

HRC Amplify Free Speech Program

HRC Mission Statement

“The City of Riverside’s Human Relations Commission advocates for equal opportunity, justice, and access in the City to services and opportunities. The Commission fosters mutual understanding and respect between people, encourages education and outreach and develops and promotes programs which work to eliminate prejudice and discrimination.”

The need: Community groups wish to utilize their free speech to promote equity and inclusivity in our community. Groups tend to organize events or rallies to do this, but often rely on other partners and means to provide resources. One resource that has been lacking in our community has been an amplification system for community groups to access when needed.

Proposal: The Human Relations Commission exists to advocate for groups and people who work to eliminate prejudice and discrimination. The HRC can use their funds to purchase a portable amplification system and establish a quick application and review process for community groups to access this resource. This would allow the HRC to have a direct and sustainable contribution towards promoting programs which work to eliminate prejudice and discrimination. All applicants must meet certain criteria of promoting inclusivity and be in alignment with the HRC mission statement. The review committee would be responsible for reviewing applications, and if approved, would establish an agreement to loan the amplification system to be used by community groups. City Staff would handle transport and pick up of sound system to applicant selected.

Cost: Estimated \$600-\$1,200 for sound system(s)