals and partners with organizations that align with its current Strategic Plan.

## 2022 Mental Health Initiative Request for Proposals

In partnership with the Regional Access Project Foundation, a Mental Health Initiative request for proposals was released to meet, improve, and increase access to mental health services and resources targeting primarily low-income eastern Coachella Valley residents with an emphasis on Black, Indigenous, People of Color family units with children.

A total of **\$600,000** was awarded, by the partnership, to **14 organizations** across the Coachella Valley.



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## 2023 Health/Mental Health Request for Proposals

In partnership with the Regional Access Project Foundation, a Health/Mental Health request for proposals was released to fund programs/projects that advocate improving the psychological, emotional, physical, and social well-being of residents north of Palm Springs to Blythe. Specifically, approved applicants sought to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- Improve quality of mental health services to remote areas through innovative systems that address policy, access, and delivery channels.
- Improve awareness of mental and emotional health resource services for residents north of Palm Springs to Blythe through systems that address access, policy, and delivery channels.
- Support cultural competency of service providers and reduction of language/stigma/cultural barriers to service access for clients.

A total of **\$1,000,000** was awarded, by the partnership, to **24 organizations** across the Coachella Valley.



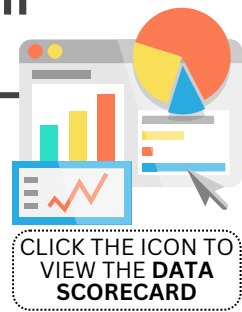
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# Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services to Children (0-18 years) and their Families Request for Proposals

In response to working group convenings of the Coachella Valley Behavioral Health Initiative and outreach efforts to local school district leadership, the Desert Healthcare District released a request for proposals that focused on improving access to behavioral health education and prevention services to children (0-18 years) and their families. Specifically, the District sought applicants that focused on behavioral health access, awareness, availability, and education. Approved applicants provided education and/or preventative services that worked to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- Increase access to behavioral health services and resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.
- Improve awareness of behavioral health services and resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.
- Expand availability of behavioral health services and resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.
- Increase education of behavioral health services and resources to children (0-18 years) and their families.

A total of **\$1,175,817** was awarded, by the Desert Healthcare District, to **5 organizations** across the Coachella Valley.



# Building Connected Communities: Improving Community Supports to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness Request for Proposals

In response to the uplifted and prioritized needs expressed by the convening of local community stakeholders, the District and Foundation is sought proposals from organizations to build connected communities by improving community supports to reduce social isolation and loneliness. Specifically, the District and Foundation sought projects that addressed isolation and loneliness through the recruitment, retainment, and training of community navigators to improve connectedness. Approved applicants worked to reduce social isolation and loneliness with alignment to the below strategies:

- Increase the number of community navigators serving Coachella Valley residents.
- Increase awareness and access to behavioral/mental health resources.
- Improve access to community support services through systems and environments that build connectedness.

A total of **\$1,074,113** was awarded, by the Desert Healthcare District, to **8 organizations** across the Coachella Valley.

