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## **Desert Recreation Foundation Awarded \$41,000 for Capacity Building Through Thrive Inland SoCal Catalyst Funding**

*Indio, CA October 31, 2024* – The Desert Recreation Foundation (DRF) is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$41,000 Catalyst Funding Capacity-Building Grant from Thrive Inland SoCal. This funding will advance our mission of making recreational opportunities accessible to all by strengthening our operations and grant management system. The Catalyst Funding Capacity-Building award from Thrive Inland SoCal will enable us to highlight the impact of our programs and make them more accessible through data-driven decision-making. Additionally, the grant will support significant advancements in staff professional development, technology, streamlining operations and improving program delivery. Ultimately, this will empower us to serve our community more effectively.

Andres Coronel, Treasurer of the DRF Board, stated, "This \$41,000 grant through Thrive Inland SoCal represents a significant opportunity for us to enhance our capacity-building efforts, enabling us to strengthen our programs and better serve our community's needs."

Desert Recreation District Board President Luis Espinoza added "The Desert Recreation Foundation is committed to building an inclusive environment for all Coachella Valley residents, providing opportunities to participate, learn, and grow without financial barriers."

DRF is eager to leverage this funding to showcase the impact of existing programs, like the Financial Assistance Program, Adaptive/Therapeutic Sports and Recreation program, and the Outdoor Adventure program.

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