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**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
Program Committee Meeting  
January 14, 2025  
5:00 P.M.**

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|                     | I. <b>Call to Order</b> – President Evett PerezGil, Committee Chairperson  |                  |
| 1-2                 | II. <b>Approval of Agenda</b>  | <b>Action</b>    |
| 3-6                 | III. <b>Meeting Minutes</b><br>1. December 10, 2024  | <b>Action</b>    |
|                     | IV. <b>Public Comments</b><br>At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items <u>not</u> listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. The Committee has a policy of limiting speakers to not more than three minutes. The Committee cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on an agenda item when it comes up for discussion and/or action. |                  |
|                     | V. <b>Chief Executive Officer Report</b>   | Informational    |
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| 44-50               | VII. <b>MOU Grant Funding Partnership Opportunity</b> – Review and determination for forwarding to the Board for consideration:<br>1. Regional Access Project Foundation and the Desert Healthcare District Mental Health Grant Proposal Funding Partnership – 2025-2027 – \$1,000,000 for 2 years   | <b>Action</b>    |



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**VIII. Committee Member Comments**

Informational

**IX. Adjournment**

Next Scheduled Meeting February 11, 2025

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this agenda was posted in the front entrance to the Desert Healthcare District offices located at 1140 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California, and the front entrance of the Desert Healthcare District office located at the Regional Access Project Foundation, 41550 Eclectic Street, Suite G 100, Palm Desert California at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If you have any disability which would require accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting or translation services, please email Andrea S. Hayles, Special Assistant to the CEO and Board Relations Officer, at [ahayles@dhcd.org](mailto:ahayles@dhcd.org) or call (760) 567-0298 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

*Andrea S. Hayles*

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Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer



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| <b>Directors Present via Video Conference</b>             | <b>District Staff Present via Video Conference</b>   | <b>Absent</b>   |
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| President Evett PerezGil<br>Director Leticia De Lara, MPA | Chris Christensen, Chief Executive Officer, CPA<br>Eric Taylor, CPA Chief Administration Officer<br>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer<br>Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement<br>Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health<br>Gracie Montano, Program Associate<br>Erica Huskey, Grants Manager<br>Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer | The board term of former Vice-President Carmina Zavala ended on 11/26/24, with her final committee attendance recorded on 11/12/24. |

| <b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>  | <b>DISCUSSION</b>  | <b>ACTION</b>   |
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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>  | The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.  |   |
| <b>II. Approval of Agenda</b>  | Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.   | <b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil and to approve the agenda.<br/>Motion passed unanimously.</b>                         |
| <b>III. Meeting Minutes</b><br><b>1. November 12, 2024</b>                           | Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, meeting minutes.   | <b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve the November 12, 2024, meeting minutes.<br/>Motion passed unanimously.</b> |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b>  | There were no public comments.   |   |
| <b>V. Chief Executive Officer Report</b><br><br><b>1. 2025 Committee Assignments</b> | Chris Christensen, CEO, provided an overview of the newly elected officers at the December 9 board meeting and President Rogers's request to have separate directors on the program and finance committees.<br><br>Mr. Christensen also discussed hiring Kay Hazen, a former 18- |   |

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|  | <p>year board member, as a consultant to assist in guiding the strategic planning process for the staff and directors moving forward.</p> <p>The committee requested that the CEO send an email detailing the consultant's role.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>VI. Program Updates</b></p> <p><b>1. Progress and Final Reports Update</b></p> <p><b>2. Grant Applications Status Report</b></p> | <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions from the committee concerning the updates on the Progress Reports.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>During the discussion on grant applications, the committee inquired about the Ronald McDonald House application, which was automatically abandoned by the grant management software, FOUNDANT, after 90 days of inactivity. The Ronald McDonald House is planning to reassess their application and will consider the possibility of resubmitting it.</p> <p>Additionally, the committee inquired about the status of the St. John’s Community Health grant application and the Birth Choice of the Desert grant application was withdrawn due to not having audited financials. The organization submitted a mini grant instead. The committee inquired if Birth</p> |  |

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| <p><b>3. Grant #1468 Eisenhower Health grant status report/update</b></p> <p><b>4. Grant Payment Schedule</b></p>  | <p>Choice would be eligible for the audit requirements and contingencies for the District to consider funding an audit.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen provided an update on the status of the Eisenhower grant describing the internal due diligence process and presenting the grant application at the January Program Committee meeting.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions from the committee concerning the updates on the Grant Payment Schedule.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> |  |
| <p><b>VI. Grant Funding</b></p> <p><b>Review and determination for forwarding to the Board for consideration:</b></p> <p><b>1. Grant #1476 Desert ARC: Desert ARC Health Care Program - \$ 139,495</b></p> <p><b>2. Grant #1485 OneFuture Coachella Valley: RN Expansion</b></p> | <p>The committee inquired as to the low cost of the budgeted adjustable medical beds. Nick Prudhomme, the Development and Content Marketing Manager at Desert Arc, described the adjustable high beds and wheelchairs for transporting clients, which are sourced from direct medical supplies.</p> <p>The committee inquired about the College Futures Foundation grant award. Sheila Thorton, President &amp; CEO of OneFuture</p>   | <p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1476 Desert ARC Health Care Program – \$139,495 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1485 OneFuture Coachella Valley RN Expansion Project –</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Project - \$374,900 for two years</b></p> | <p>Coachella Valley, provided a detailed overview of the funding received from Desert Care Network, Eisenhower Health and IEHP to fund the first 35 cohorts of College of the Desert’s nursing students with the additional funding requested from the District for the second cohort of 35 students. Mrs. Thorton also addressed further questions from the committee.</p> <p>The committee requested an approximate number of linguistically competent staff engaged with the students.</p> | <p><b>\$374,900 for two years and forward to the Board for approval.</b><br/><b>Motion passed.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>VII. Committee Members Comments</b></p>   | <p>Director De Lara expressed her satisfaction with serving on the committee and the dedication of the new directors participating on the Program Committee.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>VIII. Adjournment</b></p>                 | <p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b></p> |

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evett PerezGil, Chair/ President, Board of Directors  
 Program Committee

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer*



**Date:** January 14, 2025

**To:** Program Committee – District

**Subject:** Progress and Final Grant Reports 12/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

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**The following progress and final grant reports are included in this staff report:**

**Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66 # 1405**

Grant term: 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$120,852

**Progress Report** covering the time period from: 4/1/2024 – 9/30/2024

**Alianza Coachella Valley # 1332**

Grant term: 8/1/2022 – 1/31/2025

Original Approved Amount: \$100,000

**Progress Report** covering the time period from: 2/1/2024 – 7/31/2024

**Step Up On Second Street Inc # 1389**

Grant term: 8/1/2023 – 7/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$64,401

**Final Report** covering the time period from: 8/1/2023 – 7/31/2024

**Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66 # 1405**

Grant term: 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$120,852

**Final Report** covering the time period from: 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024

**TODEC Legal Center # 1326**

Grant term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$100,000

**Progress Report** covering the time period from: 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2024

**Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc. # 1333**

Grant term: 2/1/2023 – 1/31/2025

Original Approved Amount: \$150,000

**Progress Report** covering the time period from: 3/1/2024 – 9/30/2024

**OneFuture Coachella Valley # 1330**

Grant term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$605,000

**Progress Report** covering the time period from: 7/1/2024 – 9/30/2024



## **GRANT PROGRESS REPORT #2**

### **Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66, Grant # 1405**

#### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66  
42600 Cook Street, Ste 150  
Palm Desert, CA 92211  
760-773-9800

#### **Progress Report Contact:**

Heidi M. Maldoon, Executive Director  
heidi@varietyofthedesert.org

#### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Title:** 1405 Expansion of Core Programs and Services

**Grant Term:** 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

**Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$120,852.00

**Reporting Period:** 04/01/2024 - 09/30/2024

**Report Due Date:** 11/01/2024

#### **DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

**Goal 7:** Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the general education of the District's residents

**Strategy 7.1:** Increase awareness of the importance of the impacts of health education on Coachella Valley residents (Priority: Moderate)

#### **PROGRESS TOWARDS PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

Write your progress towards each project deliverable in the space below. Project deliverable numbers should ONLY reflect those directly funded by DHCD funds.

#### **Project Deliverable #1:**

By December 31, 2023, two full-time Program Specialists will be hired, onboarded, trained, and providing services to clients.

**Progress towards Deliverable #1:**

Two full-time Program Specialists continued to provide services to clients.

**Project Deliverable #2:**

By September 30, 2024, Caring Connections will provide 180 developmental screenings and provide educational materials to 1,500 residents.

**Progress towards Deliverable #2:**

As of September 30, 2024, Caring Connections provided 151 developmental screenings and provided educational materials to 771 residents.

**Project Deliverable #3:**

By September 30, 2024, Caring Connections will host twenty satellite service dates in communities identified as high-risk to reach 40 clients with services. Satellite service locations currently include: First 5 Riverside in Desert Hot Springs (twice monthly), First 5 Riverside of Mecca (twice monthly), and Clinica Medica Familiar in Indio (monthly).

**Progress towards Deliverable #3:**

As of September 30, 2024, Caring Connections hosted 13 satellite service dates in communities identified as high-risk to reach 32 clients with services. Satellite service locations include: First 5 Riverside in Desert Hot Springs (twice monthly); First 5 Riverside of Mecca (twice monthly) and Clinica Medica Familiar in Indio (monthly)

**PROGRESS TOWARDS PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Please provide your project's performance measure numbers as they align with your project deliverables and the identified Desert Healthcare District's strategy/strategies. Performance measure numbers should ONLY reflect the reporting period.

**PM 7.1: # of community engagement/awareness activities:**

9

**Story Behind the Number:**

9 community engagement/awareness activities were held in this reporting period. These include resource fairs, parent workshops, access to mental health and COVID-19 educational materials, sensory-friendly and supportive event access, and other supportive health engagements. Events and activities were held at Variety Children's Charity Palm Desert Resource Center and at the service location of partners across the Coachella Valley.

**PM 7.1: # of clients reached through community engagement/awareness efforts:**

1463

**Story Behind the Number:**

1,463 individuals received educational materials, mental health resources, COVID-19 prevention kits, access to socially inclusive events and workshops, and the distribution of health education and illness prevention materials. These events were held at the

Variety Children's Charity Resource Center and on location with partnering organizations. Children and parents were reached through community engagement/awareness efforts.

**PM 7.1: # of clients who increased their knowledge of the impacts of health education on Coachella Valley residents:**

1241

**PM 7.1: % clients who increased their knowledge of the impacts of health education on Coachella Valley residents:**

85

**Story Behind the Number/Percent:**

An estimated 85% of clients increased their health education knowledge by receiving health education information, resources, referrals, and support. These are clients who received support, resources, and education materials related to COVID-19 prevention, developmental screenings, early childhood milestones, mental health, and other relevant health and wellness topics.

**PROGRESS ON THE DISTRICT RESIDENTS SERVED:**

**Total Number of District Residents Reached During This Reporting Period:**

1463

**Story Behind the Number:**

Residents of the Coachella Valley were reached and served through the four core programs of Variety Children's Charity and through collaborations with partnering nonprofit organizations. Residents were served across the valley including in Desert Hot Springs, Palm Desert, Indio, and Mecca consistently. Resource fairs and other activities were held in additional communities. Residents received access to health and wellness information on a variety of topics including COVID-19, mental health resources, and early education and intervention.

**Geographic Area(s) Served During This Reporting Period:**

Bermuda Dunes, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Edge, Desert Hot Springs, Desert Palms, Garnet, Indian Wells, Indio, Indio Hills, La Quinta, Mecca, North Shore, Oasis, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Sky Valley, Thermal, Thousand Palms, Vista Santa Rosa

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

**Please share any challenges and course corrections you may have experienced during this performance period such as reaching organizational capacity, partnerships, identified geographic areas and/or target populations, etc.**

The organization experienced a change in personnel during the grant period which was addressed through recruiting new staff members to support the program and its clients. Additionally, the number of days on-site in our satellite offices located in Desert Hot Springs, Indio, and Mecca was doubled to two days per month per location however this remains inadequate for the need in these communities.

**Please share any success stories highlighting the impact that your project had on the community during this reporting period.**

The organization continues to expand programs and services throughout the reporting period. New services include emergency meal kits for families in crisis and mental health bags for children and teens experiencing mental health concerns or in crisis.

## **Grant Progress Report**

**Organization Name:** Alianza Coachella Valley

**Grant #:** 1332

**Project Title:**

Expanding and Advancing Outreach Through Increasing Capacity Development

**Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Patricia S. Carrillo

Phone: (760) 534-6696

Email: patriciacarrillo@alianzacv.org

### **Grant Information**

**Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$100,000

**Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23):** 08/01/22-01/31/25

**Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22):** 02/01/24-07/31/24

### **Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment**

**Goal:** 5, 6 and 7

**Strategy:** 5.3, 6.1-6.3 and 7.2

### **Progress This Reporting Period**

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

We are excited to report back that during this reporting period we hosted our last Charlas Comunitarias gathering on June 1, 2024. We also continued to provide trainings to our community at no cost with nine additional trainings to be scheduled for the remainder of the grant period.

**Progress of Goal #1:**

On June 1, 2024 our team hosted our last Charlas Comunitarias gathering at the Mecca Community Center. For this last gathering, we were also joined by our Community Justice Campaign partners, which includes Lideres Campesinas, Coachella Valley Parents, Youth Leadership Institute and The LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert. We had 36 adults and 24 youth in attendance. We are thankful for our strong

partnerships with these organizations and community members at large, as we believe that this played a big role in having 60 community members total in attendance for this last Charlas Comunitarias. In this last charlas comunitarias we focused on providing a Restorative Justice 101 session to help introduce these practices to more community members with the continued goal of the Community Justice campaign, which is to build stronger and healthier relationships between parents/caregivers, youth, educators and community at large to use these gained practices for our students so that they can succeed with a strong support system in and out of the classroom. There were also various components of community building activities throughout this gathering which included youth-led restorative circles so that the community can get to know each other and their shared lived experiences. This also included a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 101 session where community members learned more about the LCAP and the role that this plan plays in the education of our youth and children who are in school. This included educating the community on how they too have a say and voice on how this plan is implemented and what it should include to better support our students. Overall, this final charlas comunitarias was a great success.

### **Progress of Goal #2:**

During this reporting period, Alianza staff and partners prepped and implemented below training series.

1. Artivism #1 CVHS- 20 youth
2. Artivism #2 DMHS- 20 youth
3. Artivism #3 Virtual- 15 youth
4. Youth Environmental Justice 101- 30 Youth
5. Reflection of Self-Empowering- 25 youth
6. LCAP Advocacy 101 and School Government 101- 20 Youth
7. LCAP Advocacy 101 and School Government 101- 30 Adults
8. Restorative Justice Practice Conference- 15 Youth and Adults
9. Data Analysis- 15 Youth and Adult
10. Public Comments- 15 Youth and Adult

Alianza also brought on board a consultant who will be leading two trainings below in the next few months.

- Adulthood and Youth Activism
- Coaching for Advocacy

With Alianza staff leading 7 additional trainings to close off this grant in the next few months as well.

## **Progress on the Number of District Residents Served**

**Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 265**

**Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 530**

### **Please answer the following questions:**

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals?**  
Yes.
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**  
  
N/A
- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**  
N/A
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**  
N/A

# **FINAL GRANT REPORT**

## **Step Up On Second Street Inc, Grant # 1389**

### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

Step Up On Second Street Inc  
1460 4th Street, Suite 200  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
310-696-4510

#### **Final Report Contact:**

Lynne Elwan, Chief Philanthropy Officer  
LElwan@stepup.org

### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Title:** 1389 Step Up's ECM/ILOS programs in the Coachella Valley

**Grant Term:** 08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024

**Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$64,401.00

**Reporting Period:** 08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024

**Report Due Date:** 09/15/2024

### **DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

**Goal 2:** Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services

**Goal 5:** Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of the District residents (on a situational basis)

**Strategy 2.7** Increase equitable access to primary and specialty care services and resources in underserved communities in Coachella Valley (Priority: High)

**Strategy 5.1** Reduce the negative impacts of social determinants of health on homelessness in Coachella Valley (Priority: Moderate)

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

Write your progress towards each project deliverable in the space below. Project deliverable numbers should ONLY reflect those directly funded by DHCD funds.



**Project Deliverable #1:**

Enhanced Care Management (ECM)- Through the agency's ECM program, Step Up will coordinate care and services among the physical, behavioral, and social service delivery systems for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Coachella Valley. By July 31, 2024, Step Up will connect approximately 75 individuals to health insurance and a primary care physician.

**Final Outcomes towards Deliverable #1:**

Over the entire grant period, Step Up served 62 members in the Coachella Valley through the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program, all of whom have been connected to health insurance and a primary care physician, and 51 of these members are co-enrolled in the CS program. In combination with the CS program, Step Up now serves a total of 160 members in the Coachella Valley. Over the course of the grant period, there were several challenges that Step Up's ECM/CS programs in the Inland Empire needed to navigate, including difficulties in recruiting dedicated Coachella Valley staff and the departure of the previous Program Director, which led to hiring the new Director, Raymond Morales. Despite these changes, Step Up successfully surpassed its stated goal of serving 62 members through the ECM program in the Coachella Valley.

As part of the EMC/CS programs, Step Up performs outreach to new members as a means of first contact. Over the grant period, Step Up has performed 44 of these outreach activities, engaging a total of 160 members. These engagements involve connecting with community members through direct personal contact or at public events held by local churches, shelter partnerships, or other similarly partnering organizations' facilities. The primary goal of these activities is to inform the community of Step Up's work and to connect members to vital first services, including basic needs such as clothing and food, as well as more complex services such as housing navigation and documentation readiness. Augmenting these outreach activities and in cohesion with Step Up's commitment to community engagement, the ECM/CS team also participates in community events such as local council meetings, housing events, and resource events.

**Project Deliverable #2:**

Community Supports In Lieu of Services (ILOS) – Through the agency's ILOS program, Step Up will provide ongoing case management and resources for clinical and non-clinical needs, housing navigation services, linkages to mainstream benefits, and connections to vocational training or educational opportunities to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Coachella Valley. By July 31, 2024, Step Up will connect approximately 150 individuals to housing, benefits, and other supportive services, including but not limited to linkages back to ECM services.

**Final Outcomes towards Deliverable #2:**

Step Up currently serves 156 members through the Community Supports In Lieu of Services (CS, formerly ILOS) program within the Coachella Valley. All 156 members

have been connected to mainstream benefits and housing navigation services, and all were screened for ECM eligibility, 51 of whom qualify and are co-enrolled in both the ECM and CS programs. In combination with the ECM program, Step Up now serves a total of 160 members in the Coachella Valley. Thanks to the dedication of Step Up's ECM/CS team in the Coachella Valley, the agency successfully surpassed its goal of serving 150 individuals through the CS program in the Coachella Valley.

## **PROGRESS TOWARDS PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Please provide your project's performance measure numbers as they align with your project deliverables and the identified Desert Healthcare District's strategy/strategies. Performance measure numbers should ONLY reflect the reporting period.

### **PM 2.7: # of Community Navigators trained:**

4

#### **Story Behind the Number:**

Over the course of the Grant Period, Step Up was focused on building out a dedicated Coachella Valley team. This included hiring 3 new staff members and training one existing staff member in the ECM/CS programs. In total, Step Up trained 4 community navigators, who hold the title of Service Coordinator I (SCI) within the agency. These SCIs perform initial outreach, provide high quality, effective care management to members, and provide interventions as outlined in CalAIM resource guide to support Medi-Cal's managed care plans. These SCIs focused on providing field-based services, such as outreach and engagement, housing tenancy and sustaining services, housing transition and navigation services, coordination of care, resource linkages, and working with other professionals and organizations in the community to ensure quality of care for members.

### **PM 2.7: # of Community Navigators hired:**

3

#### **Story Behind the Number:**

As stated before, Step Up used the grant period to build a dedicated Coachella Valley team. This included hiring 3 community navigators, who hold the title of Service Coordinator I (SCI) within the agency. These new SCIs have helped solidify Step Up's presence in the Coachella Valley and now make an integral part of the ECM/CS Coachella Valley team. These SCIs perform community outreach, comprehensive case management, housing navigation, care coordination, and provide members with linkages to vital resources.

### **PM 2.7: # of clients who increased their knowledge of primary and specialty care resources:**

160

**Story Behind the Number:**

Through the ECM/CS programs, Step Up helped members coordinate care and services among the various physical, behavioral, and social services delivery systems, making it easier for them to get the proper care at the right time. This included connecting members to housing navigation services and ensuring that members were able to access primary care and specialists as needed. Step Up helped members grow their knowledge of chronic disease management, and helped members enhance housing stability and improved health outcomes through increased knowledge of primary and specialty care resources.

When Step Up connected members to services through the ECM/CS programs, staff ensured that each member was educated on the availability of resources that met their individual needs. This specialized care increased the overall health of the member, any additional family members, and the community at large. This had a positive effect on both adult members and their children, increasing the likelihood of health issues being addressed, lowering the odds of mental and physical health needs going unmet, and increasing everyone in the family's overall health outcomes.

**PM 2.7: # of clients who were directly connected to a primary and specialty care service provider:**

62

**Story Behind the Number:**

As an essential function of the ECM program, Step Up connects members to primary care physicians. Along with this, Step Up also helps members navigate the healthcare system and receive referrals to specialty care when needed. Through the ECM program, Step Up coordinated care and services among the physical, behavioral, and social service delivery systems for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Coachella Valley, ultimately helping 62 members connect to primary care and receive the physical and mental health support they needed to progress toward recovery.

**PM 2.7: # of clients who connected to primary and specialty care via supportive healthcare services:**

*(Number of clients who were connected to primary and specialty care via supportive healthcare services such as transportation assistance, insurance enrollment, etc.)*

160

**Story Behind the Number:**

All members served through the ECM/CS programs were connected to some sort of supportive healthcare services. This may have been as simple as securing transportation to doctors appointments, or as complex as benefits enrollments and connecting the members to health insurance through the CalAIM program. Through engagements with community members through direct personal contact or at public events held by local churches, shelter partnerships, or other similarly partnering organizations' facilities, Step Up established first contact with members and linked them

to variety of supportive healthcare services, with a specific focus on basic needs such as clothing and food, as well as more complex services such as housing navigation and documentation readiness.

**PM 5.1: # of community engagement/awareness activities:**

44

**Story Behind the Number:**

Over the grant period, Step Up performed 44 outreach activities. These engagement activities sometimes took the form of direct personal contact in areas where individuals experiencing homelessness congregate, and other times were public events held by local churches, shelter partnerships, or other similarly partnering organizations' facilities. The primary goal of these activities is to inform the community of Step Up's work and to connect members to vital first services. The ECM/CS team also participated in community events such as local council meetings, housing events, and resource events.

**PM 5.1: # of clients/potential clients reached through awareness efforts:**

86

**Story Behind the Number:**

Through the 44 outreach activities, Step Up was able to connect with 86 new members. Some of them had already been referred to the agency by one of the partnering healthcare providers, and many were new to the agency. Step Up was able to link all 86 new members to services, helping them enroll in benefits and connect with primary healthcare physicians. All new members were screened for both ECM and CS eligibility, and all who qualified were enrolled in one or both of the programs.

**PM 5.1: # of clients who were directly connected to services:**

160

**Story Behind the Number:**

All 160 members served through the ECM/CS programs in the Coachella Valley were directly connected to one or more services provided through the agency or through a partnering organization. These services included transportation, benefit enrollment, housing navigation, case management, life skills coaching, medication management, and community integration services such as help securing employment or volunteer opportunities.

**PROGRESS ON THE DISTRICT RESIDENTS SERVED:**

**Total Number of District Residents Served During the Entire Grant Term:**

160

**Story Behind the Number:**

Over the course of this grant period, Step Up connected with and provided services to

160 members in the Coachella Valley. 78 of these members were enrolled in the ECM program, 156 were enrolled in the CS program, and 51 were co-enrolled in both programs. All members were linked to vital mental health support, and 78 were linked to primary physicians through enrollment in health insurance through one of the partnering healthcare providers.

**Geographic Area(s) Served During the Entire Grant Term:**

Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Edge, Desert Hot Springs, Desert Palms, Indio, Indio Hills, La Quinta, Mecca, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Thermal, Thousand Palms

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

**Please share any challenges and course corrections you may have experienced during the entire grant term such as reaching organizational capacity, partnerships, identified geographic areas and/or target populations, and/or fiscal budgetary expenses, etc.**

As stated in Step Up's progress report, the primary challenge that the ECM/CS programs in the Coachella Valley faced over the grant period centered on the difficulties in hiring Coachella Valley-specific staff and changes to the ECM/CS team's management staff. Specifically, the previous Program Director left the agency, and Step Up hired a new Director, Raymond Morales. Step Up was also able to hire and train four full-time staff members to service the Coachella Valley, and staff have successfully engaged 183 individuals through the ECM/CS programs throughout the Coachella Valley.

Some additional challenges included building the team's infrastructure as the program expanded within the Coachella Valley, securing new partnerships and local resources in the area, and meeting members' needs, such as assisting them with securing new income sources and transportation in far-flung regions of the valley. Step Up has addressed these by building new relationships with local, like-minded funders so that the agency can access the resources necessary to provide members with the most comprehensive services possible. This multi-pronged approach has proven to be very successful, with the agency helping 183 members throughout the Coachella Valley access primary healthcare, case management, housing navigation, and ultimately permanent supportive housing.

**Please list five things to be done differently if this project were to be implemented and/or funded again.**

The most important lesson Step Up has learned from this funding period is the need to secure funding exclusively for staffing. If this funding is to be renewed, the agency will allocate most, if not all, of the awarded funds to ensure staff are fully funded. This will help guarantee that staff can perform their work without worrying about restrictions on billable services through service contracts.

The next item Step Up would like to do differently if funding is awarded is leveraging the funding more effectively to obtain additional resources within the area. Step Up understands that local support and buy-in are crucial to the long-term success of the ECM/CS programs in the Coachella Valley. While Step Up did use funding from DHCD to solicit support from other local funders, the agency would like to refine this process and build on the successes of this last year to help develop compelling proposals and secure additional local partnerships.

Building on this idea, Step Up is also looking to build lasting partnerships with local hospitals. These partnerships would help steady the flow of new referrals and increase the programs' impact by widening the net of new potential members. Step Up has already made progress on this front, building new partnerships with local hospitals in other regions of the Inland Empire, including Kaiser Permanente in Riverside and Moreno Valley. Step Up is now looking to replicate these partnerships that extend beyond the existing partnerships with healthcare providers such as IEHP and Molina.

In addition, Step Up would refocus on securing funding for emergency housing. Alongside lacking access to primary care, the most significant challenge Step Up members face is securing permanent housing. Applying for a housing voucher, collecting all the required documentation, locating landlords willing to accept the voucher, and finally moving into an apartment can take months. In the meantime, members continue to experience homelessness, which negatively impacts their health outcomes. To help mitigate this, Step Up is committed to helping members, especially those living in immediately dangerous situations, secure temporary housing. This looks different for each member, but having funding available for emergency motel stays is vital to this effort. If funding were to be renewed, Step Up would request that a portion be set aside to help at-risk members secure emergency housing.

Finally, Step Up would like to see more resources dedicated to helping members with move-in costs. This is another vital element in assisting members in securing and maintaining permanent housing, but it is often left unfunded by service contracts. Ensuring that members have the appropriate furniture for their new home or have assistance with paying the initial security deposits helps fortify their new housing status and improves their odds of maintaining their housing in the long term. Knowing this, Step Up would like to solicit and secure additional funding over the next year to help meet this need and guarantee that the agency can give each member everything they need to successfully maintain their housing, improve their health outcomes, and experience recovery.

**After the initial investment by the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation, how will the project be financially sustained?**

Step Up's Inland Empire ECM/CS programs are a priority for the agency. Over the next three years, they will be sustained through expanded ECM and CS contracts with other local and state service contracts and the fundraising efforts of Step Up's Philanthropy

team. Step Up has created a robust strategy around diversifying funding sources by working with the board of directors through consistent engagement with major donors, creating a robust planned giving program, and seeking to connect with new funders as alignment with strategies and priorities are uncovered. Through expanded contracts and diversified philanthropic efforts, Step Up is confident that it will be able to sustain the efforts of its ECM/CS programs.

**Please share any success stories and/or testimonials highlighting the impact that your project had on District residents during the entire grant term.**

One story that Step Up is proud of involves a member who wishes to remain anonymous. This member, who is blind and struggling with several physical health conditions, was experiencing homelessness and living in a rural area outside of the major communities within the Coachella Valley. Through the dedicated effort of the ECM/CS team, Step Up located this member and was ultimately successful in linking them to emergency housing, health insurance, a primary care physician, and reliable community resources. This member is now stably housed and is progressing toward recovery with improved health outcomes. Step Up is working with this member to secure permanent housing while ensuring they receive the most comprehensive care possible.

**Is there anything else (*not related to the grant funding*) that you feel is important to share with the Desert Healthcare Board and Staff?**

# **FINAL GRANT REPORT**

## **Variety Children's Charities of the Desert Tent 66, Grant # 1405**

### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

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### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Title:** 1405 Expansion of Core Programs and Services

**Grant Term:** 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

**Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$120,852.00

**Reporting Period:** 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

**Report Due Date:** 11/15/2024

### **DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

**Goal 7:** Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the general education of the District's residents

**Strategy 7.1:** Increase awareness of the importance of the impacts of health education on Coachella Valley residents (Priority: Moderate)

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

Write your progress towards each project deliverable in the space below. Project deliverable numbers should ONLY reflect those directly funded by DHCD funds.

#### **Project Deliverable #1:**

By December 31, 2023, two full-time Program Specialists will be hired, onboarded, trained, and providing services to clients.



**Final Outcomes towards Deliverable #1:**

By December 31, 2023, two full-time Program Specialists were hired, onboarded, trained, and provided services to clients.

**Project Deliverable #2:**

By September 30, 2024, Caring Connections will provide 180 developmental screenings and provide educational materials to 1,500 residents.

**Final Outcomes towards Deliverable #2:**

By September 30, 2023, Caring Connections provided 247 developmental screenings and provided educational materials to 1660 residents.

**Project Deliverable #3:**

By September 30, 2024, Caring Connections will host twenty satellite service dates in communities identified as high-risk to reach 40 clients with services. Satellite service locations currently include: First 5 Riverside in Desert Hot Springs (twice monthly), First 5 Riverside of Mecca (twice monthly), and Clinica Medica Familiar in Indio (monthly).

**Final Outcomes towards Deliverable #3:**

As of September 30, 2024, Caring Connections hosted 48 satellite service dates in communities identified as high-risk to reach 69 clients with services. Satellite service locations include: First 5 Riverside in Desert Hot Springs (twice monthly); First 5 Riverside of Mecca (twice monthly) and Clinica Medica Familiar in Indio (monthly)

**PROGRESS TOWARDS PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Please provide your project's performance measure numbers as they align with your project deliverables and the identified Desert Healthcare District's strategy/strategies. Performance measure numbers should ONLY reflect the reporting period.

**PM 7.1: # of community engagement/awareness activities:**

57

**Story Behind the Number:**

57 community engagement/awareness activities were held in this reporting period. These include resource fairs, parent workshops, access to mental health and COVID-19 educational materials, sensory-friendly and supportive event access, and other supportive health engagements. Events and activities were held at Variety Children's Charity Palm Desert Resource Center and at the service location of partners across the Coachella Valley.

**PM 7.1: # of clients reached through awareness efforts:**

2352

**Story Behind the Number:**

2,352 individuals received educational materials, mental health resources, COVID-19 prevention kits, access to socially inclusive events and workshops, and the distribution

of health education and illness prevention materials. These events were held at the Variety Children's Charity Resource Center and on location with partnering organizations. Children and parents were reached through community engagement/awareness efforts.

**PM 7.1: # of clients who increased their knowledge of the impacts of health education on Coachella Valley residents:**

1722

**PM 7.1: % clients who increased their knowledge of the impacts of health education on Coachella Valley residents:**

73

**Story Behind the Number:**

An estimated 73% of clients increased their health education knowledge by receiving health education information, resources, referrals, and support. These are clients who received support, resources, and education materials related to COVID-19 prevention, developmental screenings, early childhood milestones, mental health and other relevant health and wellness topics.

**PROGRESS ON THE DISTRICT RESIDENTS SERVED:**

**Total Number of District Residents Served During the Entire Grant Term:**

2352

**Story Behind the Number:**

Residents of the Coachella Valley were reached and served through the four core programs of Variety Children's Charity and through collaborations with partnering nonprofit organizations. Residents were served across the valley including in Desert Hot Springs, Palm Desert, Indio, and Mecca consistently. Resource fairs and other activities were held in additional communities. Residents received access to health and wellness information on a variety of topics including COVID-19, mental health resources, and early education and intervention.

**Geographic Area(s) Served During the Entire Grant Term:**

Bermuda Dunes, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Edge, Desert Hot Springs, Desert Palms, Garnet, Indian Wells, Indio, Indio Hills, La Quinta, Mecca, North Shore, Oasis, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Sky Valley, Thermal, Thousand Palms, Vista Santa Rosa

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

**Please share any challenges and course corrections you may have experienced during the entire grant term such as reaching organizational capacity, partnerships, identified geographic areas and/or target populations, and/or fiscal budgetary expenses, etc.**

The organization experienced a change in personnel during the grant period which was

addressed through recruiting new staff members to support the program and its clients. Additionally, the number of days on-site in our satellite offices located in Desert Hot Springs, Indio, and Mecca was doubled to two days per month per location however this remains inadequate for the need in these communities.

**Please list five things to be done differently if this project were to be implemented and/or funded again.**

Based on the June 2024 Variety Children's Charity of the Desert Needs Assessment Report conducted in collaboration with HARC, the following key areas are identified for consideration of change and/or improvement as the project continues:

1. Offer (or expand) services virtually on Zoom.
2. Expand services at the Palm Desert office.
3. Offer (or expand) services in Indio or Coachella.
4. Advertise and emphasize to parents that services are at no cost.
5. Offer (or expand) flexible office hours.

**After the initial investment by the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation, how will the project be financially sustained?**

The initial investment provided by DHCD provided the means for the project to expand into disadvantaged communities and begin to gain trust, rapport, and respect as a service provider with the children and families in need of services. With this process strongly in place, the organization will launch a long-range fundraising campaign focused on the continued increase of services, sustainability and consistency of programming, and the expansion of service times and availability to meet the increasing demand. Financial sustainability will be pursued through multiple sources including community support, fundraising events and campaigns, and grant funding.

**Please share any success stories and/or testimonials highlighting the impact that your project had on District residents during the entire grant term.**

The organization continues to expand programs and services throughout the reporting period. New services include emergency meal kits for families in crisis and mental health bags for children and teens experiencing mental health concerns or in crisis.

**Is there anything else (*not related to the grant funding*) that you feel is important to share with the Desert Healthcare Board and Staff?**

The support of the DHCD Board and Staff both related to these grant funds and for other Variety Children's Charity initiatives has been welcomed. DHCD Staff have assisted us in opportunities to welcome highly educated interns, attended community awareness events, and assisted in connecting our team to area resources and organizations to pursue additional collaboration opportunities. Thank you for investing in the organizations you fund far beyond the financial support.



## **Grant Progress Report**

**Organization Name:** TODEC Legal Center

**Grant #:** 1326

**Project Title:** TODEC's Equity Program

**Contact Information:**

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### **Grant Information**

**Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$100,000

**Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23):** January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024

**Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22):** 01/01/24 – 06/30/24

### **Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment**

**Goal 5:** Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of the District residents.

**Strategy: 5.2** On a situational basis, play a role in raising awareness of/facilitating progress on the social determinants of health specific to affordable housing for community residents and be a catalyst for community organizations to act in implementing solutions (Priority: Moderate)

**Strategy: 5.3** On a situational basis, play a role in raising awareness of/facilitating progress on the social determinants of health specific to poverty among community residents and be a catalyst for community organizations to act in implementing solutions (Priority: Moderate/Low)

### **Progress This Reporting Period**

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

**Progress of Goal #1:** During this reporting period, TODEC's Health Equity program has reached 5,165 unduplicated immigrants and farmworkers in the Coachella Valley via our intentional one-on-one outreach and education and we have achieved our goal to raise

awareness about affordable housing and poverty to frontline farm workers. TODEC continues to work with its extensive network of public and nonprofit partners to reach frontline farm and food workers using effective, linguistically and culturally appropriate outreach.

**Progress of Goal #2:** We have met this goal by creating awareness via community education and organizing 5,165 ECV residents to take action by understanding and elevating their realities on the social determinants of health specific to poverty to decision makers to find solutions and address residents inequities. In addition of creating direct awareness to community, we organized a learning meeting session at TODEC's office with key decision makers and farmworker women. The intention of this session's is to inform and educate those on power of our ECV Farmworker community's current struggle and challenges as it deals with Health Equity in Coachella Valley. During the session farm workers shared their current realities with the session's participants.

**Progress of Goal #3**

**Progress of Goal #4:**

**Progress of Goal #5:**

### **Progress on the Number of District Residents Served**

**Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 5,165**

**Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 4,961**

**Please answer the following questions:**

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals?** Yes, we are on track to reach our goals.
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**  
We have not experienced any issues or barriers.

- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**

*N/A*

- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**

To date, we have reached and educated 100% of the ECV residents of our initial projected goals with one-on-one intentional outreach and education.



## **Grant Progress Report**

**Organization Name:** Organización en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc.

**Grant #:** 1333

**Project Title:** Healthcare Equity for ECV Farmworker Women and Families

**Contact Information:**

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### **Grant Information**

**Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$150,000

**Grant Term:** 2/01/2023 - 1/31/2025

**Reporting Period :** 03/01/2024 - 09/01/2024

### **Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment**

**Goal:** Farmworker women and their families lack healthcare coverage due to their immigrant status in this country, their employer not offering health insurance to seasonal workers, or due to being laid off from work and thus losing their health benefits. On the other hand, women and girls who do have health coverage experience limited or no access to medical services due to high out of pocket expenses such as co-pays and deductibles, distant service locations, long waiting lists, or their partners controlling or prohibiting their doctor visits and their overall health decisions. Through this project, Lideres Campesinas expects that farmworkers are informed, connected, and have the support to navigate the systems to access healthcare services.

Lideres' partners hear directly from the mobilized campesina community about ideas to enhance their operating policies that will better serve the needs of campesinas, their families, and the community at large. In general, Lideres Campesinas expects to see an increased number of farmworker women and girls in the Eastern Coachella Valley who have access to healthcare prevention and intervention medical services.

### **Progress This Reporting Period**

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

**Progress of Goal #1:** During this reporting period, Lideres Campesinas has reached 2,919 farmworkers and their families through community presentations, social media, information tables, resource health fairs, one-on-one conversations, referrals, phone calls, community cultural events, vigils, and economic relief assistance outreach. In the 52 community and one-on-one events we have hosted and co-hosted in the Eastern Coachella valley, we have been able to link farmworkers to local resources including clinics and inform them of future mobile clinics, health fairs, and resource events held in the Coachella Valley and how to access these resources. Lideres Campesinas has published 40 posts directly related to health resources and have reached 3,008 people through social media, including facebook, WhatsApp, and Instagram. Through this outreach we have created new relationships with local organizations and healthcare providers whom we work together to connect farmworker women, victims, and families to their services.

**Progress of Goal #2:** Due to the success of the Naces pilot project, we are in the process of a new project with Futures Without Violence that will involve our Lideres Campesinas members in 10 of our regions to do outreach on Medi-Cal education, including the Coachella Valley. We have been planning the project taking into consideration the work we have already been doing locally in the eastern coachella valley, working on the material development and surveys to make sure it's all in the preferred language, culturally correct, and for our farm working community to understand and base on their experiences and barriers to get health care coverage. The questions on the surveys are concerns and questions we have heard in our communities, and are also inspired from our work in NACES, trauma informed design, and previous surveys we have done in the ECV in regards to healthcare coverage.

### **Progress of Goal #3**

The farmworker leaders trained in ACEs, are using the information they learned and implementing educational meetings within their chapter and their communities and how toxic stress affects their health. These educational meetings encourage community members including farmworkers, to seek health services and emphasize the importance of preventative care by connecting with clinics and topics such as mental health. We continue to research resources and visit agencies, clinics, organizations, to ensure we are familiar with their processes to seek services and inform the community. The Lideres Campesinas ACEs trained members, conducted educational outreach in grocery stores, the local library, cultural events, medical centers, phone banking, and communities to invite farmworkers to learn about ACE's and the connection to their physical health.

### **Progress of Goal #4:**

Lideres Campesinas in Coachella continue to support the farmworker community by attending community events related to trauma-informed design and maintain contact



with the farmworker participants to refer and connect with local services and agencies when needed. We have analyzed the need for more healthcare services to be brought to the Eastern Coachella Valley, we have found that community clinics we want to partner with may be at full capacity and therefore we have moved on with connecting with clinics in Imperial Valley for the presentation on ACEs and the feedback from farmworker communities on seeking healthcare services related to toxic stress and the ACEs screening. We have identified Volunteers in Medicine as possible providers whom we can collaborate with. The ACEs trained members have yet to present their findings to local health centers, but would like a space to present these findings with community members and partners.

### **Progress of Goal #5:**

Lideres Campesinas has connected with Riverside University Health System's Public Health Department and local community organizations to hold education trainings and presentations on Trauma Informed Design and Traffic Safety for the community of Oasis that will help heal the trauma and exposure to trauma that residents have faced. We have helped in the development of Oasis and culturally-specific training curriculums for Trauma Informed Design and Pedestrian Safety. Riverside University Health System-Public Health, for the community of Oasis. Lideres Campesinas members and staff have given RUHS feedback on a more culturally adequate curriculum for the community of Oasis and have been trained by RUHS on Pedestrian Safety, Trauma Informed Design, and Trauma Informed Care to begin planning the community presentations. During the grant reporting period, we have connected with other local organizations to partner in community events to be held in Oasis, members and staff have been practicing and preparing for the community presentations to be held in October. As the environment impacts the physical health of residents, we are continuously hosting and co-hosting Resilient Salton Sea meetings and informational meetings to address the health effects on residents surrounding the Salton Sea. We have highlighted the intersection between the environment and health during these community meetings as the environment affects the physical and mental well being of farmworkers and residents of the ECV, and influences the drive to seek healthcare services to address these health issues. Through this campaign we continue to highlight the potential of Eastern Coachella Valley cities. Our members also continue their work with our Mother Earth Project in which they grow and consume fresh and organic foods grown in their backyards to promote the access to healthier foods and fresh produce. This helps not only the health of farmworkers but addresses the issues of food insecurity, is an opportunity for economic development, encourages the foundation of community gardens, and is a form of self care as residents connect with nature.

### **Progress on the Number of District Residents Served**

**Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period:** Out of the 2,919 farmworker families reached, 1,000 were directly served unduplicated.

**Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period:** 4,927 were indirectly served including social media outreach, phone calls, and flyer distributions.

**Please answer the following questions:**

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals? Yes it is**
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**

Lideres Campesinas has not presented the farmworker findings of the NACES project and feedback and would like to present preferably to a Federally Qualified Health Center, or any local community healthcare provider. It is important to inform them of the specific cultural and linguistic needs of farmworker patients when filling out screening forms and accessing healthcare services and systems. We have reached less farm workers during this period as many migrate due to the end of harvest season and the summer heat. We expect outreach and education to pick up as farm workers return to the Coachella Valley for work.

- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**

During the reporting period we have been able to inform on the importance of cultural context in healthcare access, healthcare coverage, and screenings to partners, agencies, businesses and task forces, such as the Riv Co Anti-Human trafficking Taskforce, who work towards the health and safety of Eastern Coachella Valley residents and ensure the services are equitable and accessible to all. Some community feedback we have received and believe is important to note is the lack of culturally and linguistically adequate services provided for Spanish and Indigenous speaking farmworkers who attend community medical events. The farmworker leaders have created a safe space to talk about ACEs and toxic stress in the farmworker community and encourage residents to take up activities to help manage this toxic stress that affects their health. This is especially great in showing city officials why it is important to consider trauma-informed design and the need for better infrastructure when building homes, streets, businesses, etc. A highlight is the partnerships and invitations to be part of new projects in regards to farmworker and public health.

**Grant Report Summary**

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**Goal #1:** Increase the number of local students who represent the racial and ethnic backgrounds of the community by awarding scholarships to a minimum of 50 students pursuing healthcare degrees and careers. Maximize DCHD scholarship funds to award as many students as possible by applying funds as last dollar in for students’ financial aid packages.

**Evaluation #1**

1. On an annual basis, measure the number of applicants to BAA and Graduate Scholarship fund and compare to prior year.
2. Track the number of scholarships awarded to students who represent the racial and ethnic backgrounds of the community and are historically underrepresented in health careers.
3. Review all student financial aid packages annually to assess capture of available state, federal and institutional aid.
4. Track the completion of the scholar information and outreach cycle on an annual basis:
  - By May 2023 and for the following 2 years, OneFuture will provide high school counselors across all Coachella Valley with information about scholarships to distribute to all eligible students (Step A)
  - By May 2023 and for the following 2 years, OneFuture will confirm that information regarding webinars, workshops, and other communications (social media, radio, TV and flyers) have reached eligible students (Step B)
  - By March 15, 2024, OneFuture will repeat Steps A and B for the previous year’s scholarship awardees.
  - By August 2023 for the first cohort and August 2024 for the second cohort, OneFuture will complete the selection, notification and processing of scholarship awardees.
  - By August 2023 and for the following year (August 2024), a minimum of 50 students who mirror underserved residents’ ethnic and racial backgrounds will be awarded.

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**Goal #2:** Increase access to resources, mentorship and connections to diverse health professionals and remove barriers for Black and African American students by facilitating the Black and African American Healthcare Scholar Advisory Council. The council is comprised of community members with relevant knowledge and experience to help remove barriers facing Black and African American youth in the Coachella Valley.

**Evaluation #2**

1. On an annual basis measure GPS Mindset (Growth, Purpose and Sense of Belonging) among BAA scholars, utilizing the University of Virginia’s Navigate Project Motivation Tool.
2. Track the number of new resources accessed by students as a result of the BAA Advisory Committee’s support.

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**Goal #3:** Increase the number of local students who are completing Graduate degrees in high demand healthcare professions by providing support services aligned with their identified needs (i.e. tuition assistance, loan debt reduction, test fees, support for internship preceptors.)

**Evaluation #3**

1. Track completion of case management milestones: Student Leadership Conference, Mid-Year Networking Summit, Bridge to Career Series and one-to-one counseling sessions to assess academic readiness, explore professional development opportunities that support their career path and review financial aid capture to assess need gap and loan deb to determine resources needed.
2. Review all student financial aid packages annually to assess capture of available state, federal and institutional aid. Assess reduction in loan debt and capture of available financial aid on an annual basis.
3. Measure college and career planning progress by reviewing transcripts, professional resume, and College & Career Plan at beginning of each term.
4. Track the number of additional resources accessed by scholars as a result of support they received through OneFuture and its community partners by documenting it in case files and through the use of an annual survey.

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**Goal #4:** 90% of scholars will participate in OneFuture Case Management and Student Support Services and complete college and career milestones. 90% of scholars will persist and complete the academic year or degree as a result of holistic support services and scholarships provided.

**Evaluation #4**

1. Track completion of case management milestones: Student Leadership Conference, Mid-Year Networking Summit, and one-on-one counseling sessions to review academic progress, financial aid capture and career planning progress.
2. Measure academic progress, persistence and degree complete rates by reviewing transcripts and College & Career Plan at beginning of each term.
3. Milestones:
  - By July 2023:
    - 95% of scholarship awardees have signed their award letters and completed verification of their Financial Aid packages.
  - By August 2023:
    - 100% of scholars complete class schedule and college and career plan verification.
  - By September 2023:
    - Undergo evaluation by a third part to assess program effectiveness through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion.
  - By January 2024:
    - Assess scholar college enrollment, GPA and first-year persistence rates for the current cohort.
  - By April 2024:
    - Complete interim assessments, ensuring participation in workshops, Leadership Program, experiential learning, and networking with healthcare professionals.
    - Evaluate students receiving financial aid compared to similar student groups.
    - Confirm publication of student spotlights/features to communicate the impact of DCHD&F student's progress.
  - By June 2024:
    - Evaluate scholar data, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year persistence rates and number of degree completers

- By July 2024:
  - Repeat the above steps for the 2024-2025 scholar cohort.

**Report Narrative – Questions to be answered each report are in blue:**

**Please describe your program/project accomplishment(s) this reporting period in comparison to our proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.**

**Report #7 – 7/01/24 – 9/30/24 -- Due 11/1/24**

**Black and African American Healthcare Scholarship Outreach & Recruitment**

- Review and selection of the 2024 Black and African American scholars is complete
- **Total Applicants:** Forty-three (43) applications were submitted through April 26, 2024.
- **Total Number of Scholars Awarded:** Seventeen (17) students (including 6 continuing students) have been awarded a scholarship for the 2024-25 academic year.
  - Four (4) new students received a one-year scholarship.
  - Seven (7) new students received a two-year scholarship through the 2025-26 academic year.
  - Six (6) scholars are receiving their second-year awards.

**Graduate Healthcare Scholarship Outreach & Recruitment**

- **Total Applicants:** Fifteen (15) graduate students applied through the OneFuture CV application leading up to the April 26, 2024 deadline.
- **Total Number of Scholars Selected:** The session Ten (10) students received a one-year scholarship totaling \$10,000 each and one (1) received a \$7000 scholarship to support their graduate studies during the 2024-25 academic year.

**Black & African American Advisory Committee:**

- The Black & African American Advisory (BAA) Committee went dark from June-August 2024 and reconvened in September 2024. In July and August, committee members, Larry Kidd (Brothers of the Desert), Jarvis Crawford (James O. Jesse Desert Highland Unity Center) and the OneFuture team met to plan the *Fall 2024 College and Career Series*. The sessions focused on helping our Black and African American high school students and their families with important college match & fit tips, including information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities. The workshop series included sessions on:
  - *Did Someone Say “Free Money”:* *FAFSA, Grants, and Scholarships:* The session was facilitated by the OneFuture team and provided information on financial aid opportunities and resources, including grants, scholarships, and loans. Attendees received a College Planner to track their educational progress. Total attendees: twenty-one (21)
  - *Choosing Your Education Path - What I Wish I knew:* The session brought together two (2) local professionals, Janel Hunt (Palm Springs High School) and Jarvis Crawford (James O. Jesse Desert Highland Unity Center), shared tips and provided guidance and direction on how to select a college and education resources that best fits student's needs. Attendees were given an Academic Planner to use for time and goal management. Total attendees: seventeen (17)
  - *Career Compass: A Workshop for Exploration:* The session brought together business partners (Desert Oasis Healthcare, College of the Desert, Chase Bank, and Visit Greater Palm Spring Collaborative) to highlight career opportunities and resources available in each sector. Students were provided with a whiteboard calendar to visually set and track their college and career goals. Total attendees: nineteen (19)
  - *Scholarship Portfolio:* The session was facilitated by Ventrice Diggs-King (Sallie Mae) who provided guidance on how to research, find and apply for scholarship opportunities. Attendees were also provided with OneFuture and Sallie Mae swag. Total attendees: twenty-five (25)

Report #8 – 10/1/24 – 12/31/24 -- Due 2/1/25

FINAL REPORT DUE – 2/15/25

## **Progress of Goal #1**

Report #7 – 7/01/24 – 9/30/24 -- Due 11/1/24

### **2024 – 26 Black and African American Healthcare Scholarship**

- OneFuture Coachella Valley continues to see a need for holistic support services earlier in the academic process to help reduce time to degree. Many students are taking a longer time to earn their degrees, as they do not have the proper academic counseling to help them successfully navigate their academic programs. This in turn is causing students to exhaust their state and federal aid and rely on student loans to complete their healthcare degrees.
- In response to the higher student loan debt among our Black & African American scholars, OneFuture Coachella Valley is currently reviewing their financial aid packages to awards additional funding that can support their timely degree completion and loan reduction.

### **2024 – 26 Graduate Healthcare Scholarship:**

- There are currently ten (10) graduate scholars who have been selected and awarded the Graduate Healthcare Scholarship. An additional student has been reviewed and selected for 2024-25AY year cohort (totaling 11 students for the 2024-25 academic year):
  - Yaire Cabrera, Pursuing Master’s in Family Therapy, California State University San Bernardino, Palm Desert

Report #8 – 10/1/24 – 12/31/24 -- Due 2/1/25

FINAL REPORT DUE – 2/15/25

## **Progress of Goal #2**

Report #7 – 7/01/24 – 9/30/24 -- Due 11/1/24

**2024-26 Scholar Update:** Our Black and African American scholars have been onboarded and the majority of the have been cleared for their Fall 2024 scholarship disbursement. To assist students with their academic and career goals, OneFuture is meeting with scholars to review their College & Career Plans, financial aid and academic documents to ensure scholars are persisting and capturing available aid.

1. Cleared for Disbursement:
  - Cleared: Fourteen (14) scholars
  - Pending to be Cleared: Two (2)
  - On Hold: One (1) scholar is on hold pending Student Aid Index review
2. One-on-One meetings to review academic, financial, professional and mental wellness
  - Completed: Seven (7)
  - Pending to Complete: Ten (10)
3. College & Career Plan:
  - Completed: Fourteen (14)
  - Pending to Complete: Three (3)

**Holistic Student Supports:** Planning for a *Bridge to Career Series* that is focused on professional development is currently underway. A four-part hybrid (in-person and virtual) program will include sessions on: *Starting Your Career in College*, *Applying to Grad School 101*, *Building Your Professional Branding* and *Don't Be Afraid of Networking*. In addition, the Midyear Summit will be hosted on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM and will be held at CSUSB Palm Desert. The focus of the summit will be mental wellness to encourage students to take care of their mental, emotional and physical health while on their educational and career journey.

Report #8 – 10/1/24 – 12/31/24 -- Due 2/1/25

FINAL REPORT DUE – 2/15/25

### **Progress of Goal #3**

Report #7 – 7/01/24 – 9/30/24 -- Due 11/1/24

#### **Healthcare Program Test Fee Resources**

- In addition to the scholarships awarded to students pursuing graduate degrees, OneFuture Coachella Valley has also assisted healthcare students with financial assistance for their graduate entrance exams and related expenses. Following is a summary of the requests and reimbursements to date:
  - Total Exam Reimbursement Requests: Seven (7)
  - Total Approved Reimbursements: Four (4)
  - Pending to Review: Three (3)

Report #8 – 10/1/24 – 12/31/24 -- Due 2/1/25

FINAL REPORT DUE – 2/15/25

### **Progress of Goal #4**

Report #7 – 7/01/24 – 9/30/24 -- Due 11/1/24

**Black and African American (BAA) Healthcare Scholars (2023-24 Academic Year):** BAA scholars have submitted their Spring 2024 transcripts for review. Following is a summary on their academic progress to date:

#### **Academic Performance:**

- Spring Term GPA: 3.10
- Spring Cumulative GPA: 3.14
- Average Unit Completion: 11.3
- Note: One (1) student did not enroll due to leave of absence. In addition, two (2) students were enrolled in less than twelve (12) units, due to their program requiring their enrollment in seven (7) units or less per term to be considered full-time. Two (2) students also fell below the twelve (12) unit requirement and are on academic probation.

**2023-24 Graduate Healthcare Scholars:** Following is a summary on our 2023-24 graduate scholar outcomes:

#### **Academic Performance:**

- Spring Term GPA: 3.76

- Spring Cumulative GPA: 3.79
- Average Unit Completion: 13.2

Report #8 – 10/1/24 – 12/31/24 -- Due 2/1/25

FINAL REPORT DUE – 2/15/25

**Is the Project on Track to Meeting its Goals?**

Yes

**Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**

No issues

**Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**

We are excited to report that OneFuture is partnering with Jewish Family Services (JFS) of the Desert to provide no-cost, no-wait counseling for our scholars and staff. This is a new program that JFS is able to provide through grant funding. The no-cost, no-wait counseling is provided by graduate-level interns who are supervised by JFS therapists. This is a great resource as the clients receive free mental wellness care, and the student interns earn the supervised hours necessary to become licensed clinical therapists. Local employers, like JFS, also have a direct pipeline for their next generation of clinicians as they complete their licensure.





**DESERT HEALTHCARE  
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION**

Date: January 14, 2025  
To: Program Committee  
Subject: Grant Applications Status Report

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**Staff Recommendation:** Information only.

**Grant Applications:** The following grant and mini grant applications have been submitted and are under review by the grants team and are pending either proposal conferences and/or a site visit. Recommendations/suggested decisions will be brought forward to the Program Committee for possible action:

1. Grant#1468 Eisenhower Health - \$1,989,493 for 3 years to support psychiatric care expansion and development of a psychiatry residency program
  - a. Status: Staff is finalizing full due diligence of the application process as directed by the District board and will be placed on a future Program Committee agenda for action once the LPA verification process has been completed.
2. Grant # 1478 St. John's Community Health - \$600,000 for 12 months to support initial core staffing costs for the Indio clinic ramp up that is scheduled to open by December 2025.
  - a. Status: Pending grant application consultation with St. John's on January 15<sup>th</sup>, in which application will be in front of the Program Committee at its February meeting.
3. Mini Grant #1490 Birth Choice of the Desert - \$10,000 for support of every phase of prenatal and perinatal care
  - a. Status: Under financial review
4. Mini Grant #1492 Shay's Warriors - \$10,000 for support of retention of mental health support services for cancer survivors
  - a. Status: Under staff review
5. Grant#1488 Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest - \$170,000 to support the salary of the organization's first Coachella Valley-based physician, whose skill set and work will expand sexual and reproductive health care access throughout the Coachella Valley.
  - a. Status: Pending application and budget review by Grants Team
6. Grant # 1468 UCR - \$500,000 for 2 years to support expanding mental health services at the CARE space in Desert Hot Springs and in Mecca at the CV Free Clinic.
  - a. Status: Pending application review

**Recently Board-approved GRANTS:**

1. Grant #1485 One Future Coachella Valley - \$374,900 for 2 years to support the RN Expansion pilot program, an initiative of the Healthcare Workforce Leadership Roundtable in partnership with Eisenhower Medical Center, Tenet Healthcare Foundation, and IEHP.
2. Grant #1476 Desert ARC -\$139,495 for support of the organization's Health Care Program.
3. Five applications approved for Mitigating Air Quality-Related Health Conditions RFP

**Recently Staff-approved MINI GRANTS:** None at this time

**Recently declined MINI GRANTS:** None at this time.





**DESERT HEALTHCARE**  
**DISTRICT & FOUNDATION**

Date: January 14, 2025

To: Program Committee

Subject: MOU Grant Funding Partnership Opportunity with Regional Access Project Foundation 2024-2026 \$1,000,000 match for 2 years

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**Staff Recommendation:** Review and determination of proceeding with proposed grant funding partnership with two options:

- Option 1: accept and move approval to the board as presented (see MOU attached)
- Option 2: acknowledge validity of said MOU and continue the grant funding partnership with RAP for 2024-2026 with modifications.
- Option 3: After determining the course and direction for the District’s current strategic plan (sunsetting June 30, 2026) issue a separate District-developed RFP specific to the strategies of Goal #3 – Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services

**History/Background:**

- Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) and Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) have been partners over the past 4 years in funding RAP’s Health/Mental Health grant.
- The focus of the past 3 collaborative efforts and this current proposed request is to fund programs/projects that advocate improving the psychological, emotional, physical, and social well-being of residents in the Coachella Valley and Palo Verde.
- Through three strategies of this grant, as was with the past two, aims to improve the quality of mental health services in remote areas through innovative systems addressing access and delivery channels; enhance awareness of mental and emotional health resources; and support cultural competency among service providers and reduce language, stigma, and cultural barriers to accessing services.
- In this proposed funding partnership request DHCD and RAP are to each contribute \$500,000 annually for two years, totally \$1,000,000 each.
- With the past 3 partnership efforts of the Health/Mental Health Initiatives, RAP fiscally managed the District’s contribution:
  - 2021 \$150,000 matching funds
  - 2022 \$300,000 matching funds
  - 2023 \$500,000 matching funds
  - 2023 \$37,450 matching funds specific to Technical Assistance for Health/Mental Health initiative grant recipients

**Option 1:** accept and move approval to the board as presented FY 2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant MOU and scope of work attached

**Option 2:** acknowledge validity of said MOU and continue the grant funding partnership with RAP for 2024-2026 with modifications.

**SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS:**

- Move the time frame from FY 2024-2026 to FY 2025-2027 with the reasoning being:

Time Constraints:

- A decision, updates to the RFP, and revisions to the MOU must be finalized before next Monday 1/13/25, coinciding with the RFP release.
- The short notice for the grant partnership leaves insufficient time to make necessary announcements via e-blast or social media before the RFP launch.
- DHCD Staff would be required to dedicate up to 25% of their time to partnership-related activities, including meetings with RAP teams, committees, and boards, as well as coordinating for midterm and final reports (inclusive of deliverables, and fiscal reviews), and Results-Based Accountability scorecard management.
- Staff capacity: Currently, there are two open RFPs (Social Isolation and Loneliness and Mitigating Air Quality with over \$2 million allocated to 13 organizations, along with more than 15 active rolling grants that are aligned with the existing strategic plan. As of December 31, 2024, there are 7 submitted rolling grants awaiting staff review and 17 draft applications in the pipeline.

Strategic Alignment:

- The RFP needs to align more closely with the District's strategic plan. For example, the District should participate in the Results-Based Accountability (RBA) process on the RFP to determine and update strategies and performance measures that will evaluate the success and impact of the grant.

Operational Clarity:

- Clear procedures must be established for the District and RAP regarding the application process, grant facilitation, reporting management, and document access.
- The application, reporting, and fiscal requirements should meet the criteria of both the District and RAP.

**Option 3:** After determining the course and direction for the District's current strategic plan (sunsetting June 30, 2026) issue a separate District-developed RFP specific to the strategies of Goal #3 – Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services

- Staff will use the insights gained from the organizations that have been funded to advance Goal #3 with its related strategies to inform the development of next steps for future behavioral health-related requests for proposals.
  - RFP: Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services to Children (0-18) and their Families: \$1,175,819
  - RFP: Building Connected Communities = Improving Community Supports to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness \$1,074,113

**Fiscal Impact:**

- \$500,000 from the FY 24/25 grant budget

- \$500,000 from the FY 25/26 grant budget

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between  
**Regional Access Project Foundation**  
And  
**Desert Healthcare District & Foundation**

## I. HISTORY

### Regional Access Project Foundation

**About Us:**

The Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation was incorporated in 1992 as a 501 (c)(3) public benefit corporation to address unmet needs in health, mental health, and juvenile intervention for residents of eastern Riverside County through grants and technical assistance to not-for-profit service providers. Funding of the RAP Foundation is primarily through unique cooperative agreements between the RAP Foundation and the County of Riverside.

**Our Mission:**

To provide funding, oversight, technical assistance, and guidance to nonprofit, community-based organizations or other collaborative groups which serve the populations of eastern Riverside County in the areas of health, mental health, and juvenile intervention.

**Our Vision:**

To enhance the quality of life for all residents of eastern Riverside County by investing in nonprofits and empowering them to effectively serve unmet needs identified by the RAP Board of Directors.

**NPO Centric:**

NPO Centric is a program of the RAP Foundation. It is a community resource center focused on strengthening and increasing the capacity of nonprofits in Riverside County. At NPO Centric, we help nonprofits build stronger, more sustainable organizations by providing them with information, resources, and access to professional expertise in planning, human resources, fundraising and development, marketing and branding, technology, and much more.

### Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

**About Us:**

Created by the state of California in 1948, Desert Healthcare District is the parent of Desert Healthcare Foundation. The Foundation was originally formed in 1967 to support the activities of the nonprofit Desert Regional Medical Center and had its own separate board of directors. In 1997, the Directors of the District voted to lease Desert Regional Medical Center to Tenet Health Systems for 30 years, resulting in the hospital becoming a for-profit hospital. In 2005, the Board of Directors gave the direction to spin-off all Foundation programs to either existing nonprofit entities or to new start-up nonprofits. The roles of the Foundation now include fiscal sponsor and incubator of new collaborative projects.

**Our Mission:**

To achieve optimal health at all stages of life for all District residents.

**Our Vision:**

Equitably connecting Coachella Valley residents to health and wellness services and programs through philanthropy, health facilities, information and community education, and public policy.

**II. FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant Description**

The Desert Healthcare District & Foundation’s (DHCD & F) and RAP Foundation’s (RAP) focus for this grant is to fund programs/projects that advocate improving the psychological, emotional, physical, and social well-being of residents in Coachella Valley. The Health/Mental Health Grant is for programs/projects intended to:

- Improve quality of mental health services to remote areas through innovative systems that address policy, access, and delivery channels.
- Improve mental and emotional health awareness of resource services for residents in Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley 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.

The collaboration between DHCD & F and RAP for the FY 2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant will allocate a total of \$2,000,000 in cash grants to nonprofits. In the first year, \$1,000,000 will be distributed, with an additional \$1,000,000 provided in the second year.

**III. PURPOSE**

For the DHCD & F to collaborate with RAP to provide funding to the organizations funded through the FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant. The goal is to have organizations be able to sustain the services for two years, then to evaluate the community impact utilizing the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework. The DHCD & F and RAP to each contribute \$500,000 annually and create the FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant awarding \$1,000,000.

**IV. BENEFITS**

The DHCD & F and RAP have prioritized increasing access to mental health services to residents in the Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley. The equal match of \$1,000,000 increases the amount of funding available to \$2,000,000. Therefore, the benefits include:

1. **Increased Funding:** All FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant recipients will be able to serve more residents with the additional funding from this partnership, leading to better health outcomes for the community.
2. **Data collection:** All FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant recipients will utilize the RBA framework to collect data, allowing DHCD & F and RAP to assess the community impact over two years.
3. **Simplified application process:** The FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant recipients will submit a single grant application for consideration by both DHCD & F and RAP, instead of two separate applications.
4. **Shared Resources and Expertise:** DHCD & F and RAP will work together to enhance access to mental health services for our residents. By pooling our expertise in



the Results-Based Accountability (RBA) framework, we can ensure a robust methodology and support organizations in reaching their full potential.

## V. PROCESS and RESPONSIBILITIES

The FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant application will be available in Spring 2025. Organizations will be required to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI). DHCD &F and RAP will review all LOIs submitted and invite eligible organizations to submit a full application. The process will consist of the following steps and collaborative participation of DHCD & F and RAP.

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4. Eligible organizations will be invited to submit a full Health/Mental Health Grant application by the determined deadline to either RAP or DHCD & F.
5. All FY2024-2026 Health and Mental Health Grants will be assessed by DHCD and F or RAP reviewers, as applicable, and must comply with the internal requirements of both foundations.
6. The FY2024-2026 Health/Mental Health Grant applications received by RAP will be considered by the RAP Grants Committee. The committee will make a recommendation to approve, deny, or approve with conditions to the RAP Board.
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8. The RAP Board of Directors will approve, deny, or approve with conditions RAP submitted applications.
9. RAP staff and DHCD & F staff will generate the Grant Agreement in their respective Foundant.
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12. The RBA data will be displayed on both the DHCD & F and RAP websites.
13. RAP staff and DHCD &F staff will meet on a quarterly basis to share and review grantee data.

## VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of DHCD & F and RAP Foundation authorized representatives.

It shall be in force from 01/01/2025 to 06/30/2027.

Both parties indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

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Regional Access Project Foundation                      Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Controller, George Holliday

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Desert Healthcare District & Foundation CEO                      Date \_\_\_\_\_

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