

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RANDALL W. LEWIS CENTER FOR
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
APPLICATION TO THE THRIVE INLAND SOCAL CATALYST GRANT
PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify issuance of a letter of support for the Randall W. Lewis Center for Entrepreneurship and the School of Entrepreneurship's application to the THRIVE Inland SoCal Catalyst Grant Program to sustain and expand programming delivered through the Palm Desert Entrepreneurial Resource Center.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Randall W. Lewis Center for Entrepreneurship and the School of Entrepreneurship operate the Palm Desert Entrepreneurial Resource Center (ERC) in partnership with the Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship and with funding support from the City of Palm Desert and the County of Riverside.

The applicants requested a letter of support to accompany their grant application to the THRIVE Inland SoCal Catalyst Grant Program. If awarded, grant funding would be used to sustain and expand programming offered through the ERC.

The request for support was reviewed by the City Council Subcommittee on Governmental and Legislative Affairs, comprised of Mayor Harnik and Mayor Pro Tem Trubee, who approved issuing a letter of support.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Letter of Support