

\$1,000 grants annually to eligible nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and community groups.

On July 24, 2025, as part of its annual budget allocation discussion, the HRC voted to recommend to the City Council allocating \$3,000 from its Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget to fund the 2026 Community Support Grant cycle.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Support Grant program aims to have an accessible, transparent, and accountable application process, open to as many community organizations and groups in the City as feasible within financial and reporting guidelines. In efforts to encourage organizations to apply, Commission members engaged with various community groups and organizations across Riverside. Efforts to promote the grant opportunity were made by handing out flyers, posting on the City social media accounts, and attending community meetings where the information was shared.

The application period for the 2026 Community Support Grant program opened on January 12, 2026, and closed on February 13, 2026. During this time, the City Manager’s Office received a total of 16 applications. The organizations that submitted a project/event for consideration are listed below:

Organization Name	Project or Event Title
1. Adrian Dell and Carmen Roberts Foundation	25 th Annual Empowering Young Women Conference
2. The Black Arts Museum	BAM Brings African-American Performers to Riverside Senior Citizens
3. Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California	Seeking Justice Programming Series
4. Creative Kids Clubs	Arts, Enrichment Activities, and Creative Youth Activities
5. Inlandia Institute	z(l)n(E)landia
6. Islamic Academy of Riverside	I.A.R. Culture Festival Day
7. La Sierra/Arlanza Neighborhood Alliance (LANA)	Fruit Treen Pruning and Fruit Sharing Opportunities
8. Muslim Family Foundation-California	Cultural Humility Conference
9. Riverside Aquette Swim Club	Orange Blossom Invitational
10. The Rene Williams Organization	Because YOU Matter: A Grassroots Community Response
11. Training and Research Foundation	Foundations for All: Equitable Early Childhood Access in Riverside
12. Trinity Legacy Youth & Sports Foundation	Trinity Legacy Youth Leadership, Skills and Community Clinic
13. Skin Divine Cosmetics	Community Care & Confidence Grooming Initiative
14. Pure Organic Nais Spa	Empower High Students
15. 712 Tile and Shower	Riverside Unity Mosaic Project
16. Colibri	A multicultural Spring Kick-Off Event

At the HRC meeting on February 26, 2026, following a discussion, the Commissioners unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council award the Community Support Grants to the three organizations listed below:

1. Muslim Family Foundation-California – \$1,000
2. 712 Tile and Shower – \$1,000; and
3. Rene Williams Foundation – \$1,000

At the March 24, 2026, City Council meeting, the item was returned to the HRC with direction by City Council to add grading criteria prioritizing locally based Riverside organizations or to establish justification guidelines for funding organizations outside Riverside.

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Attachment: Applications
Rubric