

# SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE Thursday, August 21, 2025, No Sooner Than 10:40 AM

SRP Administration Building  
1500 N. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85288

Committee Members: Nicholas Brown, Chair; Sandra Kennedy, Vice Chair; and Robert Arnett,  
Mario Herrera, Kevin Johnson, Kathy Mohr-Almeida, Larry Rovey, and Stephen Williams

Call to Order

Roll Call

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following agenda item(s) will be considered as a group by the Committee and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these item(s) unless a Committee Member requests, in which event the agenda item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item .....CHAIR NICHOLAS BROWN

- Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 22, 2025.

2. Corporate Contributions ..... ANNE RICKARD

Request for approval of the following contributions:

- A. \$75,000 to St. Mary's Food Bank to support the Food Distribution Program.
- B. \$65,000 to the United Food Bank to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- C. \$60,000 to Grand Canyon University (GCU): \$20,000 per year for 3 years to support GCU's Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians.
- D. \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity: \$40,000 to support the Neighborhood Revitalization for Veterans Program; and \$10,000 to sponsor the Blueprints & Blue Jeans event on March 27, 2026.
- E. \$50,000 to The Salvation Army: \$20,000 to support Emergency Rental Assistance; \$20,000 to support the East Valley & Metro-Phoenix Heat Relief; and \$10,000 to sponsor the Silver Bells Gala on November 7, 2025.
- F. \$35,000 to the Arizona Science Center: \$30,000 to support Girls in STEM, Science on Wheels, and February 2026 Exhibit; and \$5,000 to sponsor the Galaxy Gala on February 21, 2026.
- G. \$45,000 to A New Leaf: \$30,000 to support Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services; \$10,000 to sponsor the Camaraderie Gala on March 28, 2026; and \$5,000 to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

- H. \$40,000 to the YWCA: \$25,000 to support the Equity in STEAM Initiative; \$10,000 to support the Aging Adults Program; and \$5,000 to sponsor the Tribute to Leadership event on March 4, 2026.
  - I. \$35,000 to AZCEND: \$25,000 to support the Food Assistance Program; and \$10,000 to sponsor the 60 Years of AZCEND event on January 1, 2026.
  - J. \$35,000 to the House of Refuge, Inc.: \$25,000 to support the Adopt-a-Home Program; and \$10,000 to sponsor the Night of a Million Dreams Gala on March 28, 2026.
  - K. \$30,000 to the Save the Family Foundation: \$25,000 to support Homeless Families Intervention Programs; and \$5,000 to sponsor the Welcome Home Gala on March 7, 2026.
  - L. \$25,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities to support the Capital Campaign for the Dobson House Renovation.
- 3. Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer and Designees.....JIM PRATT
  - 4. Future Agenda Topics..... CHAIR NICHOLAS BROWN

The Committee may vote during the meeting to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with legal counsel to the Committee on any of the matters listed on the agenda.

The Committee may go into Closed Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §30-805(B), for records and proceedings relating to competitive activity, including trade secrets or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information.

Visitors: The public has the option to attend in-person or observe via Zoom and may receive teleconference information by contacting the Corporate Secretary's Office at (602) 236-4398. If attending in-person, all property in your possession, including purses, briefcases, packages, or containers, will be subject to inspection.





MINUTES  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**DRAFT**

May 22, 2025

A meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the District) and the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (the Association), collectively SRP, convened at 11:52 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from the Hoopes Board Conference Room at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. This meeting was conducted in-person and via teleconference in compliance with open meeting law guidelines.

Committee Members present at roll call were K.L. Mohr-Almeida, Chair; P.E. Rovey, Vice Chair; and R.J. Miller, J.M. White Jr., and L.C. Williams.

Committee Members absent at roll call were C. Clowes and M.V. Pace.

Also present were President D. Rousseau; Vice President C.J. Dobson; Board Members N.R. Brown, K.J. Johnson, S.D. Kennedy, K.H. O'Brien, and L.D. Rovey; Council Chair J.R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair B.E. Paceley; Council Liaison E.L. Gorsegner; Council Members J.W. Lines, M.R. Mulligan, and C. Resch-Geretti; and I.R. Avalos, M.J. Burger, A.P. Chabrier, B.B. Davis, J.M. Felty, L.F. Hobaica, V.P. Kisicki, B.J. Koch, K.J. Lee, L.A. Meyers, D.B. Mitchell, K.T. Moran, M.J. O'Connor, B.A. Olsen, J.M. Pratt, A. Rickard, E.J. Roelfs, C.M. Sifuentes-Kohlbeck, and R.R. Taylor of SRP.

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.02, Andrew Davis of the Corporate Secretary's Office had posted a notice and agenda of the Community Relations Committee meeting at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Chair K.L. Mohr-Almeida called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Chair K.L. Mohr-Almeida requested a motion for Committee approval of the Consent Agenda, in its entirety.

On a motion duly made by Board Member J.M. White Jr. and seconded by Board Member L.C. Williams, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting on February 20, 2025, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J.M. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member J.M. White Jr.'s motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members K.L. Mohr-Almeida, Chair; P.E Rovey, Vice Chair; and R.J. Miller, J.M. White Jr, and L.C. Williams	(5)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Members C. Clowes and M.V. Pace	(2)

Chair K.L. Mohr-Almeida appointed Board Member S.D. Kennedy to serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

### Corporate Contributions

#### SRP Classroom Grants

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Anne Rickard, SRP Director of Community Partnerships, reviewed Management's request for approval for SRP to contribute \$200,000 to support SRP Classroom Grants. \$160,200 to support the STEM Learning Grants, \$17,350 to support History and Science Grants; and \$22,450 to support SRP Impact Areas.

#### Center for the Future of Arizona

A. Rickard reviewed Management's request for approval for SRP to contribute \$40,000 to the Center for the Future of Arizona: \$35,000 to support the Education Programming; and \$5,000 to support the Civic Leadership Programming. A. Rickard concluded with a review of contributions by other companies.

#### UMOM New Day Centers

A. Rickard reviewed Management's request for approval for SRP to contribute \$45,000 to UMOM New Day Centers: \$37,500 to support the UMOM's Family Emergency Shelter Program; and \$7,500 to sponsor the Annual Gala event on October 4, 2025. They stated that Reuben T. Judd, SRP Corporate Auditor, represents SRP on the Board of UMOM New Day Centers. A. Rickard concluded with a review of contributions by other companies.

On a motion duly made by Board Member J.M. White Jr. and seconded by Board Member S.D. Kennedy, the Committee agreed to recommend Board approval of all corporate contributions, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J.M. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member J.M. White Jr.'s motion for approval. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members K.L. Mohr-Almeida, Chair; P.E Rovey, Vice Chair; and S.D. Kennedy, M.V. Pace, and J.M. White Jr.	(5)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Members C. Clowes, R.J. Miller, and L.C. Williams	(3)

Copies of the handout distributed, and the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

Board Member L.C. Williams left the meeting during the presentation.

### Coal Community Transition (CCT) Update

Using a PowerPoint presentation Buchanan B. Davis, SRP Director of Local Government Affairs, stated the purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on several initiatives in six focus areas that are currently in progress by the CCT Group, including broadband, transportation infrastructure, workforce development, community beautification, entrepreneurship, and tourism.

B.B. Davis defined the CCT Group's mission as follows: "Support the communities impacted by Apache County coal plant closures as they develop sustainable and strategic economies." They explained that to achieve this goal, the CCT Group will conduct economic development studies; study the potential for the reuse of coal plant sites; and assist the communities in the development and implementation of strategies to diversify their economies.

B.B. Davis said that the CCT is comprised of the following four phases: 1) studies and assessments; 2) economic development strategies; 3) implementation of economic development strategies; and 4) post closure support. They highlighted that the CCT Group met with the communities impacted by coal plant closures, and the following six critical needs for diverse and strategic economies were identified: 1) broadband, 2) transportation infrastructure; 3) workforce development; 4) community beautification; 5) entrepreneurship; and 6) tourism.

B.B. Davis provided an overview of the Apache County Action Plan. They introduced Karla T. Moran, SRP Senior Manager of Economic Development.

Continuing, K.T. Moran detailed how businesses support the community through small business seminars, moonshot competition, and community grants. They said that the Tourism Taskforce was developed in June 2024 and continues to work with the community on mural projects and marketing support.

B.B. Davis reviewed a snapshot of funding initiatives, examples of funding, and utilities grants. They concluded with a discussion regarding SRP's continued commitment to supporting the community through the closure of coal operations and beyond.

B.B. Davis and K.T. Moran responded to questions from the Committee.

Copies of the handout distributed, and the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

J.M. Pratt left the meeting during the presentation. Board Member L.C. Williams entered the meeting during the presentation.

Report on Current Events by the General Manager and  
Chief Executive Officer or Designees

There was no report on current events by Jim M. Pratt, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair K.L. Mohr-Almeida asked the Committee if there were any future agenda topics. None were requested.

There being no further business to come before the Community Relations Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Lora F. Hobaica  
Assistant Corporate Secretary





# SRP Community Relations Board Committee

Anne Rickard | August 21, 2025

# SRP & St. Mary's Food Bank

Request \$75,000 to support:

- The Food Distribution Program

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$50,000	Michael O'Connor in process

## Comparatives

• Charles Schwab	\$78,000
• Earnhardt Management	\$73,000
• The Sundt Foundation	\$68,000
• APS	\$20,000

# SRP & United Food Bank

Request \$65,000 to support:

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$45,000	Kisshell Wilson

# Comparatives

• Costco	\$53,000
• Wells Fargo	\$40,000
• APS	\$15,000

# SRP & Grand Canyon University

Request \$60,000 to support:

- GCU's Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians
- Payable over three years: FY26 – FY28

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Education	\$20,000	Nate Tate / Kisshell Wilson

# Comparatives

• Rosendin Electric	\$150,000
• Corbin Electric	\$100,000
• Cannon & Wendt	\$25,000

# SRP & Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

Request \$50,000 to support:

- \$40,000 – Neighborhood Revitalization for Veterans Program
- \$10,000 – Sponsor the Blueprints & Blue Jeans event

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$10,000	Anne Rickard



# Comparatives

• Nationwide	\$60,000
• APS	\$40,000
• Bank of America	\$20,000

## SRP & The Salvation Army

Request \$50,000 to support:

- \$20,000 – Emergency Rental Assistance
- \$20,000 – East Valley & Metro-Phoenix Heat Relief
- \$10,000 – Sponsor the Silver Bells Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$50,000	Kim Humphrey / Michael Mendonca

# Comparatives

• Coca Cola	\$30,000
• GM Financial	\$30,000
• Cox Communications	\$20,000

# SRP & Arizona Science Center

Request \$35,000 to support:

- \$30,000 – Girls in STEM, Science on Wheels, and February 2026 Exhibit
- \$5,000 – Sponsor the Galaxy Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Education	\$45,000	Chris Campbell

# Comparatives

• APS	\$45,000
• Microsoft	\$30,000
• State Farm	\$30,000

## SRP & A New Leaf

Request \$45,000 to support:

- \$30,000 – Homelessness Intervention & Prevention Services
- \$10,000 – Sponsor the Camaraderie Gala
- \$5,000 – VITA Program

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$45,000	Christina Worden

# Comparatives

• APS	\$50,000
• Bank of America	\$40,000
• Nationwide	\$25,000

# SRP & YWCA

Request \$40,000 to support:

- \$25,000 – Equity in STEAM Initiative
- \$10,000 – Aging Adults Program
- \$5,000 – Sponsor the Tribute to Leadership

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Education / Basic Needs	\$40,000	N/A



# Comparatives

• Intel	\$49,500
• Kroger	\$30,000
• Freeport-McMoRan	\$25,000

## SRP & AZCEND

Request \$35,000 to support:

- \$25,000 – Food Assistance Program
- \$10,000 – Sponsor the 60 Years of AZCEND

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$25,000	Amy Gentry

# Comparatives

• Dignity Health	\$61,000
• Wells Fargo	\$50,000
• Sundt	\$10,000

## SRP & House of Refuge, Inc.

Request \$35,000 to support:

- \$25,000 – Adopt-a-Home Program
- \$10,000 – Sponsor the Night of a Million Dreams Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$25,000	Brian Heath

# Comparatives

• State Farm	\$45,000
• Western Alliance Bank	\$25,000
• Dignity Health	\$17,500

# SRP & Save the Family Foundation

Request \$30,000 to support:

- \$25,000 – Homeless Families Intervention Programs
- \$5,000 – Sponsor the Welcome Home Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$25,000	Devin Warren

# Comparatives

• Quick Trip	\$30,000
• Bank of America	\$20,000
• Nationwide	\$20,000

# SRP & Ronald McDonald House

Request \$25,000 to support:

- The Dobson House Renovation (Capital Campaign)

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	\$33,500	Leslie Meyers



# Comparatives

• Arizona Complete Health	\$40,000
• Freeport McMoRan	\$10,000
• Cox Charities	\$7,500

**thank you!**



# AGENDA



August 13, 2025

## Corporate Contributions Committee

1. **Call to Order**..... MS. CHABRIER
2. **Safety Minute** ..... MS. RICKARD
3. **Community Partnerships Grant Renewals and Requests –**

*(Grant recommendations of over \$25,001 or more including renewals)* ..... MS. RICKARD

St. Mary's Food Bank

United Food Bank

Grand Canyon University (Multi-Year Grant)

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

The Salvation Army

Arizona Science Center

A New Leaf

YWCA

AZCEND

House of Refuge, Inc.

Save the Family

Ronald McDonald House Charities

4. **Chairman's Report**

5. **Adjournment**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Corporate Contributions Committee Items for Approval

August 13, 2025

Organization	Amount Recommended	Previous Year Contribution	Focus Area	SRP Employee on Board
St. Mary's Food Bank	\$75,000	\$50,000	Basic Needs	N/A
United Food Bank	\$65,000	\$45,000	Basic Needs	Kisshell Wilson
Grand Canyon University	\$60,000 (over 3 years)	\$20,000	Education	Nate Tate/Kisshell Wilson
Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona	\$50,000	\$10,000	Basic Needs	Anne Rickard
The Salvation Army	\$50,000	\$50,000	Basic Needs	Kim Humphrey/Michael Mendonca
Arizona Science Center	\$35,000	\$45,000	Education	Chris Campbell
A New Leaf	\$45,000	\$45,000	Basic Needs	Christina Worden
YWCA	\$40,000	\$40,000	Education / Basic Needs	N/A
AZCEND	\$35,000	\$25,000	Basic Needs	Amy Gentry
House of Refuge, Inc.	\$35,000	\$25,000	Basic Needs	Brian Heath
Save the Family	\$30,000	\$25,000	Basic Needs	Devin Warren

Ronald McDonald House	\$25,000	\$33,500	Basic Needs	Leslie Meyers
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*Note: Detailed descriptions for each item included in appendix.*

**Organization:** St. Mary's Food Bank

**Amount Recommended:** \$75,000

**Description:** St. Mary's Food Bank is requesting support for the Food Distribution Program, which delivers nutritious food to low-income individuals across Arizona. The need for food assistance remains high in the community due to continued increased living expenses and recent federal budget cuts. SMFB recently experienced a loss of one million pounds of USDA-provided food—such as dairy, eggs, and proteins—critical to the program's meal services for children. These cuts, along with anticipated reductions to SNAP and Medicaid, are expected to further increase food insecurity in the community. St. Mary's expects to distribute at least 105 million pounds of food over the next year through Emergency Food Boxes, Weekend Family Backpacks, and prepared meals for children and homebound seniors among other services.

**Board Member:** Nominee Michael O'Connor in process

**Comparatives:**

- APS \$20,000
- Charles Schwab \$78,000
- Earnhardt Management \$73,000
- The Sundt Foundation \$68,000

**Organization:** United Food Bank

**Amount Recommended:** \$65,000

**Description:** United Food Bank (UFB) is requesting that SRP provide support for the Emergency Food Assistance program and its annual fundraiser. In 2024, United Food Bank distributed 26.9 million pounds of food—half of it fresh items that would have otherwise gone to waste through 120 partner agencies across Arizona, reaching over 1.4 million people in need. After experiencing an \$850,000 USDA funding cut in April 2025—and with the anticipated impacts due to reductions to SNAP and Medicaid benefits. United Food Bank expects even more families will rely on its emergency food services, further increasing operational costs.

**Board Member:** Kisshell Wilson

**Comparatives:**

- APS \$15,000
- Costco \$53,000
- Wells Fargo \$40,000

**Organization:** Grand Canyon University

**Amount Recommended:** \$60,000 (multi-year grant - \$20,000/year for 3 years)

**Description:** SRP funding would support GCU's Center for Workforce Development and specifically the Pre-Apprenticeship program for electricians. Funding helps to keep the program tuition-free, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder students from all backgrounds from pursuing education and training in trades. Funding would be a 3-year grant with \$20,000 per year for this program.

**Board Members:** Nate Tate and Kisshell Wilson

**Comparatives:**

- Rosendin Electric \$150,000
- Corbin Electric \$100,000
- Cannon & Wendt \$25,000

**Organization:** Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

**Amount Recommended:** \$50,000

**Description:** Habitat for Humanity is requesting support for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and its annual fundraising event. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program focuses on providing affordable home repairs and upgrades to families in need, helping them remain safe in their homes. It targets vulnerable communities, especially those with aging residents or financial hardships, offering essential services like roofing, HVAC, plumbing, landscaping, and accessibility modifications. The program also emphasizes community engagement, encouraging residents and volunteers to work together, fostering pride and stronger neighborhood bonds. SRPs' support of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program would be directed to veterans facing housing challenges, offering critical repairs and modifications tailored to their unique needs, including those with disabilities. This support will include volunteer opportunities to engage SRP employees.

**Board Member:** Anne Rickard

**Comparatives:**

- APS \$40,000
- Bank of America \$20,000
- Nationwide \$60,000

**Organization:** The Salvation Army

**Amount Recommended:** \$50,000

**Description:** The Salvation Army is requesting support for its Heat Relief Initiative, Emergency Assistance Program, and annual fundraising event. In response to excessive heat warnings from the National Weather Service, The Salvation Army activates cooling stations across the Valley. Day Respite Centers operate daily (excluding Sundays) from May through September, offering free hygiene supplies, laundry and shower facilities, and meals. On extreme heat days, cooling stations provide cold bottled water and heat relief items, while a mobile hydration unit serves areas frequented by individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Salvation Army is also seeking support for its Emergency Assistance Program (EAP), which helps individuals and families facing financial hardship. This program offers one-time assistance with essential needs such as rent, utilities, food, clothing, prescriptions, and transportation. For those requiring ongoing support, referrals are made to additional community resources.

**Board Member:** Kim Humphrey / Michael Mendonca

**Comparatives:**

- Coca Cola \$30,000
- Cox Communications \$20,000
- GM Financial \$30,000

**Organization:** Arizona Science Center

**Amount Recommended:** \$35,000

**Description:** SRP support for the Arizona Science Center will fund Science on Wheels, Girls in STEM, the February 2026 featured exhibit as well as sponsorship for Galaxy Gala.

- Science on Wheels: free programming for 330 Title I students in SRP communities. Participants learn about STEM through hands-on activities and topics that are relevant and meaningful, with the goal of increasing their competence and confidence in STEM.
- Girls in STEM: Programs for more than 1,000 girls in grades 4-8 in FY26. Programs work to nurture girls' interest in STEM and encourage them to explore their full potential through dozens of hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges.
- February 2026 exhibit: The featured exhibition will help bring audiences an immersive, one-of-a-kind experience to witness the mysteries of science, history, and culture.



Attendees include many students from Title I schools and low-income families with an estimated 50,000 visitors.

- Galaxy Gala sponsorship supports programming offered by the Arizona Science Center.

**Board Member:** Chris Campbell

**Comparatives:**

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|--------------|----------|
| • APS        | \$45,000 |
| • Microsoft  | \$30,000 |
| • State Farm | \$30,000 |

**Organization:** A New Leaf

**Amount Recommended:** \$45,000

**Description:** A New Leaf is requesting support for the Homelessness Intervention & Prevention Services, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, and its annual fundraising event. Last year, A New Leaf's Shelter Programs served 23,321 community members facing economic hardship through a range of supportive services, including emergency shelter for 3,457 individuals, domestic violence support for 5,872 survivors, and financial assistance and employment support for 7,580 individuals. Built on a comprehensive, wrap-around service model, A New Leaf's programs guide individuals and families toward long-term stability through employment support, housing navigation, legal assistance, financial wellness education, and referrals to additional community resources.

**Board Member:** Christina Worden

**Comparatives:**

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|-------------------|----------|
| • APS             | \$50,000 |
| • Bank of America | \$40,000 |
| • Nationwide      | \$25,000 |

**Organization:** YWCA

**Amount Recommended:** \$40,000

**Description:** YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix serves more than 20,000 individuals annually across Maricopa County, with a focus on historically underserved communities. SRP funding would support the Equity in STEAM initiative, the Aging Adult Program and provide sponsorship to their annual fundraiser.

The Equity in STEAM initiative engages Arizona-based nonprofits and educational organizations in a leadership learning series focused on advancing equity in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Participants collaborate with peers and experts to share best practices, identify barriers to access, and develop strategies that lead to STEAM pathways for underrepresented communities.

Through the Aging Adult Program, YWCA supports over 1,000 aging and disabled adults through home-delivered meals, community dining, wellness check-ins, and thoughtful care packages. Seniors enjoy meals, activities, and companionship at welcoming community centers across Glendale.

**Board Member:** N/A

**Comparatives:**

- Intel \$49,500
- Kroger \$30,000
- Freeport-McMoRan \$25,000

**Organization:** AZCEND

**Amount Recommended:** \$35,000

**Description:** AZCEND is requesting support for its Food Assistance program and their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Celebration. As a trusted nonprofit serving Chandler, Gilbert, and parts of Queen Creek, AZCEND provides essential services including food distribution, shelter, family support, and housing and utility assistance. The AZCEND Food Bank plays a vital role in strengthening food security and community resilience by distributing approximately 15,000 food boxes and serving or delivering over 56,000 meals annually to seniors and adults with disabilities. In 2026, AZCEND will commemorate 60 years of service to Chandler, Gilbert, and the Phoenix East Valley, highlighting its legacy of providing food, housing, education, and support with compassion and dignity. The year-long celebration will feature community events, storytelling campaigns, and fundraising initiatives to expand awareness of the programs they offer in the community and strengthen long-term impact.

**Board Member:** Amy Gentry

**Comparatives:**

- Dignity Health \$61,000
- Sundt \$10,000
- Wells Fargo \$50,000

**Organization:** House of Refuge, Inc.

**Amount Recommended:** \$35,000

**Description:** House of Refuge is requesting support for its Adopt-a-Home program and sponsorship for the organization's annual fundraiser. House of Refuge is based in east Mesa and provides transitional housing and supportive services to families experiencing homelessness. Established in 1996 on the former Williams Air Force Base, the organization offers safe, affordable housing in a neighborhood setting, along with wrap-around services such as case management, employment support, and life skills training. Its mission is to help families regain stability, heal from trauma, and transition into permanent housing. In 2024, House of Refuge provided support to 155 families, encompassing a total of 492 individuals experiencing homelessness, including 310 children under the age of 18.

**Board Member:** Brian Heath

**Comparatives:**

- |                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| • Dignity Health        | \$17,500 |
| • Western Alliance Bank | \$25,000 |
| • State Farm            | \$45,000 |

**Organization:** Save the Family

**Amount Recommended:** \$30,000

**Description:** Save the Family is requesting support for the Homeless Families Intervention Project and sponsorship for the organization's annual fundraiser. Save the Family works to help families overcome poverty and homelessness and achieve long-term self-sufficiency, primarily serving communities across Maricopa County. Despite efforts to reduce homelessness among individuals, family homelessness in the region has increased by 12% from 2019 to 2025, with the 2025 Point-in-Time Count identifying 539 homeless families. Each year, Save the Family supports over 1,000 families, including more than 2,000 children, and provided over 436,000 nights of safe sleep last year.

**Board Member:** Devin Warren

**Comparatives:**

- |                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| • Bank of America | \$20,000 |
| • QuickTrip       | \$30,000 |
| • Nationwide      | \$20,000 |

**Organization:** Ronald McDonald House Charities

**Amount Recommended:** \$25,000 (Capital Campaign to be paid in FY26)

**Description:** Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is requesting SRP to provide capital campaign support for the Dobson House renovation project which began in spring 2025 and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. RMHC provides a comforting home-away-from-home for families who must travel long distances to access medical care for their seriously ill or injured children. The organization operates three houses across the Valley - two in Central Phoenix and one in Mesa. Located on the Banner Children's Desert campus, the Dobson House has served families for 11 years, offering 16 guest rooms where families can stay together during challenging times. In 2023 alone, RMHC supported 1,208 families with a total of 20,400 nights of rest, serving families from all 15 counties in Arizona.

**Board Member:** Leslie Meyers

**Comparatives:**

- Arizona Complete Health      \$40,000
- Cox Charities                      \$7,500
- Freeport McMoRan              \$10,000

**Corporate Contributions Budget Summary**

FY26 Valley Year-to-Date Actuals – (May 1, 2025 – July 30, 2025)

Priority Area	Budget	YTD Actuals	Remaining Budget
Basic Needs	\$2,244,122	\$498,000	\$1,746,122
Education	\$1,633,965	\$318,099	\$1,315,866
Arts & Culture	\$778,828	\$192,132	\$586,696
Civic Engagement	\$335,186	\$31,000	\$304,186
Environmental	\$158,416	\$0	\$158,416
CGS	\$130,000	\$16,900	\$113,100

## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Official Name:** ST MARYS FOOD BANK ALLIANCE  
**\*Legal Name:** St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance  
**\*Address:** 2831 N. 31st Ave.  
**Address 2:**  
**\*City:** Phoenix  
**\*State:** Arizona  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-01)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Food Distribution Program  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$75,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$75,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** St. Mary's mission is, "Bridging the gap for Arizona communities with nourishment for today and hope for tomorrow." Our vision is to improve the quality of life for low-income, food-insecure Arizonans. St. Mary's was created after a chance encounter between food pantry volunteer, John Van Hengel, and a low-income mother of 10 who was feeding and improving the health of her children by taking home discarded canned and other good quality consumable food items from grocery stores. John envisioned a place where excess food was "deposited" and then "withdrawn" by hungry people. He established St. Mary's in 1967 and we have provided food to hungry people ever since. We assist more than one million people annually within the Greater Phoenix Area and statewide.  
**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:**

The Food Distribution Program meets SRP's giving priority of providing food, shelter, safety and other basic essentials to help underserved communities become self-sufficient. Like SRP, St. Mary's works for a sustainable and vibrant future for us all, and we believe when a community comes together there is nothing that cannot be achieved. One way we do this is through our Food Distribution Program, which provides free food to low-income Arizonans who are struggling to get enough to eat. The need for this request is very significant because St. Mary's continues to experience elevated numbers of people seeking food assistance as they struggle with high prices for their basic needs. While St. Mary's is the state's largest food bank, it always has maintained its "small town approach" by operating as a collaborative community-based agency and distributing food from locations that provide a warm and welcoming environment. When the number of people seeking food assistance began to grow, St. Mary's started recruiting people to volunteer to help assemble food boxes for distribution, asking local retail stores and other businesses to donate food and money, and recruiting local schools, community centers, churches, and other places to serve as partner agencies by receiving food from St. Mary's to distribute to their hungry neighbors. As the need for food kept growing throughout Maricopa County and the state, we maintained this collaborative model by securing and training more partner agencies in large and small communities, providing them with food to help their neighbors, and explaining how to secure community volunteers to help with food distributions and how to conduct outreach to let everyone in their communities know about the free food. This enables St. Mary's to maintain its focus on being driven and supported by a community -- a community of agencies that receive and distribute food and volunteers that help them. This ensures people seeking food assistance are comfortable doing so because they are going to agencies they already know and trust within their own communities. This also enables St. Mary's to have a significantly greater impact on addressing Arizonan's basic need for food than one food bank could have on its own.

St. Mary's continues to use this very successful model. We rely on thousands of volunteers, including SRP employees, to come to our facilities to pack food boxes and bags every day for distribution throughout the state.

**Project/Program Description:**

The goal of the Food Distribution Program is to improve the health and well-being of low-income, hungry Arizonans; ensure food is easily accessible and available within a short distance of those who need it; and ensure people are consuming daily healthy meals to manage a chronic condition, like diabetes or COPD.

The need for this program remains high as thousands of people continue to come to St. Mary's two neighborhood food centers and its 700 partner agencies (schools, community centers, homeless shelters, etc.) throughout the state every day for food assistance.

Years of high housing, energy, medical, daycare and food costs have taken their toll, causing more Arizonans to experience chronic hunger. Cuts to SNAP and Medicaid benefits being considered by the federal government may increase this number even more. According to Feeding America, long-term and chronic hunger can result in anemia and asthma, stress, mental health issues like depression, and even PTSD. It exacerbates chronic health conditions like COPD and heart disease. The CDC reports that chronic hunger negatively impacts children's physical and cognitive growth, the latter putting them at risk of academic failure and/or dropping out. Feeding America reports that 293,950 Arizona children face hunger every day. Finally, 669,180 Arizona seniors and adults deal with daily hunger. They must get enough to eat every day so they can go to work, maintain their overall health, and (for many seniors) manage a chronic condition (Feeding, 2025).

The different services that St. Mary's will provide through the Food Distribution Program include:

- \* Distributing Emergency Food Boxes (EFBs) to people dealing with a crisis (i.e., fire, flood, layoff, being significantly impacted by high food and other costs, etc.). EFBs contain enough food to support a family of four for three days and are often supplemented with extra food and produce.

- \* Distributing Family Weekend Backpacks filled with enough full-size healthy food items (i.e., peanut butter and jelly, family-sized cans of fruits and vegetables, stew, beans, etc.) for the whole family. The partner agencies distribute backpacks to families on Fridays and before school breaks.

- \* Conducting Mobile Pantries throughout the state to which people go to receive free food items and take them home to prepare meals.
- \* Distributing Overnight Food Bags to unhoused individuals and families. The bags supply enough food to sustain them until they find a more permanent solution the next day, like a food box or congregate meal.
- \* Kids Feeding activities that provide freshly prepared meals for our youth-serving partner agencies to serve to children after school and over the summer.
- \* Food Box Deliveries to low-income homebound seniors and other individuals.

**Program Metrics:** The Food Distribution Program will benefit at least 1.1 million duplicated low-income, food-insecure people in Maricopa County and statewide who will receive the free healthy food items through St. Mary's. The demographics of the people who will be served by the food is approximately 39% Hispanic, 13% African American, 43% Caucasian, 2% Asian, 2% Native American and 1% Other/Multiple Ethnicities. Hundreds of cities throughout the state will be reached by the food, which is distributed by 700+ partner agencies. These include Phoenix, Surprise, Glendale, Peoria, Avondale, El Mirage, Sun City, Sun City West, Prescott, Flagstaff, Tuba City, and Dewey.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:** St. Mary's is seeking SRP funds to help reduce the impact of federal budget cuts that already have reduced the types and amounts of foods being provided by the USDA and that may reduce SNAP and Medicaid benefits that likely will cause more people to need food assistance.

St. Mary's recently lost one million pounds of food from the USDA for the Food Distribution Program. This food included high-quality dairy, eggs, and other protein items that are used in many of the program activities, including preparing healthy meals for low-income children. The food, which was going to be delivered to St. Mary's in multiple trucks, was not sent due to federal budget cuts. Eventually other trucks were sent, but they did not have the critical dairy, protein, and other items that were needed to ensure the meals and food boxes distributed were nutritionally well-balanced. Because of the loss of these high value items, St. Mary's purchased \$200,000 more in food in April than was budgeted and we remain concerned we may have to do the same in the future if USDA loads are cancelled again.

Losing out on this food was bad timing due to the ongoing need for food assistance in our state. This need remains high due in large part to food prices and the cost of other basic needs remaining stubbornly high despite the inflation rate going down in 2024. While the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in the Western U.S. increased .5% between December 2024 and March 2025, in that same time frame, it increased by .9% in the Phoenix Metro Area. This included food prices increasing 2.3% and energy costs increasing 3.9%. We currently are serving up to 1,500 families per day at our two distribution centers in Phoenix and Surprise and thousands more at our partners' sites.

St. Mary's expects to distribute at least 105 million pounds of food over the next year. This will include providing 800,000 EFBs that will provide more than seven million meals, 120,000 Weekend Family Backpacks, 867,000 prepared meals for children, and 200,000 food boxes for homebound seniors and other adults. St. Mary's now is facing the insecurity of knowing if cuts to SNAP benefits are going to happen and if we will have more shortages in food provided by USDA, especially needed protein items. This funding will allow St. Mary's to be prepared to respond to a surge in the number of SNAP and Medicaid recipients who need supplemental food assistance and/or for shortages in needed protein and other items from USDA. The funds will ensure St. Mary's can quickly purchase the additional food items needed to ensure food boxes, meals, et al., are nutritionally well-balanced.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** We would be very pleased to recognize SRP for its funding in several ways. This would include recognition via social media, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X; telling other donors about your funding when we send out reports about the need for food assistance; recognizing SRP employees when they come to St. Mary's new Volunteer Center; and an invitation to our annual Hunger Heroes event. If you would like a media release or check presentation, we would be happy to recognize SRP in those ways as well.

**Other Sources of Funding:**

**Similar Organizations:**

St. Mary's has similar grant requests for additional food assistance with the Nina Mason Pulliam Trust and the Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation. Other key partners for the Food Distribution Program include hundreds of partner agencies that receive food boxes, bags, and backpacks from St. Mary's and distribute them to hungry people in their communities and dozens of retail stores, farmers, civic groups, and others that donate tons of food every year. Thousands of individuals, corporations, and foundations provide financial donations to St. Mary's annually.

St. Mary's sister food banks provide similar services in other parts of the state; however, they receive tons of food from St. Mary's to ensure they have enough to serve all the people requesting assistance. Smaller food banks and food pantries in the Greater Phoenix Area also provide food for hungry people. What differentiates St. Mary's from these organizations is that it is the largest food bank in the state, and it provides food to many of these agencies to distribute through food boxes, congregate meals, and other methods to hungry people in their community. St. Mary's is the world's first food bank and one of the largest in the nation with a service area of more than 80,000 square miles. Most other agencies that provide food in Arizona simply cannot procure all the food they need for their programs without help from St. Mary's and its strong partnerships with food suppliers within and outside the state.

In addition, as the world's first food bank, and the agency that established Feeding America, a nonprofit network of 200 food banks leading the fight against hunger in the United States, St. Mary's is a leader and expert in the food bank industry. We are involved in many local and national partnerships that raise awareness about, and help alleviate, hunger and avoid duplication of services. Partner agencies include the Arizona Department of Economic Security, other food banks, the Arizona Food Bank Network and Feeding America to identify underserved populations, coordinate food and transportation support, leverage resources, and manage accessibility to food. We also collaborate with other local food banks on a cooperative purchasing platform that allows each to secure produce at a lower cost.

**Letter Signer & Title:**

Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:**

Operating support for the St. Mary's Food Distribution Program (\$75,000).

**Attachments****Annual Reports:****In-Kind Supporting Documentation:**

InKind Request Documentation for SRP.pdf

**Current Year Budget:**

St Marys Operations Budget 202425.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:**

St Marys Operations Budget 202324.docx

**Program Budget:**

Food Distribution Budget 2023-24.xlsx

**Audited Financial Statements:**

SMFB Audited Financials 2024.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:**

Board Roster FY24-25.pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:**

Corporate FY 24-25.xls

**Additional Attachment (1):****Additional Attachment (2):****Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 0

**Custom Report:****Event 1 Name - Approved:****Event 1 Date - Approved:****Event 2 Name - Approved:****Event 2 Date - Approved:****Event 3 Name - Approved:****Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

**Payment****Scan**

No matches were found



# Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$75,000.00  
**\*Recommended Amount:** \$75,000.00  
**Prior Approved Grants:**

- 2008 - - \$100,000.00
- 2014 - Cooling Tower Replacement - \$10,000.00
- 2015 - - \$0.00
- 2015 - - \$250.00
- 2016 - - \$10,000.00
- 2017 - - \$20,000.00
- 2019 - Warehouse Coolers and Electric Pallet Jacks - \$40,000.00
- 2020 - Stand-up forklift - \$20,000.00
- 2020 - COVID-19 Relief Funds - \$20,000.00
- 2021 - Navajo Nation Pandemic Support - \$5,000.00
- 2021 - Operating Support for COVID-19 Relief - \$40,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,469.94
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$8,764.85
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$5,134.91
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$13,184.82
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$6,899.88
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,449.94
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,449.94
- 2022 - Route Truck Refrigeration Units - \$45,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,709.26
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,789.26
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,695.26
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,695.26
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$5,530.39
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$7,061.20
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$5,566.26
- 2023 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$980.00
- 2023 - Grocery Rescue Route Truck - \$50,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,724.26
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$5,616.39
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,734.26
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,784.26
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,527.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,320.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$6,465.29
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,348.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,428.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,348.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,358.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,502.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$6,754.29
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,572.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$7,819.86
- 2024 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$300.00

- 2024 - New Swamp Coolers - \$50,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,724.26
- 2024 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$400.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,548.10
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,435.10
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,536.10
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$6,824.15
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$20.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,558.10
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,320.86
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1,050.00
- 2025 - New Volunteer Center Equipment - \$53,500.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$7,792.10
- - -
- - Sword Sports Drinks - In-Kind Donation - \$1,170.00
- - - \$0.00
- - -

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-10

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-11

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committe

Operating support for the St. Mary's Food Distribution Program (\$75,000).

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

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**\*Internal Use Only?:** N

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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-06-30)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Emergency Food Assistance & Friends Breakfast  
**In-Kind Request?:** Yes  
**Value In-Kind:** \$8,000.00  
**In-Kind Needs Description:** AVF for Friends Breakfast  
**Request Amount:** \$65,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$65,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:**  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** To unite communities to alleviate hunger. Service area includes Eastern Maricopa, Pinal and Gila Counties, and Southern Apache and Navajo Counties.  
**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:** United Food Bank strives to help increase community stability by caring for individuals who are in need of Food, Shelter, and Safety from violent or crisis situations. The organization provides food so that partner agencies can focus on delivering other health and human services needed.  
**Project/Program Description:** United Food Bank operates in five counties across Arizona with the mission to "unite communities to alleviate hunger." By supplying food to over 120 agency partners, we strive to enhance the well-being of children, youth, and adults who are low-income, unhoused, at risk, vulnerable, or in crisis. United Food Bank secures food from various sources, including food drives, bulk purchases, in-kind donations, grocery rescue, and produce cooperatives. The food distributed by agency partners centers on non-perishable pantry items in Emergency Food Bags (EFBs) but also includes fresh food like bread, milk, eggs, perishable produce, and refrigerated or frozen foods as they are available - enough food to feed a household for three to four days. We also support programs that focus on student hunger (I.E., after-school snacks, meals, and weekend backpacks of food), senior hunger (I.E., CSFP distribution), and congregate meal programs (I.E., soup kitchens)

In 2024, United Food Bank's partner agencies recorded an average of over 100,000 visits per month from individuals and families seeking food assistance. These figures represent visits, not unique individuals, as some neighbors may need to access food more than once a month. With the cost of living continuing to rise, recent significant cuts in funding from the USDA (\$850k+ in lost funding to UFB in April 2025), and support programs like SNAP and Medicaid facing potential severe funding cuts in the near future, we are bracing for even more families to turn to us in crisis. We are working to increase food resources and ensure no Arizonan goes hungry.

The 2024 Feeding America Map the Meal Gap reports that there are 627,850 individuals (a nearly 180,000-person increase from the previous report) experiencing food insecurity in the United Food Bank service area. For Maricopa County alone, 12% of the population experiences food insecurity, but 43% of that is above the income threshold to receive government assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). That means it is estimated that over 27,000 people in Maricopa County do not have enough money to pay bills and purchase food but make too much for assistance from the government.

#### Example of New Assistance Requests

##### Meet Hector

Hector's journey to Neighbor's Pantry has been filled with unexpected twists.

Hector worked at a junkyard for six years, spending long hours outdoors, operating heavy machinery and sorting through scrap metals. But when he was unexpectedly laid off, his world shifted. With no backup plan, he moved in with his grandmother while searching for new job opportunities.

As a first-time visitor to a food bank, Hector wasn't sure what to expect. He joined his grandmother, an experienced food bank recipient, at the United Food Bank's March Neighbor's Pantry, seeking support during a challenging time. While waiting in line, he shared his optimism about his journey ahead despite his circumstances.

"I didn't expect this to happen," commented Hector. "It's okay, though; that's part of life. You gotta get back on your feet and learn how to survive."

#### Program Metrics:

In 2024, United Food Bank rescued, sourced, and distributed 26.9 million pounds of food -- half of which was fresh produce, meat, dairy, and deli items that would have otherwise gone to a landfill. We work in close partnership with 120 trusted agency partners across both urban neighborhoods and rural regions of Arizona to ensure food reaches individuals and families experiencing hunger.

Over 1.4 million Arizonans from Tempe to Springerville received services from a United Food Bank partner agency seeking emergency food resources -- a diverse population of people of every race, ethnicity, gender, age, and health condition who lack the nutritious food they need to survive and thrive.

#### Intended Use of SRP Funds:

For FY25-26, United Food Bank requests the following funding from SRP:

\$55,000 as operating costs for the Emergency Food Assistance Program

\$5,000 sponsorship of the annual Friends Breakfast on November 5, 2025

In-kind audio-visual services plus a stage at the Friends Breakfast Event on November 5, 2025

Every \$1 donated to United Food Bank helps provide five meals, making a real difference in our community. With a support request of \$45,000, we aim to deliver about 225,000 meals to families facing food insecurity in our five-county area. Your generous contributions will go toward essential needs like fueling the trucks, paying drivers, and supporting warehouse staff. As operating costs climb and federal funding decreases, your help becomes even more vital in enabling UFB to continue its mission of purchasing and distributing food to those in need.

The request for support at the annual Friends Breakfast enables United Food Bank to network with key community supporters (including corporate partners, government officials, major donors, and agency partners) to provide organizational updates and a call for support that generates much-needed funding during the holiday season.

#### SRP Sponsorship Benefits:

Sponsorship benefits include:

Table of 8 complimentary preferred seating tickets

Logo placement on event program and event signage

On-stage podium recognition from the CEO

	Social media post
<b>Other Sources of Funding:</b>	<p>Collaboration is the key to United Food Bank accomplishing our mission. When it comes to these important partnerships, we can categorize them into three groups.</p> <p>(1) Our Partner Agency Network: United Food Bank works daily with over 120 non-profit or government-based human and social service partners (I.E., smaller food pantries, school food programs, soup kitchens, senior centers, and more) to ensure access to much-needed food for those experiencing hunger in our service area.</p> <p>(2) State-wide Food Resources: United Food Bank collaborates with other food banks in Arizona, and in some cases throughout the country, through the Arizona Food Banks Network (AzFBN), our partner since its founding in 1985. AzFBN leads the charge in the public policy arena by advocating for food-insecure people throughout the state with accurate, high-impact information and coordinated messages. United Food Bank also serves as a member of the Department of Economic Security's Hunger Advisory Council and works with DES's Hunger Relief Program staff to give and receive input on hunger challenges, issues, and updates regarding the USDA's The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and other nutrition programs. Additionally, we continue to expand our partnership with local farmers and growers to support efforts at United Food Bank to provide more healthy food to all Arizonans struggling with food insecurity.</p> <p>(3) Our Local Community: United Food Bank works regularly with the larger community, including businesses, schools, civic groups, and faith-based organizations, to conduct food drives, engage volunteers at United Food Bank, host special events, contribute financially to our programs, and help us identify ways to serve the region better. Working with over 5,000 volunteers in 2024, who collectively contributed 29,173 total volunteer hours, it is estimated that the food bank received volunteer assistance equivalent to that of 15 full-time employees.</p> <p>United Food Bank takes great care in leveraging all donated funds, including donations and grants from individuals, corporations like Fry's, Wells Fargo, APS, and Bank of America, and foundations including Halle Family Foundation, and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. Additionally, we steward over \$35 million in food donations annually (much of which comes from Feeding America partnerships). We could not alleviate hunger without community support and engagement.</p>
<b>Similar Organizations:</b>	As a regional food distribution center, we are uniquely positioned to acquire, store, and distribute large volumes of perishable and non-perishable food throughout the community. No other organization serving Eastern Maricopa County and Eastern Arizona provides the same or similar functions as United Food Bank.
<b>Letter Signer &amp; Title:</b>	Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.
<b>Internal Comments:</b>	Operating support for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (\$55,000); Sponsor the Annual Friends of United Food Bank Breakfast 2025 (\$5,000) on November 5, 2025; and requesting AV In-Kind services at the Friends Breakfast Event on November 5, 2025 (\$8,000).

## Attachments

<b>Annual Reports:</b>	
<b>In-Kind Supporting Documentation:</b>	
<b>Sponsorship Packet:</b>	FBS 2024.pdf
<b>Current Year Budget:</b>	24-25 UFB Full Budget.pdf
<b>Last Year's Budget:</b>	24-25 UFB Full Budget.pdf
<b>Program Budget:</b>	24-25 UFB Full Budget.pdf
<b>Audited Financial Statements:</b>	2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements (1).pdf
<b>Board of Directors Listing:</b>	2025-26 Board of Directors (1).docx
<b>List of Corporate Contributors:</b>	Major Funders FY24-25.xlsx
<b>Additional Attachment (1):</b>	
<b>Additional Attachment (2):</b>	
<b>Signed Letter &amp; Non PO Payment Form:</b>	
<b>Number of Events:</b>	1

## Event One

<b>Event 1 Event Name:</b>	Annual Friends of United Food Bank Breakfast 2025
<b>Event 1 Date:</b>	2025-11-05
<b>Event 1 Location :</b>	Sunkist Warehouse

254 W Broadway Rd

Mesaa, AZ 85210

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 200

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 5000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 8000

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** At the Friends Breakfast, we introduce new community stakeholders to United Food Bank's work and raise mission-critical funds.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$30,000.00

**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes

**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:** TBD, solicitations are going out now

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

**Event 2 Name - Approved:**

**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

## Payment

## Scan

Score	Scanned Entity	Match	WatchList Name	WatchList Detail
100%	Melissa Forrester (Contact Full Name)	FORRESTER, MELISSA	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	FORRESTER, MELISSA Listing: FORRESTER, MELISSA - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: OROVILLE CA 95966 USA Other: Active Date Other: CT Code Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date
100%	Melissa Forrester (Contact Full Name)	FORRESTER, MELISSA	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	FORRESTER, MELISSA Listing: FORRESTER, MELISSA - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: OROVILLE CA 95966 USA Other: Active Date Other: Additional Comments Other: CT Code Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date

100%	Melissa Forrester (Contact Full Name)	FORRESTER, MELISSA	OIG Exclusions	FORRESTER, MELISSA Listing: FORRESTER, MELISSA - Individual Address: 2457 ORO QUINCY HWY OROVILLE CA 95966 Occupation: NURSING PROFESSION Occupation: NURSE/NURSES AIDE DOB: 1967-04-22 Incident: 1128b4
95%	Angela Romero (Contact Full Name)	ROMERO, ANGEL	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	ROMERO, ANGEL Listing: ROMERO, ANGEL - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: NEW YORK NY 10024 USA Other: Active Date Other: Additional Comments Other: CT Code Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date
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**Last Scanned By:** Karla Esparza

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## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$65,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$65,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2013 - Operations and UFB Fall Event - \$0.00

•2014 - - \$10,000.00

•2015 - - \$10,000.00

•2016 - - \$10,000.00

•2019 - Emergency & Supplemental Food Assistance Program - \$30,000.00

•2019 - 2018 Orange Ball Sponsorship - \$5,000.00

•2020 - Collaborating to Combat Hunger - \$15,000.00

•2020 - COVID-19 Relief Funds - \$20,000.00

•2021 - United Food Bank and Waste Not - \$15,000.00

•2021 - Waste Not COVID Relief Work - \$2,500.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$454.60

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,011.50

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$516.90

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,358.80

•2022 - Pandemic Relief Support - \$10,000.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$344.60



- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$364.60
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.60
- 2022 - Pandemic Relief Support - \$5,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$409.60
- 2022 - Basic Food Assistance in Eastern Maricopa and Gila - \$20,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$60.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$272.40
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$390.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$274.40
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$268.40
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$264.40
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$408.60
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$607.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$20.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$338.40
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$18.00
- 2023 - Emergency Food Assistance and Breakfast Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$274.40
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- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$276.40
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- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$693.81
- 2024 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$1,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$462.54
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- 2024 - Emergency Hunger Relief Services - \$40,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$274.40
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$555.54
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$555.54
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$833.31
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$555.54
- 2025 - Food Composter - In-Kind Donation - \$20,000.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$555.54
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$456.54
- 2025 - Emergency Food Assistance 2024 - \$52,289.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$814.54
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- - Sword Sports Drinks - In-Kind Donation - \$1,170.00

**Request Status:** Pending  
**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition  
**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist  
**Completed:** 2025-07-18  
**Result:** Defined  
**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend  
**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship  
**Completed:** 2025-07-18  
**Result:** Recommended  
**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting  
  
CPG  
Operating support for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (\$65,000)  
  
CPA  
Sponsor the Annual Friends of United Food Bank Breakfast 2025 (\$12,200 AV In-Kind services value)  
**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval  
**Performed By:**  
**Completed:**  
**Result:**  
**Comments:**

## Contact

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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Education  
**Official Name:** GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-09)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Education  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Grand Canyon University Development  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** Grand Canyon University (GCU) is a mission-driven, Christian institution known for its innovative and adaptive approach to higher education. GCU fosters a compassionate community that cultivates virtuous servant leadership. Over the past 75 years, GCU has grown with intention and impact. Today, GCU offers a vibrant campus experience rooted in joy, faith, and inclusivity, providing students with a purpose-filled education.

In 2015, GCU launched its ambitious Five-Point Plan to revitalize the West Phoenix neighborhood through collaborative partnerships and student-led service. This initiative tackles systemic issues by addressing basic needs, improving housing and infrastructure, expanding access to quality education, and building pathways to high-wage careers.

GCU students have played a vital role in this movement, volunteering in homeless shelters, nursing clinics, and facilities supporting veterans, refugees, the elderly, and survivors of sex trafficking; living out the university's commitment to hands-on, compassionate service.

The impact is measurable:

CityServe: GCU has distributed over \$15.39 million in goods to more than 74,500 families, supported by 45,000+ volunteer hours.

Partnership with the City of Phoenix: GCU has invested \$170 million along 27th Avenue, contributing to a 34% reduction in crime over five years.

Habitat for Humanity: Home renovation initiative has logged 37,700+ volunteer hours and transformed 598 homes, resulting in an 876% increase in neighborhood home values since 2011.

Learning Lounge: GCU has hosted over 82,000 student visits and provided 188,000+ hours of tutoring, culminating in more than 1,000 full-tuition scholarships.

Grand Canyon Education: GCE has created over 16,000 jobs in West Phoenix and launched 10 new business enterprises, generating a \$2.1 billion economic impact.

GCU has experienced remarkable growth and impact over the past two decades. From fewer than 1,000 traditional-age students in 2008, campus enrollment has surged to nearly 25,000, while over 98,000 students pursue degrees online. Despite this expansion, GCU has frozen its ground campus tuition for 17 consecutive years and contributes an estimated \$2.8 billion annually to Arizona's economy.

Our mission to expand access to higher education--particularly for first-generation and underrepresented students--is at the heart of everything we do. We're building a scalable pipeline that empowers first-generation and underrepresented students to lead in today's most critical industries. GCU notices and acknowledges the importance of electricians in today's workforce. To prepare for the expected 9% electrician job growth by 2030, GCU plans to fill this talent need through the Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway. This comprehensive program is designed to affordably provide aspiring electricians with the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue work in the electrical field.

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:**

GCU is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit university based in Maricopa County, with a student body that also draws from Gila, Pinal, Yavapai, and Apache counties--united by a shared vision to see the Valley and surrounding communities thrive. Committed to providing accessible and affordable education to students from all backgrounds, GCU proudly upholds a non-discrimination policy that welcomes individuals regardless of religion, gender, or race. The university offers more than 200 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 10 colleges, encompassing 349 total degrees, emphases, and certificates.

Among these offerings is our Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians, a program gaining increased recognition as GCU--and especially our College of Engineering & Technology--continues to grow. This workforce-focused initiative aligns directly with SRP's corporate giving priorities. It addresses basic needs by equipping students with practical, in-demand skills that lead to stable, family-supporting careers. It also supports the education priority by providing free, industry-aligned technical training, while integrating vital student support services like tutoring, mentoring, and career coaching. Additionally, the program contributes to public and civic engagement by helping meet Arizona's skilled labor shortage and strengthening economic resilience in the communities we serve.

**Project/Program Description:**

Since its 2022 launch, GCU's Center for Workforce Development has built career pathways in high-demand trades through industry partnerships and community engagement. It offers pre-apprenticeship programs that prepare underrepresented populations for careers in fields like electrical work, CNC machining, semiconductors, and general construction. In 2024, the Center was moved into the College of Engineering & Technology. This move was done as a recognition that Trades education is an extension of engineering and technology disciplines. Additionally, to accurately recognize the education as collegiate level vs being considered "just" a vocational education. The initiative continues to grow through employer-aligned programs and a focus on workforce equity.

GCU's Pre-Apprenticeship for Electricians 16-credit, semester-long program is offered at no cost to students and provides both classroom instruction and hands-on training in the electrical trades. In just four courses professors cover topics like applied math, technical communication, and electrical foundations teaching students essential skills to begin a career in engineering.

As enrolled GCU students, participants also benefit from access to tutoring, mentorship, and campus resources enabling a holistic learning environment that supports long-term success. This initiative is more than a training program; it's a launchpad for first-generation students, underrepresented communities, and anyone ready to change their future through skilled work.

The requested funds will be allocated directly towards student scholarship support to continue to provide opportunities to all socio-economic classes of Americans seeking a career in the trades. GCU is committed to keeping the program tuition-free, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder students from all backgrounds from pursuing education and training toward trades.

Students like Jenelle Davis, who completed the pathway in December 2024, quickly land jobs as apprentices at businesses like DP Electric, Corbins, and McCarthy Building Companies.

GCU is looking forward to partnering with the Salt River Project to ensure the Pre-Apprenticeship for Electricians Program remains tuition-free through student scholarships.

**Program Metrics:**

As of September 2024, GCU's Center for Workforce Development reported that over 600 participants have completed the Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway in Phoenix over the course of approximately three years. Building on this success, GCU expanded the program to Austin, Texas, in Fall 2024--demonstrating a scalable model with the potential for broad regional impact. Developed in partnership with Rosendin, the largest employee-owned electrical contractor in the United States, and Maricopa County, the Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway was intentionally designed to welcome underrepresented groups into the trades. Women and minorities--who comprise only about 11% and 6.3% of the national construction workforce, respectively--are actively encouraged to participate. In addition, GCU's commitment to inclusion is reflected in its broader student demographics: approximately 41% of students are first-generation college students, and 60% of those in workforce development programs come from low-income households. The pathway emphasizes hands-on learning, blending classroom instruction with site-based training through Rosendin, where trainees gain approximately 1,000 hours of paid on-the-job experience. As fully enrolled GCU students, participants also benefit from a robust support system, including Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) services, tutoring, mentorship, student clubs, chapel, and access to on-campus employment opportunities.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:**

SRP funds will be directly applied toward covering tuition costs for students enrolled in GCU's Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians and other program expenses. The program primarily serves individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, many of whom fall below the federal poverty line or are first-generation college students. By allocating SRP funding toward full tuition scholarships, we aim to eliminate financial barriers that often prevent participation in skilled trade training programs. This support will ensure equitable access to workforce education, allowing students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to benefit from the program. SRP's investment will play a critical role in advancing educational opportunities, promoting social mobility, and meeting regional workforce needs.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:**

As a valued partner in this initiative, SRP will be recognized across a variety of platforms that celebrate its meaningful contribution. Opportunities for recognition may include inclusion on GCU's official website, a designated table at Pathway Orientation and related events, and branding presence within the course hallway. Additionally, SRP will have the opportunity to engage more directly through a seat on the program's advisory board and by providing a classroom introduction to inspire and connect with students at the start of their educational journey. These activations are optional and designed to honor SRP's support while deepening its connection to the students and communities it helps uplift.

**Other Sources of Funding:**

This initiative has been made possible through the generous support and collaboration of industry leaders who share GCU's commitment to expanding access to workforce education. Rosendin Electric, the program's flagship partner, played a foundational role in launching the Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians in 2022, providing both financial backing and strategic guidance. Since then, several respected organizations--including AEC Electric, Corbins Electric, Cannon & Wendt, Hawkeye Electric, Milwaukee Tools, and SRP--have joined the effort, helping grow the program's impact. These partners offer a combination of funding, equipment, mentorship, and employment opportunities.

**Similar Organizations:**

**Letter Signer & Title:**

**Internal Comments:**

As far as we are aware, this is the only tuition-free, specialized electrician pre-apprenticeship program available in the State of Arizona.

Kelli Rael, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

Operating support for the GCU's Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians and other program expenses (\$60,000).

## Attachments

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**Annual Reports:**

**In-Kind Supporting Documentation:**

**Current Year Budget:** GCU Consolidated Budget.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** 2023-24 University Budget.pdf

**Program Budget:** Project Budget for SRP 07.09.25.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** Audited Financial Statements.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** Board of Trustees.docx

**List of Corporate Contributors:** 2024-25 Pre-Apprenticeship Contributors.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 0

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

**Event 2 Name - Approved:**

**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

## Payment

## Scan

No matches were found

## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$60,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$60,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2022 - Students Inspiring Students Scholarship Program - \$7,000.00

•2023 - Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway - \$20,000.00

•2025 - Pre-Apprenticeship for Electricians Pathway - \$20,000.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-10

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Kelli Rael / COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR

**Completed:** 2025-07-11

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** MULTI-YEAR grant - \$20,000/year for 3 years starting in FY26. Final payment in FY28.

Operating support for the GCU's Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway for Electricians - \$60,000 (\$20k in FY26 - Education)

\$20k - FY26

\$20k - FY27  
\$20k - FY28  
**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval  
**Performed By:**  
**Completed:**  
**Result:**  
**Comments:**

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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-18)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Neighborhood Revitalization, Event Sponsorship, and Board Commitment  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** Driven by the vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. An affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat Central Arizona is an independent, locally run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has served the region since 1985.  
  
We serve Maricopa County and parts of Pinal County, focusing on providing affordable housing solutions for families with low to moderate incomes. This includes new home construction, emergency repairs, and neighborhood revitalization work. Our service area includes many communities within SRP's territory.  
  
Habitat Central Arizona is one of the largest and most productive Habitat affiliates in the country. With the support of sponsors, donors, and thousands of volunteers each year, we have built or renovated more than 1,200 homes, completed more than 3,500 home repairs, and partnered with over 5,000 Arizona families, veterans, and older adults.  
  
Our Neighborhood Revitalization program, which includes projects such as Aging in Place and Veterans Repair, helps homeowners address critical repairs that allow them to stay safely in their homes. This work strengthens neighborhoods, supports public health, and increases housing stability.  
  
As housing costs continue to rise and income inequality grows, the need for affordable housing and critical home repairs remains urgent. Habitat remains committed to meeting that need through practical, community-driven solutions.  
  
**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:** Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona aligns with SRP's commitment to building a strong, safe, and healthy community. SRP has been a long-standing partner since 1992, and together we have worked to improve the quality of life for families throughout the Valley.

Habitat serves low-income homeowners, many of whom are seniors, veterans, or families of color living in under-resourced neighborhoods. Our programs support SRP's priority areas by helping individuals overcome barriers, maintain stable housing, and improve health and safety.

The 2025 request includes support for Neighborhood Revitalization (NR), which addresses critical home repairs such as roofing, plumbing, and HVAC systems. These repairs help prevent displacement and reduce utility costs for families. SRP has expressed specific interest in veteran-serving projects, and Habitat will track and report the number of veteran households impacted.

This work supports individual families and contributes to the health of entire neighborhoods. Homeowners remain in place, vacant properties are reduced, and volunteer engagement helps build community connections.

Together with SRP, we are creating long-term solutions for housing stability, energy efficiency, and resilience for the families we serve.

**Project/Program Description:**

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona's Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) program helps low-income homeowners complete critical repairs that improve health, safety, and accessibility. This program allows seniors to age in place, veterans to remain safely housed, and families to avoid displacement due to unsafe or unaffordable conditions.

Common NR repairs include roof replacements, HVAC system installation or repair, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and modifications to improve accessibility such as ramps and bathroom adjustments. The average repair cost ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per household.

Habitat's NR model relies on partnerships with cities, funders, and volunteers to serve homeowners earning between 30 and 80 percent of area median income. All projects are completed by licensed contractors and Habitat's skilled staff, often with volunteer support. Homeowners contribute a portion of repair costs on a sliding scale when possible, reinforcing partnership and ownership.

With SRP's support, Habitat will complete three NR projects within SRP's service area, prioritizing at least one veteran household. We will also offer three volunteer engagement opportunities for SRP employees.

By stabilizing households and investing in existing neighborhoods, NR helps preserve affordable housing stock, reduce utility costs through energy-efficient upgrades, and strengthen community resilience.

**Program Metrics:**

With SRP's \$45,000 investment in Neighborhood Revitalization, Habitat will complete three home repair projects within SRP's service area. Each project will serve a qualified low-income homeowner, and at least one project will serve a veteran household.

We will track and report the following metrics:

Number of households served

Veteran households served

Senior households served

Type and scope of repairs completed (e.g., HVAC, roofing, plumbing)

ZIP code or city location of each project (verifying SRP service territory)

Estimated value of repairs per household

Estimated energy efficiency gains (when applicable)

Number of SRP employee volunteers engaged and total hours served

All homeowners served will meet income eligibility guidelines (30--80% AMI) and demonstrate a need for critical repairs that affect health or safety. We also track demographics including age, disability status, and homeownership tenure when available.

Habitat will share a summary report with SRP that includes photos, homeowner testimonials (when permitted), and outcomes tied to SRP's priorities, including any measurable impact on veterans or aging in place.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:**

SRP's \$60,000 investment will be used as follows:

\$45,000 for Neighborhood Revitalization (NR):

These funds will support three critical home repair projects in SRP's service area. Each project will address health, safety, or accessibility concerns, with at least one project benefiting a veteran household. Repairs may include HVAC system replacement, roof repair, plumbing, or accessibility modifications. All work will be completed by licensed contractors or Habitat's skilled staff, with support from community and SRP volunteers. Funds will cover materials, labor, permits, and project coordination.

\$5,000 for Board Participation:

A contribution on behalf of SRP employee and Habitat board member Anne Rickard helps meet the organization's board giving requirement and affirms SRP's leadership role in the community.

\$10,000 for Event Sponsorship:

This supports SRP's sponsorship of Blueprints & Blue Jeans on March 27, 2026. Proceeds from this event help fund Habitat's core programs, including new home construction, repairs, construction training, and community partnerships. Sponsorship benefits include logo placement, recognition, and a table for SRP guests.

Each element of this request aligns with SRP's values and priorities: providing safe and affordable housing, supporting veterans and underserved communities, and investing in events and leadership that promote long-term community impact.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** As a Builder Sponsor (\$10,000) for the 2026 Blueprints & Blue Jeans event, SRP will receive the following benefits:

Name and logo recognition in Frontdoors Media thank you ad

Logo on event website

Logo on pre- and post-event eblasts

One social media mention

One table of ten with standard seating

Logo on event signage

Logo featured on a pre-program slideshow slide

Full-page ad in the event program

Verbal recognition during the event program

These benefits offer visibility across print, digital, and live event channels, reinforcing SRP's partnership with Habitat and support for affordable housing in the Valley.

**Other Sources of Funding:** Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona partners with a range of public and private funders to support our housing programs. Funding for Neighborhood Revitalization projects often includes a mix of city contracts, foundation grants, individual donations, and corporate sponsorships. Cities such as Avondale, Mesa, Tempe, and Glendale have provided support for critical home repairs through CDBG and general funds.

In addition to SRP's support, we are pursuing or have secured the following:

Wells Fargo Foundation: Annual funding for home preservation and equity-focused initiatives

USAA Foundation and Home Depot Foundation: Veteran housing and accessibility projects

Individual donors and major gifts: Including annual appeals and matching gift campaigns

Event sponsorships: Blueprints & Blue Jeans sponsors such as Stearns Bank and Discover Financial contribute to unrestricted funding that supports all program areas

We are also seeking new partnerships to expand the reach of our repair and training programs. Habitat is committed to leveraging SRP's investment alongside these sources to serve more families and improve more homes in targeted neighborhoods.

**Similar Organizations:** While other Arizona nonprofits provide housing-related services, Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona stands out for its long-term approach and comprehensive model. Organizations such as Rebuilding Together focus on basic home repairs for seniors, and others like UMOM and Family Promise provide emergency or transitional shelter. These services are critical, but they do not offer a permanent path to affordable homeownership.

Habitat addresses the full spectrum of housing needs. We build and renovate single-family homes, offer critical repairs and accessibility modifications, and support families through every step of the homeownership journey. All homes are sold with zero-interest mortgages carried by Habitat, and families contribute sweat equity and complete financial education to prepare for success. We serve households earning between 30 and 80 percent of the area median income, with a focus on communities that face systemic barriers to housing.

Our affiliate is one of the most productive in the nation, with more than 5,000 families served across Maricopa and parts of Pinal County since 1985. This combination of scale, stability, and community partnership makes Habitat different from organizations focused only on temporary relief or small-scale construction.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for the Neighborhood Revitalization (\$45,000); Sponsor the Blueprints & Blue Jeans event (\$10,000) on March 27, 2026; and Board Participation for Anne Rickard (\$5,000).

## Attachments

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**Annual Reports:**

**In-Kind Supporting Documentation:**

**Sponsorship Packet:** BPBJ 2026 Sponsorship Packet\_draft.pdf

**Current Year Budget:** Habitat 2025 Org Budget.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** Habitat FY24 Actual Budget.pdf

**Program Budget:** Habitat 2025 NR Program Budget.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** Habitat 2024 Audit.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** Habitat 2025 Board Roster\_with photos.pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** Habitat 2025 Top Corporate Funders\_Org.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 1

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Blueprints & Blue Jeans

**Event 1 Date:** 2026-03-27

**Event 1 Location :** Arizona Biltmore

2400 E Missouri Ave

Phoenix, AZ 85016

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 500

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 10000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** Blueprints & Blue Jeans is Habitat's signature fundraising event, featuring dinner, cocktails, a silent and live auction, and a program highlighting the impact of Habitat's work. Speakers typically include Habitat CEO Todd Rogers and a partner family sharing their story. The event draws 500+ supporters from across the Valley and raises unrestricted funds to support Habitat's housing programs.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$600,000.00

**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes

**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:**

There are no confirmed sponsors yet for the 2026 Blueprints & Blue Jeans event. However, based on past commitments and ongoing relationships, we anticipate support from sponsors such as Stearns Bank (\$50,000), Discover Financial (\$10,000), Wells Fargo (\$5,000), and Fennemore Craig (\$2,500), with additional sponsors pending confirmation. This expectation is based on consistent multi-year support and continued engagement with these partners.

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

**Custom Report:**

Event 1 Name - Approved:

Event 1 Date - Approved:

Event 2 Name - Approved:

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Event 3 Name - Approved:

Event 3 Date - Approved:

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## Payment

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No matches were found

## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$60,000.00  
**\*Recommended Amount:** \$55,000.00  
**Prior Approved Grants:**

- 2013 - - \$7,500.00
- 2014 - - \$92,500.00
- 2015 - - \$1,000.00
- 2015 - - \$7,500.00
- 2015 - - \$0.00
- 2015 - - \$2,000.00
- 2016 - - \$92,500.00
- 2016 - - \$1,000.00
- 2018 - Blueprints and Blue Jeans, Annual Appeal, Video In-Kind - \$15,000.00
- 2019 - Habitat Neighborhood Revitalization - \$96,689.65
- 2020 - Annual Appeal and BluePrints & Blue Jeans Sponsorship - \$15,000.00
- 2021 - Affordable Housing during COVID-19 Pandemic - \$47,500.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$246.60
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$626.50
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$309.90
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$801.80
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$206.60
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$226.60
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$246.60
- 2022 - Home Renovation, Event Sponsorship, Annual Appeal - \$25,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$246.60
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$312.86
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$262.86
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$262.86
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$262.86
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$419.29
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$517.46
- 2023 - Blueprints & Blue Jeans Event Sponsorship - \$17,750.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.86
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$262.86

- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$394.29
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$316.86
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$262.86
- 2023 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2024 - Home Sponsorship, Women Build Sponsorship, Event Sponsorship, Annual Appeal - \$60,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$370.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$555.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$370.00
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- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$555.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$370.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$426.00
- 2024 - Equipment Donation - Lake House Furniture - \$1,500.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$262.86
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$370.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$346.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$346.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$346.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$519.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$346.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$370.00
- 2025 - Blueprints and Blue Jeans - \$10,000.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$336.00
- - - \$0.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-21

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-21

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting

Corporate Giving

- Operating support for the Neighborhood Revitalization for Veterans Program (\$40,000)

- Sponsor the Blue Prints & Blue Jeans event on March 27, 2026 (\$10,000)

Membership & Board Dues

- Board Member Dues (\$5,000)

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

## Contact

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**Salutation:**

**\*First Name:** Erin

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**\*Last Name:** Mowad

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**\*Internal Use Only?:** N

**CEO First Name:**

**CEO Last Name:**

**Principal Prefix:**

**CEO Email Address:**

**Mobile Phone:**

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**CEO Mobile Phone:**

**CEO/Executive Director Contact:**

**Person completing application:**

## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Official Name:** THE SALVATION ARMY  
**\*Legal Name:** The Salvation Army, A California Corp. operating as the Southwest Division  
**\*Address:** 2707 E Van Buren Street  
**Address 2:**  
**\*City:** Phoenix  
**\*State:** Arizona  
**\*Zip/Postal Code:** 85008-6039  
**\*Main Telephone:** 602-267-4292  
**\*Main Email Address:** kimberly.thompson@usw.salvationarmy.org  
**\*Website Address:** <http://www.salvationarmysouthwest.org/>  
**\*Executive Director Name:** Charles Fowler  
**\*Executive Director Phone Number:** 602-267-4165  
**\*Executive Director Email Address:** Charles.Fowler@usw.salvationarmy.org

## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-17)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Metro Phoenix-Heat Relief, Water and Community Safety, Silver Bells Gala, Spring Golf Event, and East Valley Heat Relief FY2026  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$65,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$65,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00

**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** The Salvation Army is a nonprofit social service agency dedicated to caring for the hungry, the homeless, the poor, and the marginalized members of our society. The founders of The Salvation Army envisioned meeting human need without discrimination by providing food, shelter, and hope. Their vision has grown into the worldwide social service programs of today's Salvation Army. Aid is given wherever, whenever, and however the need is apparent, without a distinction of race or creed. The Salvation Army's mission statement is: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

During calendar year 2024, The Salvation Army provided assistance, care, and support to 361,004 men, women, and children throughout the state of Arizona, with 72% of all assistance types distributed to residents living in the Metro Phoenix area.

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:** In the same spirit of SRP's desire to support safe and healthy communities, The Salvation Army's Heat Relief Efforts, and human service programs help meet SRP's priorities through:

- Offering programs that reach out to underserved communities to promote individuals' ability to overcome barriers and be self-sufficient.

- Offering programs that seek to highlight the constant need for water and electric safety.

**Project/Program Description:**



Metro-Phoenix and East Valley Heat Relief Efforts (\$20,000) is The Salvation Army's response to support the most vulnerable populations who live in the communities we serve. When the National Weather Service issues an Excessive Heat Warning, The Salvation Army activates its heat relief efforts by opening all of our locations and sharing our physical space and resources as cooling stations. When the cooling stations are open, everyone is invited to come in to get respite and relief from the heat in a cool, comfortable setting. Cooling stations offer free bottled water, along with other heat relief items, to keep vulnerable individuals safe during periods of excessive heat. All The Salvation Army's heat relief efforts follow local recommended health guidance to ensure the safety of those who depend on The Salvation Army's programs and services, as well as the safety of our officers, staff, and volunteers. Most of our cooling stations are also pet-friendly, allowing individuals to receive assistance without fear, and their pets can also get respite from the excessive heat. Additionally, a mobile unit is dispatched to target areas frequented by those who are experiencing homelessness to serve as many people as possible.

When an Excessive Heat Warning is in effect, the following locations open as cooling stations and share their space with the public to access life-saving heat relief and hydration items from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\*Apache Junction Corps, 605 E. Broadway Ave.

\*Estrella Mountain Corps, 11 N. Third Ave.

\*Chandler Corps, 85 E. Saragosa St.

\*Glendale Corps, 6010 W. Northern Ave.

\*Mesa Corps, 241 E. Sixth St.

\*Phoenix Citadel Corps, 628 N. Third Ave.

\*Phoenix Maryvale Corps, 4318 W. Clarendon Ave.

\*Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center South Mountain, 1375 E. Broadway Road

\*The Salvation Army Phoenix Family Services Office, 2707 E. Van Buren St., Bldg. 2

\*North West Valley Corps, 17420N. Avenue of the Arts Blvd.

\*Tempe Corps, 2621 S. Rural Road

Along with free bottled water, cooling sites offer items such as snacks, electrolyte drinks, and heat relief-related products, including SPF, lip balm, heat/health-related educational information, and cool bandanas.

Kroc Center-Swimming Lessons (\$10,000) The Kroc Center provides scholarships for swimming lessons to ensure people of all ages have the opportunity to learn how to swim, especially people living in the underserved area of South Phoenix. On average in the U.S., eleven people drown each day, and drowning is the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1 and 4, with drowning being the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children aged 5-14. Furthermore, Black children are 1.5 times more likely, Native American children are 2 times more likely, and Hispanic children are three times more likely to drown than their White counterparts. Knowing how to swim is crucial for both safety and overall well-being. Swimming lessons significantly reduce the risk of drowning, especially for children, and open up opportunities for recreation and exercise. Additionally, swimming can improve physical health and provide a fun, social activity.

Emergency Rental Assistance (\$20,000) The Salvation Army offers multiple intervention strategies to meet people at their point of need. The Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) provides families and individuals with financial and material assistance (including rent, utilities, food, clothing, prescriptions, transportation, and other necessities) and referrals for financial literacy, education, advocacy, or other support. The EAP is available at several Valley Corps, with Phoenix Family Services providing the majority of rent and utility support in the Metro Phoenix area. The EAP offers rental assistance to households experiencing an unforeseen financial crisis. If the crisis is averted, these households have anticipated sources of income to pay their future rent and remain self-sufficient in their current, permanent housing. The Emergency Assistance Program provides clients with the necessary support to stay in their homes, maintain their utilities, and provide for their families. Most services are provided on a one-time basis, and those with ongoing needs are referred to longer-term programs. Funds received from this request will target Metro-Phoenix families facing housing instability and are at imminent risk of eviction unless they receive rental assistance to bring them up to date with their lease.

#### Silver Bells Gala 2025 Sponsorship (\$10,000)

Friday, November 7th, at The Camby, located conveniently at 2401 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016, you are invited to join us for the 2025 Silver Bells Gala. Celebrate the season of giving at The Salvation Army's Silver Bells Gala. This signature winter fundraiser brings together community leaders, changemakers, and generous hearts for an evening of elegance, purpose, and impact. Enjoy an evening of entertainment, networking, and giving, featuring a live auction and a curated silent auction--all designed to raise essential funds and make a lasting impact in our community.

#### Fore the Cause Classic, Sponsor (\$5,000)

In April of 2026, please join us at the annual Fore the Cause Classic. Support from the golf tournament provides safe housing, meals, case management, and children's programs at the Army's Phoenix Family Services Office and Emergency Family Shelter. This Sponsorship includes:

- \*2 Foursomes
- \*Event Signage
- \*Sponsorship of 2 Holes
- \*Media Exposure

**Program Metrics:** The Salvation Army has over 150 years of experience in providing both human and disaster relief services worldwide. With summer in full swing, The Salvation Army serves the community through our Heat Relief and Water Safety Efforts to prevent unnecessary heat and water-related fatalities. The Army's Metro Phoenix team has the infrastructure in place to meet and respond to our community's needs. Each of our unique programs has specific metrics and data collection methods or approaches.

Heat Relief Efforts and Cooling Station program metrics are measured by:

- # of days each cooling station provides heat relief and hydration services
- # of individuals served each day
- # of water bottles distributed
- # of other heat relief/safety items distributed (such as lip balm, hats, sunglasses, cool bandanas, safety-related materials, etc.)

Kroc's Swim Lesson Scholarship program metrics are measured by:

- # of children/youth who receive a scholarship and move from not being able to swim, demonstrating they have the skills to swim safely and competently

Emergency Rental Assistance

Metrics are measured using WellSky software. WellSky uses the same software and data/metrics as this region's Homeless Management Information System, or HMIS. WellSky is considered an industry standard for tracking social service programs that target housing services to individuals experiencing housing instability or homelessness. WellSky stores client-level data, including demographics, as well as client and program outcomes. The software generates both customized reports and HUD reports to meet contractual and specialized requirements for funders, as well as to support program quality improvement.

# of households that receive a direct payment to maintain their permanent housing for a minimum of 30 days.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:** \$20,000 Metro-Phoenix and East Valley Heat Relief Efforts

Maricopa County Public Health has confirmed:

\*608 heat-related deaths occurred in 2024

\*Approximately 59% of the heat-related deaths were among those aged 50 or older

\*78% of those who perished were male

\*July 2024 was the deadliest month for heat-related fatalities

\*76.3% of all heat-related fatalities were in Maricopa County

In response to help reduce fatalities from excessive heat, The Salvation Army mobilizes staff and volunteers to open our Corps locations as "Heat Relief Cooling Stations" in support of the regional Heat Relief effort. Cooling Stations provide free, cold bottled water to anyone who requests it. Health and safety information is distributed on how to stay well-hydrated, calm, and safe during days when the National Weather Service issues an extreme heat warning. Tote bags are available for transient individuals to carry enough water bottles to last throughout the day. Funds from SRP support these life-saving efforts needed, lifesaving efforts, because all heat-related deaths are preventable.

**\$20,000 Emergency Rental Assistance**

The Salvation Army offers a range of intervention strategies to help meet the health and safety needs of people living throughout the Metro Phoenix community. Funds provided by SRP for this project will target at-risk households in the Metro Phoenix area who are at imminent risk of eviction unless they receive a one-time crisis-based rental assistance payment, ensuring they can maintain their permanent housing and reducing the likelihood of additional homelessness in our communities. The Emergency Assistance Program provides families and individuals with direct access to key resources that help them stay in their homes, keep their rent paid, utilities on, and feed their families. Most services are provided on a one-time basis, and those with ongoing needs are referred to longer-term programs.

To illustrate the impact of this program, we recently received an email from a client who was served in June of 2025. Here is his testimony:

Date: 07/07/2025

To: The Salvation Army Southwest Division

2707 E. Van Buren Street

Phoenix Arizona 85008

Dear Salvation Army Team,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the extraordinary kindness, support, and compassion I received from your organization during one of the most difficult periods of my life.

Last month, while traveling from New Orleans to Phoenix to seek treatment for a chronic illness, my vehicle broke down, leaving me unexpectedly stranded in Tucson. I was alone, vulnerable, and uncertain of what to do next, but then I found The Salvation Army. Through your help, I not only regained stability but also rediscovered hope.

In particular, I would like to thank Michele Kirkpatrick sincerely. Her unwavering compassion and dedication made a profound impact on me. She helped me get to the Phoenix Family Services office and then began working one-on-one with me to find solutions to support me through my situation.

She went above and beyond to ensure I had a safe place to stay and the resources necessary to continue my journey toward healing. Her support played a critical role in helping me secure housing in Phoenix and continue receiving the medical treatment I so urgently needed.

Michele treated me not as a case, but as a person, with dignity, kindness, and genuine concern. I am truly humbled by her willingness to walk beside me through such a difficult chapter in my life.

Thanks to The Salvation Army and the incredible individuals who serve within it, I now have a place to call home in Phoenix, the medical care I need, and a full-time job as a Chef, doing what I love! I will never forget the lifeline you provided, and I carry deep appreciation in my heart for everything you've done.

With heartfelt thanks,

D'Michael Williams

#### **\$10,000 Kroc Center Swim Lesson Scholarship Program**

The Kroc Center offers a scholarship program for anyone who needs support in learning how to swim. Support for this program will provide approximately 100 children or youth, ages 1-17, who lack the financial resources to receive free swim lessons, enabling them to demonstrate their safety in and around water at the Kroc Center.

#### **\$10,000 Silver Bells Gala Sponsorship**

Funds provided by the sponsorship directly impact children and families living in our emergency shelter, as well as our food pantries, Christmas Angels, Camp Ponderosa, and memberships at the Kroc Center at South Mountain.

#### **\$5,000 "Fore the Cause" Classic Sponsorship**

Support from the golf tournament enables the provision of safe housing, meals, and children's programs at the Army's Phoenix Family Services Office and Emergency Family Shelter.

#### **SRP Sponsorship Benefits: Silver Bells Gala 2025 Gold Sponsorship \$10,000**

- \*Eight seats

- \*Logo inclusion on the Silver Bells web page

- \*Digital ad display at event

- \*On-site logo presence

- \*Social media, website, and e-blast coverage

- \*Recognition as a key supporter. Includes logo placement at The Salvation Army's Camp Ponderosa in Heber, AZ

#### **"Fore the Cause" Classic Golf Tournament**

Sponsorship \$5,000

In April of 2026, please plan to join us at the annual "Fore the Cause" Classic. This level's sponsorship includes:

- \*2 Foursomes

- \*Event Signage

- \*Sponsorship of 2 Holes

- \*Media Exposure

#### **Other Sources of Funding:**

The Salvation Army's fundraising plan secures resources for our programs and operational needs. It is advanced through Corps Officers and our Advisory Boards, with support from The Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters (DHQ), located in Phoenix, Arizona. DHQ provides support in the areas of donor relations, planned giving, legacy gifts, corporate and foundation support, and special events. The organization has a longstanding reputation for stewarding the resources generously provided to us and utilizing all donations to make a significant impact. While annual revenue fluctuates and ultimately affects service levels, the base needs of our programs are supported by our diverse fundraising plan, which ensures continued operation for the foreseeable future. All salary and staffing expenses, as well as general operating expenses, are supported by our fundraising plan to ensure programmatic sustainability.

The Salvation Army is grateful for the support we receive from local and national corporations, private donors, foundations, and volunteers, whose collective efforts help to drive our mission forward. This support enables us to deliver efficient and impactful programs for all members of the community. Other major contributors to the Heat Relief Efforts, Swimming Lessons, and Corporate Sponsors include:

\*The City of Chandler: \$50,000-Support for the Chandler Corps Human Service Programs from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026

\*Piper Trust: \$75,000-Heat Relief Efforts-Maricopa County Summer 2025

\*Piper Trust: \$ 100,000-Homeless Prevention Programs July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

\*The Emergency Food and Shelter Program for Shelter, Meals, and Rental Assistance: Phase 42 Pending Request of \$365,000 \*\*\*Nationally, EFSP funds are FROZEN due to executive order\*\*\*

\*Salt-River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: \$150,000-Human Services Metro Phx for CY25

\*Cox Communication: \$20,000

\*Valley of the Sun United Way \$60,000-Phoenix Family Services Emergency Assistance Program July 2025-June 2026 (Rental Assistance)

\*Pool and Hot Tub Association, Step into Swim: \$5,000 (Kroc Swim Safety) June 2025-December 2025

\*LAM Holdings: Cash Support Varies

\*Toyota Financial: Cash Support Varies

\*Bashas Food Stores: Cash Support Varies/and in-kind support

\*Albertsons/Safeway Food Stores: Cash Support Varies/and in-kind support

\*Fry's Food Stores: Cash Support Varies and in-kind Year-Round Programming, including holidays

\*Bashas Food Stores: (in-kind) Year-Round Programming, including holidays

\*Channel 3: (in-kind) Year-Round Programming, including holidays

\*DripDrop: (in-kind)Heat Relief Programs

\*Salad and Go: Cash Support varies and in-kind support for Phoenix Family Services

**Similar Organizations:**

The Salvation Army has the most significant geographic footprint in Maricopa County, along with the depth, scope, and demonstrated capacity to operate and administer Heat Relief, water, and community safety programs on a large scale. Our programs provide a positive impact across the Valley of the Sun and target help to our most vulnerable community members. The Salvation Army's community-based programs have an extensive network of collaborative partners and a deep volunteer base, which helps avoid duplication of services and pool resources.

Key Collaborators and organizations include:

Heat Relief-The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG); The Heat Relief Network/Arizona Faith Network

Emergency Assistance Program (EAP)- The Salvation Army is relied upon to be the "go-to" provider of Emergency Assistance services and is the #1 referral source for those in our community who contact Arizona 211.

Swim Safety- Phoenix Thunderbirds, Irene Lopez Elementary School, the Roosevelt School District, Pool and Hot Tub Association, Phoenix Police Department, Phoenix Fire Department, and funders through the Summer Youth Program.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for the Metro-Phoenix and East Valley Heat Relief Efforts (\$20,000); operating support for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (\$20,000); operating support for the Kroc Center Swim Lesson Scholarship Program (\$10,000); Sponsor the Silver Bells Gala (\$10,000) on November 7, 2025; and Sponsor the Fore the Cause Classic Sponsor (\$5,000) on April 17, 2026.

## Attachments

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**Annual Reports:**

**In-Kind Supporting Documentation:**

**Sponsorship Packet:** 2025 Silver Bells Sponsor Package FINAL.pdf

**Current Year Budget:** Phx Budget FY25.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** Phx Budget FY25.pdf

**Program Budget:** Phx Budget FY25.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** Deloitte Southwest Audited Financial Statement 2024 Received 4.2025.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** BOD 8.2024 (List with Titles).pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** Corporate Contributors Salt River Project Upload 7.17.2025.docx

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 2

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Silver Bells Gala

**Event 1 Date:** 2025-11-07

**Event 1 Location :** The Camby

2401 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 200

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 10000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** Celebrate the season of giving at The Salvation Army's Silver Bells Gala. This signature winter fundraiser brings together community leaders, changemakers, and generous hearts for an evening of elegance, purpose, and impact. Enjoy an evening of entertainment, networking, and giving, featuring a live auction and a curated silent auction, all designed to raise essential funds and make a lasting impact in our community.

Live Auctioneer: Subyn Novelle

Keynote Speaker: Joey Zumaya, Head of Nonprofit Enterprise Sales & Strategy, LinkedIn

Voice of the Evening: Lauryn Mangum Reed, Executive Vice President, TMG Hospitality

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$97,000.00

**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes

**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar**

**Amount:** For more information, please contact Stephanie Lang at 602.267.4134 or Stephanie.Lang@usw.salvationarmy.org

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

## Event Two

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**Event 2 Event Name:** Fore the Cause Classic Sponsor

**Event 2 Date:** 2026-04-17

**Event 2 Location:** To be determined closer to the end of CY25, the tournament will be held in April 2026 (the date below, April 17, 2026, is an estimated date).

**Event 2 Number of Attendees:** 150

**Event 2 Cash Requested:** 5000

**Event 2 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 2 Other Event Info:** Support from the golf tournament enables the provision of safe housing, meals, and children's programs at the Army's Phoenix Family Services Office and Emergency Family Shelter.

In April of 2026, please plan to join us at the annual "Fore the Cause" Classic. This level's sponsorship includes:

\*2 Foursomes

\*Event Signage

\*Sponsorship of 2 Holes

\*Media Exposure

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 2:** Yes

**Event 2 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$48,000.00

**Event 2 Other Event Sponsors:** Yes

**Event 2 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:** For more information, please don't hesitate to contact Stephanie Lang at 602.267.4134 or Stephanie.Lang@usw.salvationarmy.org.

**Event 2 Promo Booth:** No

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

**Event 2 Name - Approved:**

**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

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**Last Scanned By:** Karla Esparza

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## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$65,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$65,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2013 - - \$6,000.00

•2014 - - \$2,500.00

•2014 - - \$6,000.00

•2015 - - \$20,000.00

•2016 - - \$0.00

•2017 - - \$15,000.00

•2017 - - \$10,000.00

•2017 - - \$0.00

•2018 - 125th Anniversary/Heat & Water Safety 18 - \$65,000.00

•2019 - Heat and Water Safety - \$35,000.00

•2020 - Sponsor 2020 The Salvation Army "Links to Kettles" Golf Tournament - \$2,500.00

•2020 - Verano Sano Water Safety Support - \$1,000.00

•2020 - Sponsor 2020 1865 Civic Breakfast - \$1,000.00

•2020 - The Salvation Army-Metro Phoenix Heat and COVID-19 Response CY20 - \$30,000.00

•2020 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00

•2021 - The Salvation Army-Metro Phoenix Heat and Water Safety Projects CY21 - \$25,000.00

•2021 - Link to Kettles Golf Tournament - \$7,500.00

•2021 - Pandemic Relief Support - \$10,000.00

•2022 - The Salvation Army Metro Phoenix 2021 Red Kettle Kickoff - \$10,000.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,055.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$558.00



- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,996.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$397.00
- 2022 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$100.00
- 2022 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2022 - Chandler Corps-Shower Trailer - \$10,000.00
- 2022 - The Salvation Army-Metro Phoenix Water, Health and Safety Projects CY2022 - \$25,000.00
- 2022 - The Salvation Army, Metro Phoenix Human Services FY23 - \$35,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$422.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$422.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$422.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$422.00
- 2022 - Equipment Donation: 250 CamelBaks - \$8,750.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$615.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$766.00
- 2023 - Homeless Heat Relief & Hygiene Efforts-East Valley (Spring 2023) - \$10,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,158.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$14.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$615.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$442.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$623.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$573.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$859.50
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- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$573.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$623.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$934.50
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$623.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,244.00
- 2024 - 40 Swim Lesson Vouchers - \$3,360.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$410.00
- 2024 - Metro Phoenix-Heat Relief, Water and Community Safety, Silver Bells and East Valley Heat Relief FY2024 - \$50,000.00
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$520.00
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$780.00
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00

- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00
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- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00
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- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,179.00
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$1.00
- 2025 - Metro Phoenix-Heat Relief, Water and Community Safety, Silver Bells 130th Anniversary, Spring Golf Event and East Valley Heat Relief FY2025 - \$65,000.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$520.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-18

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-18

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Items

CPG (\$50,000)

- oOperating support for Emergency Rental Assistance (\$20,000)
- oOperating support for the East Valley & Metro-Phoenix Heat Relief (\$20,000)
- oSponsorship for 2025 Silver Bells (\$10,000)

CPE (\$10,000)

- oOperating support for Swim Lesson Program (\$10,000)

CPA (\$5,000)

- oGolf Tournament (\$5,000)

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

## Contact

**Salutation:** Miss

**\*First Name:** Kimberly

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**Person completing application:**

## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Arts and Culture  
**Official Name:** ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER  
**\*Legal Name:** Arizona Science Center  
**\*Address:** 600 E. Washington St.  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-09)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Education  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs & Sponsorships FY26  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$45,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$45,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** The mission of Arizona Science Center (ASC) is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. For more than 40 years, ASC has inspired people of all ages to explore the mysteries and wonders of science through unforgettable onsite experiences along with dynamic educational programs. At the Center, visitors can immerse themselves in the study of biology, physics, geology, renewable energy, and much more, interacting with 300+ hands-on exhibits and viewing live science demonstrations, documentary films, and planetarium presentations. In addition, tens of thousands of guests visit ASC each year to tour our world-renowned exhibitions and attend our signature events such Galaxy Gala and Snow Week. ASC welcomes and serves roughly 500,000 visitors annually.

Beyond these experiences, ASC is also a leading provider of informal STEM education programming for PreK-8 students and professional development training for teachers. Led by ASC expert instructors, our core educational programs include Focused Field Trips, Science on Wheels, Girls in STEM, CAMP INNOVATION, and our Arizona Science & Engineering Fair (AzSEF). Teachers can also participate in an extensive range of professional development workshops, courses, and events through our Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Center for Leadership in Learning (CLL). Held both onsite at ASC and throughout every Arizona county in schools, libraries, and community centers, our STEM education and professional development programs serve more than 200,000 students and teachers every year. Among these, roughly half are from Title I schools, and receive free programming thanks to generous philanthropic support from ASC corporate and foundation partners.

For example, together with charitable funding, ASC succeeded in delivering the following in FY24:

88,516 students and teachers participated in more than 2,600 Science on Wheels programs across the state

Nearly 80,000 students and teachers participated in educational field trips at ASC

Nearly 6,600 teachers received training, coaching, and professional development through CLL

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:** With a profound history of more than 120 years in Arizona, SRP has seen first-hand how the state has grown and evolved, and has been a leader in shaping the future of Arizona in our sustainability, and in the quality of our life and work. With a company so deeply part of the culture and heritage of Arizona, SRP understands the priceless value of thriving communities and the immeasurable benefits that come when people are able to pursue and tap into their full potential. In light of this, SRP recognizes that it's going to require a generation of new talent, innovation, and vision to propel Arizona through the 21st-century and beyond.

However, SRP also recognizes the challenges that K-12 teachers have faced for years in trying to equip their students for success in science, math, engineering, and technology (STEM). Continual budget cuts, insufficient resources, chronic teacher shortages, and lack of STEM training have significantly hampered student readiness to pursue STEM in higher education and for potential careers. Driven to help be a part of the solution, SRP's Powering Our Future teacher training workshops are providing the practical education and essential support that Arizona K-12 teachers need to cultivate STEM learning in the classroom, and to help their students succeed.

ASC's STEM education programs and special events are helping to complement SRP's work by reaching additional students across the state with comprehensive programming through Science on Wheels and Girls in STEM. With Science on Wheels, ASC is able to reach more than 60,000 PreK-8 students with hands-on STEM education, and Girls in STEM engages more than 1,200 girls in grades 4-8 with immersive STEM learning workshops. Moreover, our featured exhibitions and special events such as Sustainability Fest draw thousands of people of all ages to learn about and discover the wonders of science and how it impacts the world around us. The proposed programs and requested funding will help continue the rewarding partnership between ASC and SRP in our collective drive to elevate STEM education in Arizona and to greatly expand the STEM talent pipeline in the state by equipping students and teachers with the robust skills they need to inspire tomorrow's innovators.

**Project/Program Description:** Partnering together with SRP in FY26, requested funding will help ASC to continue making a critical impact on Arizona students, teachers, and families with high-quality STEM education and science learning experiences. SRP's generous investment will help make the following programs and events possible in FY26:

Featured Exhibition (BODY WORLDS or POMPEII: The Exhibition)

Target Date: February 2026

Request: \$25,000

ASC's featured exhibitions draw tens of thousands of visitors every year. Typically launched in February to coincide with our annual Galaxy Gala event, our featured exhibitions offer unparalleled experiences to explore science, history, and culture. Previous stellar exhibitions have included Titanic, Victoria: the T. rex, and Mummies of the World. Requested sponsorship from SRP will help present our next featured exhibition in February 2026. Visitor attendance is projected at 50,000.

Girls in STEM

Target Date: August 2025 - June 2026

Request: \$5,000

Girls in STEM is one of ASC's mission-critical initiatives, created to help increase the STEM talent pipeline in Arizona by nurturing girls' interests and abilities in STEM. With half and full-day STEM-themed workshops held each month at ASC's CREATE makerspace and throughout the state, Girls in STEM engages girls in grades 4-8 with hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges. Female STEM professionals also serve as volunteer mentors, sharing about their work and careers. Requested funding from SRP will help provide exciting Girls in STEM initiative programs for a projected 1,200 girls in FY26.

#### Science on Wheels

Target Date: August 2025 - June 2026

Request: \$5,000

Science on Wheels is ASC's signature outreach program, bringing the depth of expertise and resources directly to classrooms and communities throughout Arizona. Featuring a vast selection of 80+ STEM programs designed for students in grades PreK-8, Science on Wheels helps make STEM learning easier and more relatable, with engaging, hands-on activities and immersive experiments. The program is especially valuable in rural and Title I schools where traveling to ASC is often out of reach. Requested funding from SRP will provide free Science on Wheels programs for a projected 330 students from Title I schools in FY26.

#### Sustainability Fest

Target Date: April 25, 2026

Request: \$5,000

ASC's Sustainability Fest celebrates the achievements, innovations, and importance of sustainability in shaping our future. Held annually in April, our special event brings together numerous organizations providing sustainability solutions, inviting visitors to explore and participate in special activities and demonstrations. Requested funding from SRP will help present Sustainability Fest in April 2026 for a projected 500 visitors.

#### Galaxy Gala

Target Date: February 21, 2026

Request: \$5,000

Galaxy Gala is ASC's signature fundraising event of the year. Held annually in February, Galaxy Gala celebrates the achievements, mission, and programs of ASC, and raises essential funding for our STEM education initiatives. Requested sponsorship from SRP will help support ASC's programs while providing a table for 10 guests at Galaxy Gala 2026, along with other benefits. An estimated 500 guests are projected to attend the event.

#### Dorrance Planetarium Reopening Sponsorship

Target Date: Fall 2025

Request: Amount TBD

Planned for Fall 2025, ASC will celebrate the grand reopening of our newly transformed Dorrance Planetarium - one of the most advanced digital domes in the world. As part of this stellar event, our grand reopening event sponsors will be among the first to experience the future of STEM engagement--where breathtaking visuals meet immersive education and cultural discovery. ASC is excited to invite SRP to consider becoming a select sponsor for this special occasion.

**Program Metrics:** ASC's featured exhibitions draw visitors of all ages from across the state and around the world. The majority of our exhibition guests come from cities and towns within Maricopa County. With our planned exhibition for February 2026, ASC projects to serve an estimated 50,000 visitors during its run.

Girls in STEM is held primarily onsite at ASC's CREATE makerspace, and draws roughly 1,200 girls in grades 4-8 each year to participate in special programs and Girl Scout-related workshops. Participants primarily come from cities and towns within Maricopa County.

Science on Wheels is led in classrooms and communities throughout Arizona, benefitting roughly 60,000 PreK-8 students each year. Requested funding will underwrite free Science on Wheels programs for 330 students from Title I schools in SRP communities.

Sustainability Fest draws visitors of all ages to ASC each April. Guests largely come from cities and towns in Maricopa County, but include those from other counties as well. Based on previous Sustainability Fest events, ASC is projecting to serve roughly 500 visitors in April 2026.

Galaxy Gala draws approximately 500 adult guests each year to celebrate and raise essential support for ASC's mission and STEM education programs.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:** Requested funding from SRP will help support the delivery of multiple learning experiences in FY26 through our upcoming featured exhibition, Science on Wheels, Girls in STEM, Sustainability Fest, and Galaxy Gala.

SRP's sponsorship of our featured exhibition in February 2026 will help bring audiences an immersive, one-of-a-kind experience to witness the mysteries of science, history, and culture. Such a unique learning opportunity is especially valuable for the thousands of K-8 students who tour our featured exhibitions each year, including many from Title I schools and low-income families. ASC is projecting to draw an estimated 50,000 visitors to our featured exhibition in February 2026.

SRP funding will also directly underwrite free Science on Wheels programs for 330 Title I students in SRP communities. ASC will work closely with Title I school teachers to select and plan just the right program to fit their needs, and bring programs to classrooms, large group assemblies, Family Science Nights, and more. Participating students will be able to learn about STEM through hands-on activities and topics that are relevant and meaningful, with the ultimate goal of increasing their competence and confidence in STEM.

In addition, SRP funding will help ASC deliver our Girls in STEM initiative programs for more than 1,000 girls in grades 4-8 in FY26. With monthly workshops to be held at ASC's CREATE makerspace and at offsite locations, Girls in STEM will help nurture girls' interest in STEM, and encourage them to explore their full potential through dozens of hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges.

SRP's sponsorship of Sustainability Fest, Galaxy Gala, and the Grand Reopening of Dorrance Planetarium will help ASC present these special events for the public and supporters of our mission and programs. Throughout the day of Sustainability Fest, planned for April 25, 2026, visitors will learn about and explore the science behind sustainability through special demonstrations, hands-on activities, and workshops.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** Logo and/or company name as a supporting sponsor on marketing elements related to the selected featured exhibition including marketing/collateral, external banner and signage

Prominent display of logo and/or company name at featured exhibition entry

25 complimentary featured exhibition VIP Passes for use at any time during the exhibition run

One Employee Appreciation Day at Arizona Science Center for SRP employees and 4 guests each (includes free general admission)

A staff-led tour of selected featured exhibition for up to 20 SRP guests.

Company name on Science on Wheels web page

Logo on Girls in STEM corporate & foundation supporters logo block, web page, and other marketing materials

Logo on digital & print marketing materials for Sustainability Fest

Logo on digital & print marketing materials for the Dorrance Planetarium Grand Reopening Event

Tabling opportunity for SRP during Sustainability Fest

Logo and/or company name included in the Galaxy Gala 2026 program

Additional recognition and benefits include the following:

Name recognition as a Community Supporter at the \$25,000 - \$49,999 level for one year on the Science Center's Donor Wall display

Name recognition as a Community Supporter at the \$25,000 - \$49,999 level for one year on slides presented in the Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater

Name recognition as a Community Supporter at the \$25,000 - \$49,999 level for one year on the Science Center's Community Supporters web page

25 complimentary general admission passes for employees and/or clients (Fair Market Value: \$1,097.50)

Year-long employee discounts: \$2 off general admission and \$10 off memberships

Opportunities to offer special discount promotions for SRP customers, including \$10 discount on individual memberships to the Center and \$2 discount off general admission

One complimentary facility rental (excludes catering, rentals, theater/planetarium and special ticketed exhibitions) (Fair Market Value: \$7,000)

Year-long 5% discount on additional Science Center facility rentals (excludes catering, equipment rentals and special ticketed engagements)

Special invitations to preview new feature exhibitions and films

Private tour of Arizona Science Center and CREATE for 20 employees and/or clients

**Other Sources of Funding:** For Science on Wheels and Girls in STEM, ASC partners with numerous corporations and foundations who give philanthropic support each year to help us deliver programs and offer free programs to students from low-income families and Title I schools. The current partners who are helping support Science on Wheels and Girls in STEM info FY26 include State Farm Foundation, Applied Materials Foundation, Corning Foundation, Discover, ACF Flagstaff, Cochise, Sedona, Intel, Burton Family Foundation, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, Helios Education Foundation, Meta, PNC Foundation, Voya Foundation, Central AZ Project, and SIM. Additional grant proposals are planned and pending to help fund these programs through the end of FY26 (June 2026). For Sustainability Fest, Galaxy Gala, and our Dorrance Planetarium Grand Reopening Event, ASC is actively submitting sponsorship proposals for consideration.

**Similar Organizations:** While Metro-Phoenix has many excellent nonprofit organizations and arts & culture institutions which offer educational after-school clubs and camps during school holidays, most aren't equipped with the capacity to deliver an extensive range of age-specific programs on a large scale, and especially with a focus on STEM. ASC is grateful to have the talent, resources, and partnerships to create and provide effective STEM education programming to hundreds of thousands of students across the state. The growth of our organization and programs, and their effectiveness and impact can be attributed to five key essentials:

The expertise, talents, and integrity of our Science Center leadership and educators

The creativity, innovation and variety of our education programming and training

The deep and lasting relationships we've built with hundreds of schools/community partners, STEM-industry corporations, higher education, and other organizations

The ability to scale and bring our programs to communities across the state

The financial strength and sustainability of our organization, available resources, and diverse philanthropic support

#### Leadership

A major strength of ASC can be found in its leadership and educators. The Center draws professionals from higher education, science institutions, and notable science museums from across the globe. Collectively, they bring their knowledge and experience to design and deliver the highest-quality education programming.

#### Innovative Programs

Over the decades, ASC has continued to evolve and innovate, staying attuned to the changing and growing needs of students, teachers, and parents. With this at the forefront, we've continued to design new programs, tools, resources, and offerings every year, while also improving and strengthening our current programs based on teacher and parent feedback.

#### Partnerships



Each year, ASC works with hundreds of schools, school districts, libraries, community centers, and other nonprofits in delivering our STEM education programs. To enhance our programming and to serve in even greater ways, we also leverage partnerships with corporations and organizations such as Boeing and NASA. In addition we work with other community based STEM organizations across the State of Arizona.

#### Scalability

Staying responsive to the growing demand for our programs from communities across the state, ASC has been able to successfully bring our programming from the Center directly to teachers and students in their communities, reaching even more than we might see at the Center alone.

#### Financial Strength

To be able to deliver the scope and scale of programming we do each year, ASC ensures that our organization is fiscally strong and sustainable, and has the resources it needs for success. This is achieved through a sound revenue model, a solid and diverse base of philanthropic support, and committed guidance and stewardship from our Board of Trustees.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Kelli Rael, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for Girls in STEM, Science on Wheels, and more (\$30,000); Sponsor the Galaxy Gala 2025 event (\$5,000) on February 21, 2026; Sponsor the Sustainability Fest event (\$5,000) on April 25, 2026; and the Grand Reopening of Dorrance Planetarium on October 24, 2025.

7.21 KDR confirming with Sabrina

## Attachments

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#### Annual Reports:

#### In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

**Sponsorship Packet:** Dorrance Planetarium Re-Opening Sponsorship Opportunities\_FINAL (1).pdf

**Current Year Budget:** ASC\_FY2026 Agency Budget.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** Arizona Science Center\_FY2025 Agency Budget (1) (12).pdf

**Program Budget:** ASC-SRP Project Budget FY26 DRAFT.xlsx - ASC-SRP Budget FY26.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** Arizona Science Center\_FY2023 Audited Financial Statements Final (10).pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** ASC\_BOT Name and Company\_FY25\_June (2).pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** ASC Corporate Supporters FY25.docx.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 3

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Galaxy Gala 2026

**Event 1 Date:** 2026-02-21

**Event 1 Location :** Arizona Science Center

600 E. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85004

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 500

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 5000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** ASC is currently in the preliminary planning stages of Galaxy Gala 2026. This special event reflects a unique theme each year, and coincides with the premiere of our new featured exhibition. The typical format includes a 90-minute cocktail hour where guests can tour the exhibition, followed by a formal dinner and program, and closing with an after-party. Specific elements are selected by ASC's Galaxy Gala Committee each year.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$290,000.00

Event 1 Other Event Sponsors : No

Event 1 Promo Booth: No

## Event Two

Event 2 Event Name: Sustainability Fest

Event 2 Date: 2026-04-25

Event 2 Location: Arizona Science Center

600 E. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Event 2 Number of Attendees: 500

Event 2 Cash Requested: 5000

Event 2 In-Kind Requested: 0

Event 2 Other Event Info: Specific details for Sustainability Fest 2026 haven't been finalized yet. However, the event typically includes dozens of hands-on activities focused on sustainability for our visitors, along with 20+ vendors and organizations from the community who share about their work on sustainability.

SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 2: Yes

Event 2 Net Proceeds Previous Year: \$0.00

Event 2 Other Event Sponsors: No

Event 2 Promo Booth: Yes

## Event Three

Event 3 Event Name: Grand Reopening of Dorrance Planetarium

Event 3 Date: 2025-10-24

Event 3 Location : Arizona Science Center

600 E. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Event 3 Number of Attendees: 600

Event 3 Cash Requested: 0

Event 3 In-Kind Requested: 0

Event 3 Other Event Sponsors: No

Event 3 Promo Booth: No

Event 3 Other Event Info: The event details haven't yet been finalized. ASC will be seeking additional sponsors, and invites SRP to consider sponsorship.

SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 3: No

Event 3 Net Proceeds Previous Year: \$0.00

Custom Report:

Event 1 Name - Approved:

Event 1 Date - Approved:

Event 2 Name - Approved:

Event 2 Date - Approved:

Event 3 Name - Approved:

Event 3 Date - Approved:

Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?: No

## Payment

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## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$45,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:**

**Prior Approved Grants:**

- 2010 - - \$200,000.00
- 2013 - - \$25,000.00
- 2014 - - \$30,000.00
- 2014 - - \$5,000.00
- 2014 - - \$1,500.00
- 2015 - - \$1,000.00
- 2015 - - \$30,000.00
- 2016 - - \$35,000.00
- 2017 - - \$5,000.00
- 2017 - - \$500.00
- 2017 - - \$1,250.00
- 2018 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education - \$30,000.00
- 2018 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2019 - Sponsor 2019 Galaxy Gala - \$5,000.00
- 2019 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs - \$30,000.00
- 2020 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs – Science on Wheels Outreach programs for Title I schools, Giant Screen Theater Film Sponsorship, Girls in STEM Initiative - \$30,000.00
- 2020 - Galaxy Gala 2020 Sponsorship - \$5,000.00
- 2021 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs – Science on Wheels STEM education outreach programs for Title I schools, CONNECT @ Arizona Science Center, Girls in STEM Initiative, and Galaxy Gala - \$35,000.00

- 2022 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs —Survival of the Slowest Exhibition Sponsorship, Girls in STEM Initiative, and Galaxy Gala - \$35,000.00
- 2022 - Arizona's Water, Interactive Water-Based Experience - \$750,000.00
- 2023 - Arizona Science Center Embracing the Future Campaign - \$200,000.00
- 2023 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs - Dogs! A Science Tail Exhibition Sponsorship, Girls in STEM Initiative, and Galaxy Gala 2023. - \$30,000.00
- 2024 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs - OceanXperience Exhibition Sponsorship, Girls in STEM Initiative, and Galaxy Gala 2024. - \$35,000.00
- 2025 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs: Girls in STEM and Science on Wheels, Skeletons: The Wonders Within Exhibition, Sustainability Weekend and Galaxy Gala 2025 - \$45,000.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-10

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

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**Comments:**

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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Official Name:** A NEW LEAF INC  
**\*Legal Name:** A New Leaf  
**\*Address:** 868 E. University Dr.  
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**\*City:** Mesa  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-11)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services/VITA Program & Volunteer Appreciation/ Camaraderie Gala Sponsorship  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$45,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$45,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** A New Leaf provides services to community members primarily within SRP's electric and water service areas -- in Maricopa and NW Pinal County.

A New Leaf advances its mission of "Helping Families, Changing Lives" by fostering social and economic stability across the Phoenix Metro area. The organization's 36 programs address both urgent crises and long-term needs, offering services such as emergency shelter, supportive housing, domestic and sexual violence support, financial empowerment, foster care, early childhood education, and family support. Services are strength-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive to support all aspects of clients' well-being.

A New Leaf was established in 1971 as PREHAB of AZ to provide residential and outpatient behavioral health services for youth on the journey to better mental health and substance use recovery. The name, A New Leaf, was adopted in 2006 to better represent expanded service offerings and the opportunity to turn a new leaf for community members. Over the years, A New Leaf has grown significantly, working in partnership with community leaders and members to identify gaps in services and address challenging issues. Growth has also been driven by the acquisition of smaller organizations that provided essential services but faced sustainability challenges. The past decade has seen expansion in housing and domestic and sexual violence programs.

A New Leaf is committed to transforming lives by empowering individuals and families through tailored support services, ensuring every person can achieve long-term stability and well-being. Last year, 22,321 community members experiencing economic disadvantages and systemic barriers were positively impacted by services including:

- \* 3,457 individuals accessed emergency shelter and supportive housing
- \* 5,872 survivors of domestic or sexual violence received essential support services
- \* 7,580 individuals benefited from financial assistance, employment and career support, and financial empowerment
- \* 4,163 adults and children received behavioral health services
- \* 1,137 children and their parents/caregivers benefited from family support services
- \* 112 children received educational opportunities that supported their development

Virtual Tour: <https://youtu.be/hJhggBdlHQI>

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:**

A New Leaf respectfully requests \$45,000 from Salt River Project to advance shared community priorities, with funding allocated across four key areas: \$20,000 for Homelessness Intervention Services, \$10,000 for Homelessness Prevention Services, \$5,000 for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, and \$10,000 for sponsorship of the 2025 Camaraderie Gala. This investment directly supports SRP's commitment to strengthening community well-being through Basic Needs, Community Education, and Community Enrichment.

Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services align with SRP's Basic Needs priority by addressing urgent shelter, safety, and stability for vulnerable community members. The VITA Program advances SRP's Community Education goals by delivering free tax preparation and financial literacy support to economically disadvantaged households, empowering over 4,000 individuals annually to retain income and build economic mobility. SRP's Camaraderie Gala sponsorship supports Community Enrichment by fostering public awareness and engagement at a premier Valley event.

As reduced public funding strains social services, SRP's partnership enables A New Leaf to leverage 54 years of community expertise, disrupting cycles of instability and advancing a resilient, thriving Phoenix Metro area.

**Project/Program Description:**

**HOMELESSNESS INTERVENTION SERVICES**

Homelessness in the Phoenix metropolitan area continues to escalate, with the 2025 Point-in-Time Count documenting 9,734 individuals experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County. A lack of affordable housing and high eviction rates continue to drive this crisis. Domestic violence also contributes, particularly among women. Approximately 50% of women report fleeing abuse as the immediate cause of their homelessness, often forcing survivors to choose between safety and housing instability. Economic inequity for disadvantaged community members further compounds the challenges through unaffordable rents, childcare gaps, and financial literacy barriers. Without intervention, these overlapping crises destabilize families and erode community well-being.

A New Leaf's Homelessness Intervention Services provide approximately 100,000 nights of shelter annually for 1,075 adults and children experiencing domestic violence and/or homelessness. These services extend beyond immediate shelter to include comprehensive wrap-around support focused on long-term stability to disrupt the cycle of homelessness. Onsite case management addresses barriers to self-sufficiency through the provision of basic needs, employment support, housing navigation, legal aid, financial wellness, transportation assistance, life skills development, children's services, and community referrals.

Six shelter programs comprise these services:

- \* East Valley Men's Center (EVMC) -- Emergency shelter/services for 490 single men experiencing homelessness annually
- \* Bridge2Housing -- 16-unit bridge-housing program for 72 men
- \* West Valley Housing Assistance Center Family Shelter -- emergency housing and support services for families experiencing homelessness, serving approximately 93 adults and children

- \* Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter -- Emergency shelter/services for 90 domestic violence survivors
- \* Faith House Crisis & Transitional Shelter -- Emergency/transitional shelter for 155 women/children fleeing domestic violence
- \* Domestic Violence Safe Temporary Overflow Program (DVSTOP) -- critically needed temporary shelter in hotel rooms to ensure immediate access to safety when shelters are full or unable to accommodate a family/individual with special needs, serving approximately 320 adults and children

One-year outcome goals include:

- \* 75% of households exiting homeless shelters will increase or maintain income (earned income, benefits, etc)
- \* 75% of individuals exiting homeless shelters will transition from homelessness to stable housing
- \* 90% of adults exiting domestic violence shelters will report that they have (re)gained control of their lives
- \* 90% of adults exiting domestic violence shelters will report that they know how to plan for their continued safety
- \* 90% of adults will report an increased knowledge of community support services available to help maintain long-term stability

#### HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES

Phoenix Metro's affordable housing crisis, fueled by a 35% rent surge since 2019 and stagnant wages, leaves only 34 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 renter households earning at or below 50% of the area median income (approximately \$56,100 for a family of four) in the Phoenix Metro area.. These circumstances have resulted in increasing homelessness and one of the nation's highest eviction rates.

A New Leaf's Homelessness Prevention Services addresses this need through equitable solutions at two affordable housing communities, La Mesita (126 units) and Desert Leaf (19 units), as well as Rapid Re-Housing programs. These services provide individualized support for households facing chronic homelessness, mental/physical health challenges, or transition from shelter. Participants are referred through Maricopa County's Coordinated Entry System or qualify via Section 8 vouchers. Annually, Homelessness Prevention Services impact 1,045 economically disadvantaged individuals.

Case Managers create client-centered Housing Stability Plans, addressing barriers through budget coaching, benefits enrollment, life skills training, employment support, transportation assistance, and referrals to community resources. They work to build trust-based relationships with residents to proactively address challenges before they escalate to homelessness. For families at La Mesita, children's programming breaks cycles of poverty with onsite Head Start/preschool, After School and Summer Program, a Teen Program, a youth center, and community-wide activities for all ages.

Rapid Re-Housing Programs offer housing navigation, rent/utility assistance, and case management for 12-24 months. It is a critical homelessness prevention strategy that provides short-term assistance to stabilize households quickly. This support gives participants the time and resources needed to increase income, connect with longer-term support services, and establish a positive rental history -- helping to ensure their ability to maintain independent housing and prevent returning to homelessness.

One-year outcome goals include:

- \* 85% of households will transition into stable housing
- \* 80% of households will maintain or increase income
- \* 90% of households will enroll or maintain public benefits



The impact of A New Leaf's Homelessness Prevention Services is life-changing for families, like Tim and Antionette's, a blind and visually impaired couple with low income, who navigated many years of housing instability with their son Harrison. After temporary stays and Tim enduring a winter in a tent, La Mesita Housing Support Services simplified their application process, which Tim describes as rare accessibility. Tim praises staff responsiveness: "You're on it every step of the way."

When approved, Tim felt profound closure: "They gave us the key and said 'welcome home.' I've dreamed about this... we finally got it." While Harrison initially struggled with missing friends, he engaged in the children's services that created a sense of belonging. Antionette recalls: "It was heartbreaking for me...to hear the sadness in his voice. Now, he has more friends than in Tucson." Tim recently found employment at the Foundation For Blind Children, and loves his work.

The family now calls La Mesita their forever home as a place that supports their unique needs. As Tim says: "I don't see myself anywhere else... You really do turn over a new leaf. Thank you to all you amazing people here."

#### VITA PROGRAM

A New Leaf's West Valley Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is a powerful anti-poverty and community asset development program, offering free tax preparation services for low- to moderate-income households (those generally making \$64,000 or less), persons with disabilities, seniors, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. By ensuring full access to eligible tax credits without costly preparer fees, the program enables households to retain hundreds of dollars typically spent on filing services. This financial preservation allows families to offset debt, increase savings, acquire essential assets, and build economic stability. Annually, VITA positively impacts approximately 4,000 households while returning over \$5,000,000 in tax refunds to local communities.

For the 2025-26 tax season, key program goals include:

- \* Serving 4,000+ households to maximize tax returns
- \* Securing \$5,000,000+ in refunds for participants
- \* Saving \$1,250,000+ in preparation fees
- \* Engaging 100+ IRS-certified volunteers
- \* Logging 7,000+ volunteer hours

Beyond tax filing, the program connects participants to critical financial empowerment resources through A New Leaf and community partners. These include banking/savings programs, financial wellness education, and credit repair services -- all designed to help households leverage tax returns for long-term stability.

A New Leaf supervises volunteer and site recruitment, training, and coordination, and conducts community outreach and awareness efforts. The VITA Program relies on the generosity of volunteers, committing their time and energy to assist low- to moderate-income households file their taxes. Each spring, A New Leaf recognizes and celebrates the volunteers who make the VITA program possible with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. The luncheon has been supported and coordinated by SRP for the past seven years. A New Leaf deeply values SRP's sustained partnership in this initiative.

#### 2026 CAMARADERIE GALA SPONSORSHIP

A New Leaf's Camaraderie Gala ("A Night in New York City -- Honoring Michael Hughes") will occur on March 28, 2026, at The Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort. This event celebrates CEO Michael Hughes' 50-year legacy while raising funds and awareness for A New Leaf's programs. A \$10,000 sponsorship demonstrates SRP's philanthropic commitment to improving local communities and supports an event that enhances public awareness and engagement across the Valley.

#### Program Metrics:

A New Leaf provides services to community members primarily within SRP's electric and water service areas -- the East Valley cities of Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, and Scottsdale and the West Valley cities of Glendale, Avondale, Peoria, and Surprise. SRP's \$45,000 investment will directly serve approximately 6,120 individuals through Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services and VITA programming, while the Gala sponsorship helps sustain the infrastructure needed to serve 18,000 individuals across all agency programs in the next year. This dual-level support enables A New Leaf to address immediate crises while maintaining the organizational capacity required to serve tens of thousands of community members through the agency's comprehensive network of services.

Demographics for those served , based on historical data include:

#### ETHNICITY

39% Hispanic or Latino

61% Not Hispanic or Latino

#### RACE

57% White

21% African American/Black

2% Asian

4% American Indian/Alaskan Native

1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

9% Two or More Races

6% Other

#### AGE

7% 0--5

32% 6--17

18% 18--30

29% 31--49

14% 50+

#### GENDER

39% Male

61% Female

#### **Intended Use of SRP Funds:**

SRP's \$45,000 investment will directly enable the following activities aligned with its community priorities:

The \$20,000 for Homelessness Intervention Services will fund critical emergency shelter operations and trauma-informed support for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. These resources will be used flexibly to cover essential personnel costs for case managers providing safety planning, housing navigation, and crisis intervention across six shelters, as well as supply basic necessities (food, hygiene kits, bedding) and specialized children's services that address trauma and promote stability for youth.

The \$10,000 for Homelessness Prevention Services will sustain housing stabilization programs including La Mesita and Desert Leaf affordable housing communities, and Rapid Re-Housing. This allocation supports funds for case management staff to develop individualized Housing Stability Plans, deliver budget coaching and benefits enrollment assistance, provide client assistance for critical needs like transportation, and maintain children's programming to disrupt cycles of poverty.

The \$5,000 for VITA programming will underpin free tax preparation services for economically disadvantaged households through two key activities: 1) Volunteer training materials and tools ensuring IRS-certified support and financial education for 4,000+ taxpayers, and 2) The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon honoring 100+ community volunteers whose 7,000+ hours enable \$5M+ in refunds to remain locally.

The \$10,000 Gala sponsorship supports event production costs for the 2026 Camaraderie Gala -- a catalytic community engagement platform raising awareness and resources for A New Leaf's programs.

Why this allocation matters now: Amid a community-wide reduction in shelter capacity due to expired federal funding, these funds strategically address acute service gaps. SRP's long-standing partnership ensures continuity of services that directly combat Maricopa County's 28% surge in unsheltered homelessness with Intervention Services while advancing systemic solutions through Prevention Services and VITA's financial wellness and education support.

Your past funding has enabled critical services that transform lives, exemplified by families like Tim and Antionette's. Tim's reflection--"You really do turn over a new leaf"--captures how SRP's partnership fuels tangible hope. We are grateful for SRP's role in supporting these stories of resilience and remain honored to advance this work together.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** SRP SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS: 2026 CAMARADERIE GALA

A \$10,000 investment as a Premier Sponsor delivers significant visibility while supporting vital housing stability services. SRP may select one of three exclusive sponsorship packages, each offering distinct branding opportunities at "A Night in New York City -- Honoring Michael Hughes" (March 28, 2026, Grand Hyatt Scottsdale). All packages include:

- \* Prominent logo placement on event signage and/or digital platforms
- \* Recognition in pre-event promotions, printed programs, and/or slideshow presentations
- \* Six priority seats at a premier table
- \* Social media features reaching 20,000+ followers

**Package-Specific Benefits:**

1. Valet Sponsor: Position your brand as guests arrive and depart. Includes branded signage at valet stations and opportunity to distribute custom key tags/gifts to 500+ attendees.
2. Décor Sponsor: Align with immersive New York-themed installations. Features branded signage in high-traffic décor zones and special acknowledgment in venue transitions.
3. Entertainment Sponsor: Own the spotlight with stage logo placement, verbal recognition before all performances, and a quarter-page program ad.

The full sponsorship packet (attached) details additional benefits. This premier partnership positions SRP as a community leader celebrating CEO Michael Hughes' 50-year legacy while directly advancing stability for families facing homelessness.

**Other Sources of Funding:**

A New Leaf strategically leverages diverse funding streams and community collaborations to maximize impact across its programs and enhance sustainability. Support for Homelessness Intervention Services, Homelessness Prevention Services, and VITA programming includes federal/state grants (e.g., HUD, Arizona Department of Housing), corporate philanthropy, foundation grants, and individual contributions. A list of corporate funders for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services, and VITA, is included with this application and event sponsors are listed in the Event Questionnaire section.

Collaborative partnerships are fundamental to service delivery, enabling comprehensive support for complex needs:

- \* Homelessness Intervention Services integrate specialized resources from 20+ partners, including Arizona@Work (employment), Phoenix Children's Hospital (pediatric care), Community Bridges (substance use counseling), and Chicanos Por La Causa (financial and housing workshops).
- \* Homelessness Prevention Services partner with 25+ entities like Mesa Public Library (youth STEM programs), Head Start (onsite preschool), Mountain Park Health Center (medical referrals and events), and ASU Law (legal aid for housing stability).

\* VITA operates through the Maricopa County VITA Network, coordinating with the IRS, Mesa United Way, Estrella Mountain Community College, and 12+ sites to avoid duplication and expand free tax services.

A New Leaf further amplifies impact through:

\* CommunityCares: A statewide health/social services network enabling real-time referrals across 1,000+ providers.

\* Corporate volunteerism: Partnerships with groups to enhance programming, client resources, and building improvements like AVNET Black Professionals and PriceWaterhouseCoopers delivering financial literacy/youth programming.

\* In-kind networks: Such as St. Mary's Food Bank and Waste Not AZ who provide meals/supplies, stretching program resources.

These collaborations ensure efficient services that improve holistic well-being, while advancing SRP's vision of community-driven solutions.

#### **Similar Organizations:**

A New Leaf is the largest provider of domestic violence shelter in Maricopa County and one of only a few homeless shelter providers. Other organizations providing shelter services for homeless individuals or families include Central Arizona Shelter Services, Family Promise, House of Refuge, Phoenix Rescue Mission, and UMOM. Other organizations providing shelter for domestic violence victims include Chicanos Por la Causa, Chrysalis, New Life Center, and Sojourner Center. While these organizations deliver critical support, A New Leaf's 54-year community presence, strategic scale, and evidence-based approach uniquely position it to drive systemic change.

Through decades of experience with a geographic focus, and deep engagement with community and civic leaders, A New Leaf is positioned as a social service leader, uniquely aware of the strengths and challenges of our community. A New Leaf's knowledge and familiarity with the social service and civic sectors in the region ensures the organization has the capacity to deliver effective services. What sets A New Leaf's programs apart are the comprehensive, wrap-around support services and collaborative partnerships that address each family's and individual's challenges.

A New Leaf's services meet people where they are, encourage them to set their own goals for the future, and give them the support and tools needed to tackle the root cause of their instability. Comprehensive assessment tools are used to identify strengths and challenges across all social determinants of health (SDOH) including housing, food and other basic needs, employment/economic opportunity, education, transportation, childcare, safety, physical health, mental health, and social/cultural support. A New Leaf's programs go beyond basic services to effect long-term and meaningful change for households experiencing instability, homelessness, and domestic violence.

Case management is a vital component of A New Leaf's services. According to the American Journal of Public Health, case management has been demonstrated to improve housing stability, reduce substance use, and remove barriers to employment. Case managers address challenges and goals for all family members, identifying resources and supports to promote stability and well-being.

Programs utilize a whole-family approach that considers the needs of all family members. Services target adults and children separately, as well as bringing them together to strengthen family bonds, heal from trauma, and improve communication. Adults participate in services to address individual challenges, improve parenting and life skills, and overcome barriers to stability. Children and youth participate in services that help them address trauma, develop educational and coping skills, and improve well-being. This approach breaks generational poverty by equipping families with resources and knowledge for lifelong stability.

Critically, most A New Leaf clients have experienced trauma linked to poverty, homelessness, violence, or discrimination. Cross-trained staff deliver evidence-based, trauma-informed interventions and approaches, including recognizing trauma signs, providing compassionate care, and making referrals for specialized supportive services.

In today's economic climate, where chronic homelessness has surged over 100% since 2019, evictions outpace rehousing, and public funding declines, SRP's investment sustains A New Leaf's proven, cost-effective solutions. The organization's legacy of adaptive crisis response and unwavering commitment to addressing root causes aligns with SRP's vision of a thriving, equitable Valley community.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for the Homelessness Intervention Services (\$20,000); operating support for the Homelessness Prevention Services (\$10,000); operating support for the VITA Programming (\$5,000); and Sponsor the Annual Camaraderie Gala (\$10,000) on March 28, 2026.

## Attachments

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### Annual Reports:

### In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

**Sponsorship Packet:** 2026 Camaraderie Sponsorship Guide.pdf

**Current Year Budget:** A New Leaf Budget FY26.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** A New Leaf Agency Budget FY25.pdf

**Program Budget:** A New Leaf Proposed Program Budgets FY26.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** A New Leaf Audited Financial Statements 2024.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** A New Leaf Board of Directors 2025-26.pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** A New Leaf Corporate Funder List FY26.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 1

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Annual Camaraderie Gala

**Event 1 Date:** 2026-03-28

**Event 1 Location :** Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort

7500 E Doubletree Ranch Rd, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 500

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 10000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** Honorees and speakers to be determined. This event is still in the planning stages and a full event packet is not yet available. The complete event packet will be shared with SRP as soon as it is available.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$811,705.00

**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes

**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar**

**Amount:** Preliminary List of Potential Sponsorships:

Chapman-Merril Foundation - \$50,000 (pending)

Desert Financial Credit Union - \$25,000 (pending)

Bennet Family - \$25,000 (pending)

Hormel Family - \$15,000 (pending)

Messinger Mortuary - \$15,000 (pending)

Southwest Airlines - \$10,000

Nationwide - \$10,000 (pending)

CHASSE Building - \$10,000 (pending)

Schnepf Farms, \$10,000 (pending)

ASU, \$10,000 (pending)

Mahoney Group - \$10,000 (pending)

UFCW - \$10,000 (pending)

Skinner Clouse Group, \$10,000 (pending)  
 Corporate Interior Systems - \$10,000 (pending)  
 Forever Young Foundation - \$10,000 (pending)  
 Wells Fargo - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Crescent Crown - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Fiesta Bowl Charities - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Lovitt & Touche, \$5,000 (pending)  
 Kay-Kay Realty, \$5,000 (pending)  
 East Valley Firefighters, \$5,000 (pending)  
 City of Mesa, \$5,000 (pending)  
 Maricopa County Community College District, \$5,000 (pending)  
 Aetna, \$5,000 (pending)  
 Northern Trust - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Baker Tilly - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Comerica Bank - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Dignity Health - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Edward Jones - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Forvis - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Gammage & Burhnam - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Gateway Bank - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Sande Stewart Television - \$5,000 (pending)  
 Additional sponsors to be confirmed

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

**Event 2 Name - Approved:**

**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

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## Payment

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95%	Michael Hughes (Contact Full Name)	HUGHES, MICKEY	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	HUGHES, MICKEY Listing: HUGHES, MICKEY - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: DAYTON OH 45429 USA Other: Active Date Other: Additional Comments Other: CT Code Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date
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## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$45,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$45,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2013 - - \$2,500.00

•2013 - - \$90.00

•2014 - - \$2,500.00

•2014 - A New Leaf Shelter Support - \$10,000.00

•2014 - Camaraderie Gala - \$5,000.00

•2014 - - \$17,500.00

•2015 - - \$2,500.00

•2015 - - \$250.00

•2016 - - \$20,000.00

•2016 - - \$10,000.00

•2016 - - \$5,000.00

•2016 - - \$500.00

•2017 - - \$300.00

•2017 - - \$3,250.00

•2018 - Shelter Services/VITA Program/Camaraderie Gala - \$25,000.00

- 2018 - Sponsor the 34th Annual Camaraderie Gala - \$5,000.00
- 2019 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2019 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2019 - Shelter and Workforce Development Programs/Event Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2020 - Shelter Programs/VITA Program/Camaraderie Gala Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2020 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2021 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$750.00
- 2021 - Shelter Programs/VITA Program/Camaraderie Gala Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2021 - A New Leaf COVID-19 Response: IT Support - \$10,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$282.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$735.00
- 2022 - WIN ERG Contribution - \$500.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$423.00
- 2022 - Computer Donations - \$2,250.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$926.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$282.00
- 2022 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$100.00
- 2022 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$282.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$282.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$282.00
- 2022 - COVID-19 Relief Funds - \$10,000.00
- 2022 - Shelter Programs/VITA Program & Luncheon Sponsorship/50th milestone Spring Gala Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$381.70
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- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$572.55
- 2023 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$602.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$61.70
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$60.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$433.70
- 2023 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$100.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$20.00
- 2023 - Homeless Shelter and Housing Support Programs/VITA Program & Luncheon Sponsorship/With One Voice Luncheon and Camaraderie Gala Sponsorships - \$35,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$411.70
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$617.55
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$391.70
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- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$689.70
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- 2024 - Shelter and Housing Support Programs/VITA Program & Volunteer Appreciation/With One Voice Luncheon and Camaraderie Gala Sponsorships - \$45,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,034.55
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,860.70
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- 2025 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
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- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$685.70
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$100.00
- 2025 - Shelter and Housing Support Programs/VITA Program & Volunteer Appreciation/ Camaraderie Gala Sponsorship - \$45,000.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,030.70
- - - \$0.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-11

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-18

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting

Operating support for Homelessness Intervention & Prevention Services (\$30,000); Operating support for the VITA Program (\$5,000); Sponsor the 2026 Camaraderie Gala (\$10,000)

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

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## Organization

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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-06-30)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Equity in STEAM / Aging Adults / Tribute to Leadership  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$40,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$40,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** For more than a century, YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix has been a force for social change, advancing equity and improving lives since 1912. Our mission is simple but powerful: eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Each year, we serve thousands of people across Maricopa County and beyond: women, children, aging adults, people with disabilities, and individuals from diverse backgrounds seeking dignity and inclusion. Our programs focus on those most impacted by systemic injustice and economic hardship, ensuring they have access to the tools, resources, and support to thrive.

Our core work centers around three key program areas:

Aging Adult Services: We provide home-delivered meals, group dining, wellness checks, and care packages to more than 1,000 aging and disabled adults annually. This program tackles hunger, isolation, and health concerns with warmth and consistency. In 2024 alone, we served nutritious meals daily and distributed over 600 "Bundles of Love" during the holidays to remind older adults they are seen and valued.

Prosperity Programs: Designed for women at key crossroads in life, these workshops and learning series provide holistic support in financial wellness, emotional well-being, and civic engagement. Whether planning for a career change, returning to work, or navigating life transitions, participants leave more confident, connected, and equipped.

Equity & Advocacy Initiatives: From community forums to training and advocacy workshops, we help individuals and organizations turn intention into action. Through our Equity in STEAM Initiative (ESI), generously supported by SRP, we provide leadership development for BIPOC-serving nonprofits and schools each year. Participants learn together, design equity-focused action plans, and uplift the next generation of changemakers in science, tech, engineering, arts, and math.

We also elevate leaders making a difference through our long-standing Tribute to Leadership Awards, celebrating those who fight for gender and racial justice across our community. Since 1994, we've honored over 280 leaders. This annual celebration, held every March during Women's Empowerment Month, raises critical funds and awareness, helping us expand our reach and serve more people in need.

At YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix, we believe in the power of community, the promise of equity, and the resilience of every individual. That's what drives us forward every day and into the future.

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:** Equity in STEAM Initiative (ESI):

The Equity in STEAM Initiative directly supports SRP's commitment to Arizona's educational future by increasing awareness, access, and opportunity in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math--especially for girls, women, and communities of color. By funding ESI, SRP helps advance a more diverse and representative STEAM workforce across the state.

Beyond educational enrichment, ESI meets SRP's goal of investing in underserved communities. By empowering young people of color to see themselves in high-wage STEAM careers, the program offers a pathway to long-term economic mobility, breaking cycles of poverty and building generational wealth. These opportunities help families secure essentials like food, housing, and safety by equipping the next generation for careers in Arizona's growing tech and innovation sectors.

While women make up nearly half of the U.S. college-educated workforce, they remain underrepresented in STEAM, especially in fields like engineering and computer science. Black, Latina, and Indigenous women make up less than 10% of the STEAM workforce combined. The Equity in STEAM Initiative directly addresses these gaps with targeted, community-based strategies that build inclusive pathways into the field. As Arizona positions itself as a national tech hub, SRP's support of ESI helps cultivate the diverse talent pipeline our state needs to lead and compete.

**Aging Adult Program:**

YWCA's Aging Adult Program aligns with SRP's focus on providing essentials like food, shelter, and safety. In Arizona, more than 12% of older adults are food insecure, and in cities like Glendale, that number climbs to nearly 17%. Our Older Adult Meals program meets these critical needs by delivering hot, nutritious meals to homebound and low-income aging adults, many of whom have limited access to healthy food.

But it's more than meals. The program builds community and connection, offering wellness checks, companionship, and holiday care packages that bring dignity and joy to aging adults often forgotten by larger systems. SRP's investment ensures these individuals can age in place, nourished and supported, with a higher quality of life and less reliance on emergency healthcare or institutional care.

**Tribute to Leadership Awards:**

For over 30 years, YWCA's Tribute to Leadership Awards has honored changemakers who uplift women, girls, and communities of color through their leadership, advocacy, and service. This celebration aligns with SRP's support of innovation, creativity, and community partnerships that inspire future generations.

Held annually in March during Women's Empowerment Month, Tribute not only highlights bold leaders but also raises vital funds to expand YWCA's services to those who need them most. SRP's support of this program is an investment in community resilience, recognition, and long-term change.

Together, these programs reflect a shared vision: building a more inclusive, equitable Arizona where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. SRP's partnership helps bring that vision to life.

**Project/Program Description:** YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix will deliver impactful services through three core initiatives: the Equity in STEAM Initiative (ESI), the Aging Adult Program, and the Tribute to Leadership Awards. Each program is rooted in advancing equity, promoting dignity, and expanding opportunities across our community.

**Equity in STEAM Initiative (ESI):**

ESI engages Arizona-based nonprofits and educational organizations in a leadership learning series focused on advancing equity in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Participants collaborate with peers and experts to share best practices, identify barriers to access, and develop actionable strategies to create more inclusive and representative STEAM environments for girls, women, and BIPOC youth.

**Goals:**

- \*Increase awareness and access to STEAM pathways for underrepresented communities
- \*Build organizational capacity around equity and inclusion in STEAM education
- \*Strengthen a statewide network of STEAM equity advocates

**Aging Adult Program:**

This program provides critical support to low-income and homebound older adults through daily home-delivered meals, congregate dining, wellness checks, and social connection activities. Our approach goes beyond nutrition, addressing isolation and overall well-being to help aging adults maintain independence and live with dignity.

**Goals:**

- \*Ensure consistent access to nutritious meals
- \*Reduce social isolation and support mental health
- \*Promote safety and aging in place for vulnerable adults

**Tribute to Leadership Awards:**

Held annually during Women's Empowerment Month, this program honors community leaders who have made significant contributions to racial and gender justice. The event also raises essential funds for YWCA programming and inspires broader community engagement.

**Goals:**

- \*Celebrate and elevate local changemakers
- \*Increase visibility of social justice efforts in Arizona
- \*Mobilize financial and community support for ongoing YWCA initiatives

**Program Metrics:** YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix serves more than 20,000 individuals annually across Maricopa County, with a focus on historically underserved communities. Our program participants are primarily women, people of color, older adults, low-income individuals, and families facing systemic barriers to opportunity.

**Equity in STEAM Initiative (ESI):**

- \*20 organizations engaged annually in the Equity in STEAM Leadership Learning Series
- \*Indirectly impacts over 4,600 youth, primarily BIPOC students ages 10--18
- \*80% of participating organizations serve Title I schools or under-resourced communities
- \*Core cities impacted: Phoenix, Glendale, Tempe, Mesa, Avondale, and Chandler

**Aging Adult Program:**

- \*Over 1,000 older adults receive regular meals and support services each year

\*70% of clients are age 75 and older; 68% live alone; 45% identify as people of color

\*Services provided in Glendale

\*85,000+ meals delivered annually, along with hundreds of holiday care packages and wellness checks

Tribute to Leadership Awards:

\*250+ guests attend the annual event each March

\*Over 280 leaders recognized since 1994 for advancing racial and gender justice

\*Event helps raise awareness among thousands through marketing and media coverage

\*Funds raised support critical programs and expand reach to new communities

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:**

Equity in STEAM Initiative (\$25,000)

Continued SRP funding will provide support for the ESI program by covering various costs such as grant administration, a range of events (including a kick-off gathering, grantee announcement, and completion celebration), the Equity Leadership Learning Series, and coalition convenings aimed at fostering community collaboration. This funding is essential to YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix's ability to run the program smoothly and effectively, ensuring it continues to advance equitable STEAM practices and expand opportunities within the community.

Aging Adults Program (\$10,000)

YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix's Aging Adults Program funding will be allocated towards procuring high-quality ingredients, arranging transportation for meal delivery, and ensuring that staff and volunteers have access to the necessary resources to prepare and serve meals safely.

Tribute to Leadership (\$5,000)

Additionally, support of Tribute to Leadership from SRP will empower YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix to continue offering sliding scale tickets that removes the financial barrier for guests who may be unable to afford a ticket to network with powerful women.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:**

We highly value our corporate partners and their contributions to our mission. Your support enables us to continue making a positive impact on our community. In return, we offer various benefits to our sponsors, including extensive marketing opportunities and recognition.

Benefits for SRP:

\*Email and Social Media Exposure: We have a robust following on our social media channels, including:

\*\*4,500+ social media followers

\*\*4,200+ email subscribers

Your sponsorship will be highlighted across these platforms, reaching a broad audience.

Website Recognition: SRP's logo will be prominently displayed:

\*On our home page in a front-facing scroll

\*On specific program pages

\*On our Equity in STEAM page

\*On our Tribute to Leadership web page and related programming

Annual Report: SRP will be acknowledged in our annual report, which is distributed to our supporters and stakeholders.

Event Recognition: As a corporate sponsor, SRP will receive recognition on marketing materials for our events, including:

\*Complimentary tickets to the Tribute to Leadership awards presentation

\*Opportunities to feature SRP speakers who can inspire and educate our program participants, particularly in our Equity in STEAM initiative and ESI program

**Other Sources of Funding:** Equity In Steam

- \*Intel, \$25,000 Awarded
- \*Cox Charities \$7,500
- \*Corning \$5,000
- \*Waymo \$5,000
- \*Honeywell \$1,500

Aging Adults Program

- \*Area Agency on Aging \$619,000 Awarded
- \*City of Glendale, CDBG \$90,000 Awarded
- \*Thunderbirds, \$80,000 Awarded
- \*West Valley Mavericks, \$5,000 Awarded

Tribute to Leadership

- \*Kroger / Fry's
- \*Cox Communications
- \*ASU
- \*Vantage West
- \*Stearns Bank

**Similar Organizations:** Our Equity in Steam program is simply unmatched in the Valley. We are differentiated in our focus on women and minorities in these dynamic and in-demand fields. We also possess a unique focus on how to bring the values of diversity and equity into instruction so educators can bring forward more women who may not have previously thought themselves worthy or capable of a STEAM career.

For our Aging Adult program, the nearest comparable organization is St Mary's Food Bank, which serves the western portion of Maricopa County through its food bank. However, YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix is the only organization that has taken up the responsibility to provide meals to residents in Glendale. In particular, through the partnership with Meals on Wheels, seniors in Glendale do not have to go without food because of a lack of transportation, or the inability to travel.

Tribute to Leadership focuses on women who embody the mission of YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix: eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Our honorees generously contribute to their communities, set the gold standard for equity in leadership, and transform the Valley into a better place for all to thrive.

Similar programs that also celebrate women in the community, like Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA awards, but their focus on women and how they perform in business. While we join them in celebrating women who have risen to the "top of their field and who invest in their careers, their community, and especially other women," our focus is more deeply on social justice.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for the Equity in STEAM Initiative (\$25,000); operating support for the Aging Adults Program (\$10,000); and Sponsor the Tribute to Leadership (\$5,000) on March 4, 2026.

## Attachments

### Annual Reports:

### In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

**Sponsorship Packet:** 2026 Tribute Partnership.pdf

**Current Year Budget:** 24-25\_YWCA\_OrgBudget.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** 23-24\_P and L Statement of Activities\_YWCA.pdf, FY23-24 Org Budget\_YWCA.pdf

**Program Budget:** 2026\_Tribute Budget\_YWCA.xlsx, 2026\_ESI Budget\_YWCA.xlsx

**Audited Financial Statements:** 2023-2024 \_YWCA\_ManagementLetter.pdf, FY23-24 Audit - Final Signed Financial Statements.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** 24-25\_YWCA\_Board Roster.pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** 2025\_Corporate Contributors\_YWCA.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 1

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Tribute to Leadership

**Event 1 Date:** 2025-03-04

**Event 1 Location :** YWCA has narrowed the venues down to the Heard Museum or Warehouse 215. We anticipate deciding by the end of July.

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 300

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 5000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** For over three decades, YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix has proudly hosted Tribute to Leadership, a celebration of community transformation and empowerment. More than a gathering, it is a statement of purpose: to raise vital funds that support individuals as they navigate their unique journeys, honoring the strength and wisdom shaped by lived experience.

The three-hour event features food, drink, and a powerful program recognizing three extraordinary local women whose bold leadership and unwavering courage inspire others to rise and lead in their own right.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$95,000.00

**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes

**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar**

**Amount:** Kroger / Fry's

Cox Communications

ASU

Vantage West

Stearns Bank

\*amounts are being finalized

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

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**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

## Payment

## Scan

No matches were found

## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$40,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$40,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2013 - - \$3,500.00



- 2014 - - \$3,500.00
- 2016 - - \$3,500.00
- 2016 - - \$5,000.00
- 2017 - - \$5,000.00
- 2020 - Senior Meals Program - \$8,500.00
- 2020 - COVID-19 Relief Funds - \$5,000.00
- 2021 - Senior Meals - \$8,500.00
- 2022 - Senior Meals and Tribute - \$8,500.00
- 2022 - 110th Anniversary Partnership - \$6,500.00
- 2023 - Senior Programs and Yearlong Partnership - \$15,000.00
- 2023 - Equity in STEAM Initiative 2.0 - \$20,000.00
- 2024 - 2023 SRP Hispanic Heritage Award - \$2,500.00
- 2024 - Equity in STEAM Initiative - \$25,000.00
- 2024 - Senior Programming and Women's Empowerment Month - \$15,000.00
- 2025 - Equity in STEAM/Aging Adults/Tribute - \$40,000.00
- 2025 - Females in Technology (FIT) ERG Contribution - \$1,000.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-10

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-11

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee

Operating support for the Equity in STEAM Initiative (\$25,000); Operating support for the Aging Adults Program (\$10,000); Sponsor the Tribute to Leadership on March 4, 2026 (\$5,000).

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

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## Organization

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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-15)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Chandler/Gilbert Food Bank and AZCEND Sponsorship Request  
**In-Kind Request?:** Yes  
**Value In-Kind:** \$7,500.00  
**In-Kind Needs Description:** Audio/Visual service at annual Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night event.  
**Request Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:**  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** AZCEND is a widely respected nonprofit agency headquartered in the City of Chandler, with a mission to nourish minds and bodies so that neighbors in need experience a brighter future.  
AZCEND's wide array of human service programs serve vulnerable individuals and families living in Chandler, the Town of Gilbert, and a portion of Queen Creek--an area home to over 600,000 residents. Our name AZCEND reflects our Arizona roots and our commitment to advancing personal growth. Since 1966, we've helped vulnerable individuals and families meet life's most pressing needs--always with compassion, dignity, and respect.  
  
We deliver impactful programs that provide foundational support, including:  
**\*Neighborhood Assistance Services (NAS)** -- providing homelessness prevention and housing stability.  
**\*I-HELP Emergency Shelter** - offering safe shelter and pathways out of homelessness.  
**\*Family Resource Centers** - delivering early literacy, parenting classes, and support services.  
**\*Chandler and Gilbert Senior Centers** -- providing nourishing meals, social connection and enrichment.  
**\*Meals on Wheels** -- delivering nourishing meals to homes with wellness checks.  
**\*Chandler Food Bank** -- distributing emergency and supplemental food.

Since our founding, food access has remained our largest area of focus, with flexible and tailored services that effectively advance food security and contribute to the overall well-being of individuals and families.

With nearly six decades of trusted service, AZCEND is deeply rooted in the community. Our longstanding track record has earned the confidence of public and private partners who continue to invest in our mission. Moreover, our programs benefit the businesses community by supporting a healthier, more stable workforce and offering opportunities for corporate social responsibility and community engagement. For our city partners, AZCEND services are vital to reducing public health costs, supporting aging in place, and strengthening community resilience during emergencies. Ultimately, our mission contributes to a stronger local economy and a more connected, equitable community.

What sets us apart is our integrated approach--combining programs and services that address both the causes and effects of poverty. For example, a food-insecure household can access emergency food, housing assistance, family support, and economic empowerment services all under one roof. Each year, AZCEND programs serve more than 13,000 seniors, adults, and children who live below the poverty line and face multiple barriers to meeting their basic needs and becoming self-reliant.

This strong foundation uniquely positions AZCEND to tackle the interconnected challenges of poverty, hunger, and homelessness--empowering families and communities to not just survive but thrive.

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:** AZCEND programs complement and advance SRP's corporate giving priorities related to meeting basic needs across the community. Both organizations foster resilience--AZCEND through life-stabilizing services, and SRP by funding programs that prevent crises and educate families.

Our frontline services mirror SRP's focus on providing food and shelter during times of crisis. The AZCEND Food Bank ensures that individuals and families have reliable access to nutritious emergency food boxes and supplemental groceries multiple times each month, offering a vital safety net during hardship. In FY2024, we distributed nearly 15,000 food boxes, totaling over 830,000 meals to those facing food insecurity.

We also prepare and serve nourishing meals for food insecure seniors and adults with disabilities, both at the Chandler and Gilbert senior centers and through the Meals on Wheels program. Last year, we served 18,685 meals at our centers and delivered 37,526 meals to home-bound seniors and adults.

Through the I HELP program (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging), we provide safe nightly shelter, case management, and compassionate support to unhoused adults and seniors. In FY24, I-HELP served 186 individuals, delivering 7,356 safe bed nights and critical wrap-around care.

Our Family Resource Centers and early literacy programs give young children and their families access to opportunities for personal development and long-term success. In FY24, these programs supported 5,214 parents and children--reinforcing SRP's commitment to education and youth enrichment.

Our Neighborhood Assistance Services (NAS) program helps households avoid eviction and utility shutoffs while promoting awareness of safe and sustainable utility use. In collaboration with SRP, NAS not only assists with payments for water, gas, and electric bills but also educates families about SRP's cost-saving programs and energy resources. In FY24, NAS prevented 301 evictions and 780 utility shutoffs.

By partnering with AZCEND, SRP advances a shared commitment to meeting immediate needs while building long-term pathways to stability, personal growth, and community-wide awareness of water, energy, and safety.

**Project/Program Description:**

Having reliable access to nutritious food is a basic human need, yet many households struggle to access adequate food due to factors such as poverty, illness, geographic and transportation barriers, and high food prices. In recent years, soaring food prices have forced many households to make difficult choices--cutting back on essentials, skipping meals, or stretching limited food dollars. Families already struggling have reached crisis points, driving increased demand for emergency food assistance. This is why AZCEND's Food Bank plays such a critical role. The program provides dependable, convenient access to healthy food for residents of Chandler, Gilbert, and parts of Queen Creek.

Located in one of Chandler's highest needs zip codes (85225), AZCEND's Food Bank distributes emergency, supplemental, and holiday food boxes to vulnerable seniors, children, and adults. Each box is tailored to the household size and contains enough food for at least 5 days per family member. As much as possible, dietary restrictions--such as senior-specific needs or food allergies--are accommodated. Households may receive at least one emergency food box per month, while weekly supplemental groceries include a variety of fresh produce, protein, and dairy items necessary for a balanced, nutrient-rich diet. Additionally, we distribute produce bags through healthcare partners and provide special holiday boxes during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Operating Monday through Friday and powered by AZCEND staff and hundreds of dedicated volunteers, the Food Bank distributes more than 14,000 nutritious food boxes annually, benefitting more than 8,000 adults and children.

Beyond food, the Food Bank acts as a gateway to other vital services that support long-term stability--including early literacy programs, rent and utility assistance, family support, and emergency shelter. Once immediate food needs are met, individuals are better positioned to pursue education, employment, housing stability, and other essential services.

Primary goals of the Food Bank include:

- 1)Reducing food insecurity for seniors, individuals and families in need
- 2)Engaging other organizations in a collective response to hunger
- 3)Maximizing the impact of volunteer service
- 4)Connecting participants to additional programs that address the root causes of hunger and poverty

The Food Bank addresses urgent needs while fostering long-term community well-being. It combats hunger by ensuring consistent access to food, supports vulnerable populations with flexible food options, and narrows nutrition gaps by offering senior-friendly and health-conscious selections. It promotes better health by including fresh produce, dairy, and protein in food boxes. The program also helps low-income households manage rising living costs by freeing up limited income for rent, utilities, and healthcare.

Beyond meals, the program strengthens communities. It reduces food waste by rescuing surplus food from grocery stores, engages volunteers and donors in meaningful service, and advances community health through reliable access to nutrition. By connecting clients to AZCEND's broader network of services, the Food Bank also fosters economic stability. Strong community partnerships enhance impact, while advocacy efforts work to address the systemic causes of hunger and poverty.

**Program Metrics:** On an annual basis, AZCEND's Food Bank makes a measurable impact on community food stability by:

\*distributing an average of 15,000 food boxes containing enough food for 830,685 nutritious meals;

\*securing a minimum of 1,000,000 pounds of food for distribution to the community;

\*engaging 1,000 volunteers to help increase food security; and

\*providing a daily food transport service to deliver donated food items to the Food Bank.

With each food box and meal, we're not only eliminating immediate hunger, but we're providing essential stability to help strengthen other areas of their lives, such as work and housing, and to become more resilient and self-sufficient. Food box recipients are predominately people of color, with more than 75% identifying as ethnic minorities. Additionally, one-third (33%) are children, 66% are female-headed households, and 6% are disabled. While our clients are diverse, they commonly face gaps in income, limited access to other supports, and persistent challenges in affording nutritious food.

We measure our success by asking a simple question: Are people getting the nutritious food they need, and is it making a difference in their lives? To answer that, we track program results and the stories that bring them to life. Using the Link2Feed data management system, we track metrics such as the number of food boxes provided, people served, and pounds of donated food secured. We also track how many volunteers power these efforts--because their involvement is a big part of our success. We strive to improve the program efficiency, effectiveness, and impact on as many people as possible.

Just as important, we listen to the people we serve. For example, Kathy--who struggles with a severe physical disability--found AZCEND after a devastating health crisis that culminated in the loss of her husband, home, and savings. Embarrassed, Kathy sought help at AZCEND, admitting she was extremely hungry. She received an immediate bagged lunch and access to emergency food boxes. Kathy shared, "I have only \$1,000 monthly income from social security so I use the nourishing food from AZCEND to contribute to the household....I don't know what I would have done without AZCEND. They lift me up."

Feedback from clients like Kathy, along with the data we gather, guides program improvements and helps us stay focused on what matters most: making sure no one in our community goes hungry.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:** In Arizona, food prices have risen significantly in recent years, making it more expensive to source the ingredients needed for meals that our clients rely on. In fact, Arizona ranks fourth in the U.S. for most expensive groceries, leading more households to rely on AZCEND for help.

To meet growing demand, SRP grant funds will be used to support Food Bank operating expenses. Examples of such expenses include, but are not limited to materials and supplies, food purchases to address gaps when donations are insufficient, insurance for commercial and auto liability, and mileage reimbursements for volunteers who assist with transporting donated food to AZCEND.

This essential investment in operating expenses makes every food box and connection possible. While food is the visible outcome, strong operations, including refrigeration, warehousing, transportation, fuel, and maintenance--ensure that food reaches the people who need it. Without this foundation, food can go to waste or never reach the people who need it.

The grant funds directly impact our ability to secure donated food, which helps to reduce operating costs, and the ability to keep the Food Bank open to the public and operational a minimum of 21 days per month.

Grant funds would provide vital support to AZCEND as we work to alleviate food insecurity for more than 5,500 individuals during the grant period.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** We would be honored to extend the following grant recognition benefits based on a successful SRP grant award.

\*Name/logo listing on our Corporate/Foundation Partners web page

\*Thank you posts on our social media channels

\*Thank you slide with your logo on digital screens at AZCEND for 12 months

\*Partner spotlight in our digital newsletter

\*Behind the scenes tour of AZCEND with CEO Trinity Donovan

\*Check presentation opportunity at a Board of Directors meeting

\*SRP branding opportunities such as "sponsored in part by SRP" stickers placed on food boxes for a period of time during the grant period (stickers provided by SRP).

We look forward to exploring these and other options for grant recognition with SRP team members.

In addition, SRP employees can continue to demonstrate their strong commitment to serving our community through a variety of meaningful volunteer opportunities at AZCEND that foster team building and community impact. Hands-on activities related to food security include sorting and packing food boxes, serving meals at senior centers, and delivering meals to homebound clients. Holiday event involvement can include assisting at holiday food box distributions and lunch program events at senior centers. Employees can also organize workplace food drives to collect high-need items. These options provide flexible, rewarding ways for employees to make a difference in the lives of local families and seniors.

**Other Sources of Funding:** SRP's support will be leveraged alongside funding from partners such as the City of Chandler, Town of Gilbert, other local businesses, and numerous private donors, along with significant in-kind contributions including food donations.

Collaborative partners such as United Food Bank, Midwest Food Bank, local grocery stores, churches, civic groups, restaurants, and grocery stores power our ability to reduce hunger by providing invaluable food donations that are key to our program's success. These partnerships and their contributions help to sustain the program and reduce our operating costs, allowing more individuals in need to be served. AZCEND also works within a state-wide food system network to build greater community awareness about hunger issues and to advocate for an end to hunger in our service area and throughout Arizona.

By investing in the program, SRP will help extend the impact of this strong base of support--ensuring that individuals and families in need have reliable access to the nutritious food necessary for healthy growth, development, productivity, and aging.

**Similar Organizations:** AZCEND is the only organization in the service area that offers a comprehensive array of prepared meals and high-volume emergency food resources to households in need. What sets us apart is not only the scope of services and volume of people served, but also the depth of community trust and connection developed over decades. Since 1966, AZCEND has been deeply embedded in the community, building a solid reputation as a responsive, compassionate, and reliable partner. Generations of local families have turned to us during times of crisis, and our long-standing presence allows us to stay attuned to the evolving needs of the individuals and neighborhoods we serve.

Beyond food assistance, AZCEND acts as a powerful connector, linking clients to additional supportive services such as SNAP enrollment, parenting education, early childhood literacy, senior case management, and emergency housing assistance. Our experienced and knowledgeable staff also connect clients with other programs outside of AZCEND based on their specific needs and goals. This holistic approach addresses the root causes of food insecurity, not just the symptoms, and supports families in building long-term stability.

While smaller food pantries--often run by houses of worship or community groups--exist within the region, they typically offer more limited quantities of food on a less frequent basis. These pantries often serve as a supplemental resource for families, especially larger households, who rely on AZCEND for consistent and reliable food support. In contrast, we operate at scale and with coordination, offering both volume and variety, as well as the infrastructure and staff needed to deliver high-quality, client-centered service.

Our comprehensive, integrated, and community-rooted food programs make it a uniquely impactful and essential resource for families facing food insecurity in the Southeast Valley.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for the Chandler/Gilbert Food Banks (\$20,000); Sponsor the Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night (\$5,000) on October 10, 2025; Sponsor the 60 Years of AZCEND: 60 Years of Uplifting Lives (\$10,000) on January 1, 2026; and requesting In-Kind Audio/Visual service at annual Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night event (\$7,500).



## Attachments

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### Annual Reports:

### In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

**Sponsorship Packet:** AZCEND-Gala-Sponsorship-Deck-2025.pdf

**Current Year Budget:** FY26 AZCEND Agency Budget.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** AZCEND FY25 AGENCY BUDGET.pdf

**Program Budget:** FY26\_AZCEND Food Bank Budget.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** AZCEND Single Audit FY24.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** AZCEND Board Roster 24.25 - Updated 5\_30\_25.pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** AZCEND FY25 Corp and Foundation Funders.pdf, 60 Years of AZCEND Sponsorship Opportunities Final.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 2

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night

**Event 1 Date:** 2025-10-10

**Event 1 Location :** Marriot Phoenix/Chandler

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 200

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 5000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 7500

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** The annual Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night is our primary fundraising event held to generate essential financial support, increase visibility, and deepen community engagement. This event raises unrestricted funds that help cover program costs, staff support, and operational needs that grants or contracts may not fully fund. The Gala also provides an opportunity for our team to connect with donors, recognize supporters, share success stories, and inspire ongoing investment in the mission.

On October 10, 2025, the Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night will be held at the Marriott Phoenix Chandler at 6 PM. This inspirational event will feature a delicious dinner, creative cocktails, and thrilling live auction featuring desirable items, memorabilia, and experiences. Following this, guests will enjoy the excitement of casino-style games--such as blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps--with all proceeds to benefit AZCEND's mission. A diverse lineup of local speakers and honored guests will include community leaders, business executives, elected officials and more. Past events have featured Mayors and City Council members from both Chandler and Gilbert along with AZCEND honorees. With the annual Tracey Washington Spirit Award, AZCEND recognizes a community leader who embodies our core values: integrity, compassion, hope, excellence and respect. Nominees actively dedicate time and energy to those in need in our community, show respect to people needing support and act as a positive role model. This year's Tracey Washington Spirit Award will be awarded to Kathy Tilque, former CEO of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce.

Central to the Gala are the inspirational stories and testimonials presented by clients of AZCEND. These testimonials illustrate program effectiveness and demonstrate the real-life difference that sponsorships and contributions make. By combining inspiration with entertainment and philanthropy, this event will encourage generous giving while guests enjoy a memorable evening out.

Event sponsors, like SRP, will gain valuable benefits from sponsorship, including increased visibility, positive brand association, and community goodwill. An SRP sponsorship would demonstrate its deep commitment to social responsibility. For SRP representatives, the Gala will also offer networking opportunities, targeted marketing to a values-aligned audience, and the chance to build meaningful relationships with community leaders and potential customers.

The Spirit of AZCEND Gala and Casino Night plays a critical role in sustaining our life-changing programs by generating unrestricted funds that fill essential funding gaps not covered by government or grant sources. The event raises both awareness and financial support--particularly for our programs designed to address food insecurity. This allows AZCEND to respond flexibly to urgent community needs--from preventing evictions and feeding hungry families to providing safe shelter and early childhood education. Beyond dollars raised, the gala deepens community engagement, inspires long-term donors, and strengthens the partnerships needed to expand our impact on poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes  
**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$105,000.00  
**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes  
**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:** Confirmed sponsors to date include Dignity Health, \$5,000; Dominion, \$2,500; First Bank, \$2,500; First Credit Union, \$2,500; Diamond Strategies, \$1,000; Hill International, \$1,000; Southwest Gas, \$1,000. Several other sponsorship requests at the \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 levels are currently pending award decisions.  
**Event 1 Promo Booth:** Yes

## Event Two

**Event 2 Event Name:** 60 Years of AZCEND: 60 Years of Uplifting Lives  
**Event 2 Date:** 2026-01-01  
**Event 2 Location:** AZCEND will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a number of activities and events that will take place during the 2026 calendar year. Anniversary activities and events will take place at AZCEND and at other locations.  
**Event 2 Number of Attendees:** 200  
**Event 2 Cash Requested:** 10000  
**Event 2 In-Kind Requested:** 0  
**Event 2 Other Event Info:** In 2026, AZCEND proudly celebrates 60 years of strengthening lives and uplifting communities across Southeastern Maricopa County. Since 1966, AZCEND has been a trusted partner for individuals and families facing hardship, providing food, housing, education, and support services rooted in dignity and compassion.

This milestone year will highlight the depth of our impact, the resilience of those we serve, and the generosity of those who make our work possible. A year-long celebration will include:

\*A dedicated 60th Anniversary section on our website showcasing our history, milestones, and community stories.

\*Special features at a Neighborhood Block Party and Open House in April, welcoming supporters, partners, and neighbors.

\*A compelling "Faces of Homelessness" traveling art exhibit, sharing powerful stories to raise awareness and empathy.

\*Buck slip inserts in all outgoing mailings, including our year-end appeal and spring tax credit campaign.

\*A year-long social media campaign that celebrates our legacy, shares impact stories, highlights longstanding supporters, and invites community engagement.

\*A monthly sustaining partner campaign, inviting 100 champions to contribute \$60 per month and collectively raise \$72,000 annually to sustain essential services.

\*The launch of a planned giving initiative, inviting patrons to create a lasting legacy that will carry AZCEND forward for the next 60 years.

### Impact on Programs and Clients:

AZCEND's 60th Anniversary Celebration is more than a milestone, it's a strategic opportunity to strengthen programs and deepen impact for those we serve. The year-long series of events and campaigns will generate critical awareness and funding to expand access to food, shelter and housing, early childhood services, and senior support.

Activities such as the "Faces of Homelessness" art exhibit and anniversary storytelling campaign will increase public understanding of community needs and elevate the voices of those with lived experience. Fundraising components--including a sustaining donor drive and the launch of a planned giving program--will build long-term financial stability, enabling AZCEND to serve more clients and invest in the future.

By leveraging this anniversary to engage new donors, reconnect with partners, and inspire community investment, we will ensure that the next 60 years are as impactful as the first.

#### Why Business Involvement Matters:

When local businesses support AZCEND's 60th Anniversary, they invest in a healthier, more stable community--and a stronger local economy. AZCEND's programs reduce homelessness, prevent hunger, support working families, and help individuals achieve financial stability, all of which directly benefit the workforce, housing market, and consumer base. Fewer people in crisis means less strain on public resources, greater employee productivity, and a more resilient local infrastructure.

By partnering with AZCEND, businesses like SRP demonstrate corporate responsibility, connect with community-minded consumers, and align their brand with a mission that has shaped the East Valley for six decades--and will continue doing so for generations to come.

#### SRP's Support of the Anniversary Celebration:

SRP's contribution will play a vital role in bringing our 60th Anniversary Celebration to life. Sponsorship helps cover the costs of meaningful community engagement activities such as the Neighborhood Block Party, the "Faces of Homelessness" traveling art exhibit, and a year-long awareness campaign that reaches thousands through print, digital, and in-person platforms.

Sponsor support will also help our team to invest in the tools and outreach needed to launch sustaining donors and planned giving initiatives, ensuring that the celebration creates long-term impact by strengthening critical programs like food distribution, housing support, and early childhood services.

Please note the dates and number of attendees will vary.

<b>SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 2:</b>	Yes
<b>Event 2 Net Proceeds Previous Year:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Event 2 Other Event Sponsors:</b>	Yes
<b>Event 2 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:</b>	AZCEND is seeking three additional anniversary sponsorship commitments.
<b>Event 2 Promo Booth:</b>	Yes
<b>Custom Report:</b>	
<b>Event 1 Name - Approved:</b>	
<b>Event 1 Date - Approved:</b>	
<b>Event 2 Name - Approved:</b>	
<b>Event 2 Date - Approved:</b>	
<b>Event 3 Name - Approved:</b>	
<b>Event 3 Date - Approved:</b>	
<b>Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:</b>	No

## Payment

## Scan

No matches were found

# Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**\*Recommended Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Prior Approved Grants:**

- 2016 - - \$1,000.00
- 2017 - - \$2,000.00
- 2019 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2019 - Spirit of AZCEND Gala - \$5,000.00
- 2020 - Spirit of AZCEND Gala - \$7,500.00
- 2020 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2021 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2021 - Spirit of AZCEND Gala - \$7,500.00
- 2021 - Office Equipment Donation - \$480.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$220.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$540.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$310.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$700.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$220.00
- 2022 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$220.00
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- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$220.00
- 2022 - Spirit of AZCEND Gala - \$7,500.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$200.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$210.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$200.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$200.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$300.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$400.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$200.00
- 2023 - Spirit of AZCEND Gala - \$10,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$210.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$315.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$200.00
- 2023 - Antibacterial Wipes - \$180.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$210.00
- 2023 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$500.00
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- 2024 - Chandler Food Bank - \$25,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$210.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$702.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$612.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$657.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,053.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$702.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$566.00
- 2025 - Chandler Food Bank & Spirit of AZCEND Gala 2024 - \$30,414.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$702.00
- - - \$0.00
- - Sword Sports Drinks - In-Kind Donation - \$1,170.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-17

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-28

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting

CPG (\$35,000)

- Operating support for the food assistance program (\$25,000)

- Sponsor the 60 Years of AZCEND (\$10,000)

CPA (up to \$7500)

- Sponsor the 2025 Spirit of AZCEND Gala (~\$7,500 AV support in lieu of sponsorship)

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Official Name:** HOUSE OF REFUGE INC  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-06-23)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Adopt a Home / Night of a Million Dreams Gala  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$40,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$40,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** Arizona's affordable housing crisis continues to accelerate. Soaring eviction rates and limited housing availability have hit single mothers and their children the hardest. According to the most recently published statistics, nearly 600 Arizona families with minor children lack stable housing on any given night.  
  
Homelessness shatters lives, derails futures, and robs children of the stability they need to thrive.  
  
Being a parent is hard enough -- but how do you hold down a job, help your kids succeed at school, and keep your family healthy when you're living in your car or sleeping outside at night? How do you manage without a kitchen or bathroom?  
  
Unhoused parents -- like 27-year-old domestic violence survivor, Mary\* -- face questions that echo any caregiver's worst fears:  
  
> How do I keep my kids healthy and safe when I can't even keep a roof over our heads?  
  
> Is it worse to stay homeless or go back to a dangerous, abusive environment?  
  
Unhoused youth -- like 17-year-old high school senior, Nick\* -- face equally heartbreaking questions:  
  
> I know kids who went into foster care when their family became homeless... will that happen to me and my little sister?

> If I drop out of school and get a job to help out, could we afford a place to stay?

House of Refuge offers a proven solution to more than 150 homeless families in Arizona every year.

House of Refuge provides transitional housing in a neighborhood setting for homeless families. Honoring the faith-based traditions of our founders, we treat people with dignity and respect through programs that bring hope and self-sufficiency.

Our unique program began in 1996 on a 20-acre portion of the former Williams Air Force Base in southeast Mesa, utilizing 88 two-bedroom single-family homes that had originally been base housing. All housing and wrap-around supportive services are provided in Mesa's 85212 zip code, but the homeless families we serve come to us from locations throughout the state, primarily Maricopa County.

House of Refuge offers families in crisis a proven path from homelessness to self-sufficiency and stable housing. Our comprehensive services help residents address the complex circumstances that led to housing loss such as domestic violence, job loss, family instability, and low household income.

In 2024, our transitional housing program served 492 individuals in 155 homeless families. We provided essential assistance to help them build their lives, work toward self-sufficiency, and successfully graduate to stable housing of their choice. We are on track to exceed those numbers this year.

House of Refuge is grateful for SRP's past support and honored to count you among our champions. We invite you to continue this life-changing partnership by adopting two of our single-family homes in FY2025-26. We also look forward to your return as presenting sponsor of our 2026 Night of a Million Dreams Gala.

\* Names changed to protect privacy

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:**

The House of Refuge transitional housing program exemplifies SRP's corporate ideals of building strong, safe communities by meeting the basic needs of underserved, low-income, homeless families and empowering them to become self-sufficient and to secure stable housing.

>> SRP Priority: Support for Basic Needs -- Provide food, shelter, and safety from violence or crises

House of Refuge provides safe, comfortable homes to families experiencing homelessness--primarily single mothers with young children, many of whom are escaping domestic violence. Resident identities and personal information remain strictly confidential and are never shared without express permission. Wrap-around supportive services include workshops on healthy, positive relationships. We also offer classes on safe cell phone and internet use, helping survivors avoid possible digital surveillance and location tracking by abusers.

Our peaceful 20-acre neighborhood includes the Helping Hands House, which provides residents with donations of furniture, household essentials, clothing, and personal items as needed. This is particularly appreciated by families who may have come to House of Refuge with little more than the clothes on their backs. We also operate a state-certified food bank, often stocked with fresh produce from our own community garden.

>> SRP Priority: Support for Basic Needs -- Enable children to participate in programs that promote personal development and positive life choices

House of Refuge provides on-site after-school and summer enrichment programs for school-age youth living in our transitional housing. Our Community Center serves children ages 5 through 11, while our Teen Center welcomes youth ages 12 through 17. Both offer engaging activities that foster healing, resilience, self-confidence, and essential life skills.



Programming is grounded in trauma-informed care and guided by the 8 Dimensions of Wellness -- physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual, occupational, financial, and environmental. Youth aren't aware of the care and planning behind the special experiences designed to support their recovery from homelessness. Our young residents simply count on fun opportunities for socializing, crafts, reading, tutoring, gardening, games, and hands-on S.T.E.A.M. learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).

**Project/Program Description:** The overarching goals of House of Refuge transitional housing are to help homeless families address their individual challenges, work toward self-sufficiency, and graduate into safe, stable housing.

Families come to House of Refuge after having lost their homes, and very often have lost most of their possessions as well. The agency meets their immediate needs by filling their transitional housing unit with furniture, household items, clothing, and food from the on-site Helping Hands donation center and neighborhood food bank.

From the time a family is safely settled into their home to the day they exit into housing of their choice in the community, they receive a full array of assistance and support to help ensure their success.

These on-site wrap-around services include:

- \* Case management services provided by caring staff, utilizing evidence-based trauma-informed care practices, to help residents identify and address the root causes of their homelessness

- \* Employment and educational services such as workforce development and 1:1 employment assistance

- \* Adult classes such as parenting, healthy relationships, budgeting and family finance, time management, nutrition, and other life skills courses

- \* After-school and summer enrichment programs for children ages 5 to 11 and youth ages 12 to 17--helping them recover from trauma and prepare for bright futures.

House of Refuge transitional housing focuses on helping residents become self-sufficient through employment and education. Families pay only \$400 per month for rent and utilities, even after their income improves. Residents are carefully coached on using the balance of their income to reduce debt, build savings, and secure stable housing after graduation.

House of Refuge tracks measurable progress toward established transitional housing goals including:

- \* 90% of adults will maintain employment while in the program

- \* 35% of adults will improve household income prior to exit

- \* 85% of families will successfully graduate into stable housing

**Program Metrics:** House of Refuge exclusively serves low-income homeless families with minor children. 100% of transitional housing and services are provided in Mesa to Arizona residents, the majority of whom come from within Maricopa County.

In 2024, House of Refuge served 155 families consisting of 492 homeless individuals, including 310 children under the age of 18.

- \* 63% of residents were female, and 37% male.

- \* 86% of families were made up of single mothers with minor children.

- \* 90% of participants entered the transitional housing program with "very low" household incomes below 50% of the area median income.

Homelessness often results from domestic violence, unemployment, family instability, and low income -- conditions that are statistically more common among racial and ethnic minorities. The legacy of past housing inequities -- including redlining, segregation, and prejudicial business practices -- is still felt today by people of color. The cumulative effect of these factors is that underserved and marginalized populations are most likely to experience homelessness.

In 2024, House of Refuge residents self-reported the following race and ethnicity demographics:

- \* 48% African American
- \* 28% White, Non-Hispanic
- \* 16% White, Hispanic
- \* 7% Multiracial
- \* 1% Native American

In 2024, program outcomes included:

- \* 44% of graduating participating families increased their household income while in transitional housing
- \* 88% of participating heads of household were employed when they graduated from the program
- \* 89% of participating families were confirmed as exiting to stable housing when they left House of Refuge

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:** House of Refuge transitional housing helps families recover from the crisis of homelessness, improve their incomes, and build savings. Our program equips them to achieve self-sufficiency and graduate into stable housing.

House of Refuge is requesting a \$30,000 grant to continue SRP's participation in the Adopt a Home Program, plus \$10,000 in event sponsorship funding of our 2026 Night of a Million Dreams Gala. The total amount of funding requested in this application is \$40,000.

A \$30,000 Adopt a Home sponsorship covers the annual essential transitional housing costs for 2 of our 88 two-bedroom single-family homes. It also funds comprehensive on-site supportive services for 2 homeless families over a twelve-month period. Adopt a Home donations received are pooled and used collectively, so that individual units need not remain vacant until they are adopted and fully sponsored.

Gala sponsorship contributions --- less the fair market value of goods and services received --- are considered charitable donations supporting the House of Refuge transitional housing program. With a \$10,000 Presenting Sponsorship, SRP will receive 10 tickets for their preferred reserved table. The fair market value of the dinner served to each Gala attendee is estimated to be \$55, or \$550 for a table of 10.

Charitable donations from SRP will support day-to-day operations of the House of Refuge transitional housing program, including:

Essential Housing:

- \* One 2-bedroom, 1-bath, single-family home with attached carport parking assigned to each participating family
- \* Electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash utility services
- \* Ongoing home maintenance as needed -- such as pest control, plumbing services, HVAC repair, landscaping, etc.
- \* On-site laundry room facilities
- \* Community recreation areas

On-Site Supportive Services:

- \* Professional 1:1 case management and guidance

- \* Adult life skills classes and employment services offered in the Employment and Education Center
- \* After-school and summer youth enrichment programming in the Community and Teen Centers that support learning, healing, and development
- \* Special holiday events and seasonal celebrations in the neighborhood
- \* Clothing, food, furnishings, and household goods provided as needed, free of charge, from our Helping Hands House donation center and the on-site food bank

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** With a contribution of \$10,000, SRP will be prominently recognized as a Presenting Sponsor in all major mentions of the 2026 Gala.

- \* The 2026 event title will include "The Night of a Million Dreams Gala Presented by SRP."
- \* The SRP logo will appear in all Gala print materials and related social media posts.
- \* SRP will receive recognition in the pre-event press release and all Gala publicity.
- \* At the Gala event, the SRP logo will be included in the on-site slide show and welcoming displays.
- \* SRP will be spotlighted in the House of Refuge online newsletter and celebrated in the agency social media posts about the 2026 Gala.
- \* SRP will receive 10 Gala tickets for seats at a preferred reserved table.
- \* The SRP logo will be proudly displayed in the House of Refuge website banner for an entire year.

**Other Sources of Funding:** House of Refuge is privileged to work with a large network of community supporters that provide in-kind donations, hold donation drives, as well as donate funds or award grants. The 88 two-bedroom single-family homes used in the transitional housing program are "adopted" by large corporations, small businesses, charitable foundations, civic groups, local municipalities, families, and individuals.

Some donors commit to sponsoring homes annually, while others adopt a home for a single 12-months term and follow their own individual renewal timelines. At any given time, approximately 75% of the homes on our campus have been adopted and we are actively seeking funding for the remaining 25%.

As requested, we have uploaded a list of top corporate contributors.

In addition to financial contributions received, House of Refuge also recognizes the tremendous efforts of community partners who roll up their sleeves and pitch in to serve our residents. We work with the McKinney-Vento Liaisons of nearby schools to support the education and mental health of the children in our program. We partner with the Gilbert Visual Arts League, Gabriel's Angels, and Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Center to enrich our after-school programs for children and teens.

Our agency also partners with organizations and businesses -- such as AZ@Work, Career Connections, Desert Financial Credit Union, and Landings Credit Union -- who assist our residents with securing employment and furthering their education and life skills.

Additionally, groups from large corporations, as well as small local businesses, volunteer considerable time and talents to complete essential projects throughout the year, such as painting our homes or maintaining our landscaping. In 2024, a total of 2,218 volunteers donated 7,235 hours of service to benefit the homeless families we serve.

**Similar Organizations:** House of Refuge is not the only East Valley provider of transitional housing for homeless families with minor children, but our agency maintains 8 times as many available housing units as the nearest other provider. Our housing is different because families each reside in their own 2-bedroom single-family home in a quiet residential neighborhood rather than in apartments, converted motel rooms, or scattered-site locations spread throughout various cities.

House of Refuge is unique because, for more than 29 years, 100% of our efforts have been dedicated solely to transitional housing. This is the only homeless housing intervention we offer. Our innovative program is also unique because of its focus on traditional values of work, education, and personal responsibility. Residents sign rental leases, pay \$400 per month toward rental and utility costs, and are contractually obligated to obtain employment and maintain a drug- and alcohol-free campus.

The House of Refuge transitional housing experience is designed to be life-changing. Participants receive more than a comfortable house filled with everything needed to make it a home. Each House of Refuge family receives up to 12 months of our ongoing, personalized 1:1 education, mentoring, encouragement, and support. These services help them work toward self-sufficiency and graduate into their own stable housing.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.  
**Internal Comments:** Operating support for the Adopt a Home Program (\$30,000); and Sponsor the Night of a Million Dreams Gala (\$10,000) on March 28, 2026.

## Attachments

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**Annual Reports:**  
**In-Kind Supporting Documentation:**  
**Sponsorship Packet:** 2025 House of Refuge Gala Sponsorship Packet.pdf  
**Current Year Budget:** FY2024-25 House of Refuge Budget & YTD actuals.pdf  
**Last Year's Budget:** FY 23-24 - Actuals v Budget - from Ana.pdf  
**Program Budget:** Adopt a Home Budget 2024-25.pdf, 2026 Night of a Million Dreams Gala Budget.pdf  
**Audited Financial Statements:** FY23.24 Audited Financial Statements - Final .pdf  
**Board of Directors Listing:** Board Roster 4.1.2025.pdf  
**List of Corporate Contributors:** Corporate Funders.pdf  
**Additional Attachment (1):**  
**Additional Attachment (2):**  
**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**  
**Number of Events:** 1

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Night of a Million Dreams Gala  
**Event 1 Date:** 2026-03-28  
**Event 1 Location :** Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West  
860 N Riverview  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
  
This impressive venue is nestled between the Chicago Cubs' Spring Training stadium and Riverview Park.  
**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 400  
**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 10000  
**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0  
**Event 1 Other Event Info:** The Gala is the agency's largest and most glamorous fundraising event of the year. Events will include a cocktail hour, a gourmet dinner, live and silent auctions, a wine bottle pull, high quality entertainment, and inspirational messages.  
  
The evening promises the excitement of friends and colleagues coming together to help homeless families rebuild their lives.  
  
While there are no volunteer opportunities for SRP employees tied specifically to the 2025 Gala, House of Refuge offers a robust year-round volunteer program.  
  
**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** No  
**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$267,572.00  
**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes  
**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:**

SRP will be our first confirmed sponsor for the 2026 Night of a Million Dreams Gala. We anticipate a total of \$155,000 in sponsorships -- with most of our 2025 sponsors returning, in addition to new partners joining as well. For reference, our 2025 sponsors are listed below:

- \* 365 Mechanical
- \* All About You Placement
- \* Ansley Table
- \* Applied Materials
- \* BriComp Consulting
- \* Citrine Inc.
- \* CMC Steel
- \* Coulter Infiniti
- \* Crescent Crown
- \* DeBellevue Global
- \* Desert Financial Credit Union
- \* Dignity Health-Corporate
- \* Eastmark
- \* Employee Benefit Exchange
- \* Four Nines Jewelry
- \* Go Gilbert
- \* KW Home Selling Team
- \* Lynne King Smith
- \* Mercedes Benz of Gilbert
- \* Monsoon Roofing
- \* Nothing Bundt Cakes
- \* Park University
- \* Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport
- \* Ruffentine
- \* San Tan Montessori School Inc.
- \* Sharp Creek Contracting
- \* SRP
- \* TD Synnex
- \* The Arizona Group
- \* The Lynch Team
- \* The Mahoney Group
- \* United Healthcare
- \* Western Alliance

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

**Event 2 Name - Approved:**

**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

## Payment

## Scan

Score	Scanned Entity	Match	WatchList Name	WatchList Detail
96%	Brooke Taylor (GrantSeeker Full Name)	TAYLOR, DIANA BROOKE	OIG Exclusions	TAYLOR, DIANA BROOKE Listing: TAYLOR, DIANA BROOKE - Individual Address: 1705 E 75TH ST INDIANAPOLIS IN 46240 Occupation: IND- LIC HC SERV PRO Occupation: NURSE/NURSES AIDE DOB: 1980-02-20 Incident: 1128b3

**Last Scanned By:** Karla Esparza

**Last Scanned Time:** 2025-06-26 19:25:39 EST

**Reason for scan:** Submission for Approval

Scan results accepted:

by Karla Esparza (System) on 2025-06-26 19:25:39 EST

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## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$40,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$35,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2022 - House of Refuge Adopt a Home Program - \$2,500.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$805.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$483.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,046.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$272.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$322.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$322.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$322.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$322.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$374.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$576.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$603.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$88.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$120.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$394.00

•2023 - House of Refuge Adopt a Home - \$5,000.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$576.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$399.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.00

•2024 - House of Refuge Adopt a Home - \$15,000.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$415.70

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$623.55

- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$415.70
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- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$415.70
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$415.70
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$419.70
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$629.55
- 2024 - Night of a Million Dreams Gala Silver Sponsorship - (INVOICE) - \$5,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$419.70
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$514.70
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$384.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$419.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$761.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$701.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,140.55
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$756.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$761.70
- 2025 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$415.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$922.70
- 2025 - Adopt a Home / Night of a Million Dreams Gala - \$25,000.00
- - - \$0.00

**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-06-26

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-06-26

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting

Operating support for the Adopt-a-Home Program (\$25,000); Sponsor the Night of a Million Dreams Gala on March 28, 2026 (\$10,000).

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

## Contact

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**Principal Prefix:**  
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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Official Name:** SAVE THE FAMILY FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-07-01)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Supporting Needs of Homeless Families with Save the Family Foundation of Arizona  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$40,000.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$40,000.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's (Save the Family's) mission is equipping families to address poverty, overcome homelessness, and achieve self-sufficiency.

We operate across Maricopa County, with a focus on the communities of Mesa, Phoenix, Tempe, Gilbert, Chandler, Glendale, Scottsdale, and Avondale.

Homelessness is an ongoing issue in Maricopa County, and while significant efforts have been made to reduce homelessness among single adults, the opposite is true for families. From 2019 to 2025, the number of families experiencing homelessness increased 12% according to the Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count, an annual street and shelter count conducted on a single day in January, estimating the number of people and families experiencing homelessness at a given point in time. Conducted earlier this year, the 2025 PIT Count identified 539 families experiencing homelessness, totaling 1,831 people.

Most of these counts and data collected were based on families living unsheltered on the street or in homeless shelters. This does not include families living in unstable housing or "doubling up" with other families. Therefore, the actual number of families experiencing homelessness is likely much higher.

Annually, Save the Family serves over 1,000 families experiencing homelessness, including over 2,000 children. Through our various programs, Save the Family provided 436,626 nights of safe sleep last year.

As a leading nonprofit serving families experiencing homelessness and poverty throughout the East Valley, Save the Family addresses these challenges through a multi-generational approach, helping families secure stable housing while equipping them with the skills, resources, and support needed to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. At the core of our programs and services is individualized case management, which provides each family with tailored support, beginning with stable housing and extending to the essential resources needed for long-term success.

Unlike high-volume service models, where families may struggle to receive meaningful engagement, Save the Family maintains a low case manager-to-client ratio, with each case manager overseeing no more than 15 to 18 families at a time. This approach enables personalized attention, ongoing mentorship, and deep engagement with each family's unique needs and goals, providing a more comprehensive and impactful program than emergency shelters.

By addressing housing, financial independence, mental health, and child development in a unified approach, Save the Family equips families with the tools and resources necessary to break free from homelessness and build a secure, prosperous future.

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:**

Save the Family's extensive suite of programs and services meets two of SRP's stated goals and objectives, Basic Needs and Community Education.

Basic Needs: Save the Family's programs and services provide essentials for families experiencing homelessness. These essentials include providing food boxes and access to an on-site food pantry to families who have recently entered our programs. We also supply families with household necessities, like pots and pans, air mattresses, and other household items to help stabilize families' situations and improve their overall well-being. Families meet with Case Managers to identify needs and develop an individualized service plan to achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency. Through our affiliate nonprofit, ARM (Affordable Rental Movement) of Save the Family, we also operate affordable housing communities throughout Maricopa County, including:

- Valor on Eighth, a veteran preferred 45-unit community

- Escobedo at Verde Vista, a 132-unit community for families who are low-income and living with a disability

- 170 units of scattered-site housing within Maricopa County

Coming Spring of 2026: Phoenix Scholar House, a 56-unit community designed to break down barriers to post-secondary education by providing affordable housing in tandem with academic and family support services for low-income single parents with children.

Community Education: Save the Family helps parents access educational opportunities including financial literacy, nutrition education, parenting workshops, subsidies for short-term career training, certifications, and more. Our Career Centers are equipped with job search tools, computers, and employment resources to help parents gain marketable skills through education to find living-wage jobs or to maintain their current employment. Additionally, through Save the Family's Children's Services, we work to ensure children are enrolled in school and are connected to extracurricular activities to support their development.

These supports are integrated into each family's individualized service plan, tailored to address their unique needs and challenges. Through regular check-ins with Case Management, families work toward financial stability and a living-wage job by accessing educational resources. At the same time, their children gain a strong foundation in education, helping to break the cycle of poverty.

By providing a family's basic needs and connecting them with educational opportunities, Save the Family is helping to strengthen the communities where families live. With the help of SRP, we can provide a pathway for families experiencing homelessness to create sustainable and vibrant futures.

**Project/Program Description:**

Save the Family respectfully requests \$20,000 in general operational funding to support our programs and services for families experiencing and at-risk of homelessness. Our evidence-based model provides safe housing, individualized case management, and comprehensive support services. Through a multi-generational approach, we ensure that families not only secure stable housing, but also gain the necessary skills, resources, and support needed to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

Our housing programs include Rapid Rehousing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Step Up to Independence™ transitional housing, and Affordable Permanent Housing.

**Rapid Rehousing** -- Rapid Rehousing offers a vital safety net for families experiencing homelessness by quickly connecting them to stable housing, along with time-limited financial assistance and targeted case management. This support includes stepped-down rental assistance, utility deposits, and rental application fees. Financial assistance is gradually reduced as the family gains employment and becomes able to afford rent independently.

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- Similar to Rapid Rehousing, this program provides another resource for homeless families coming to us from emergency shelters. The main difference between this program and Rapid Rehousing is that rent is not stepped down but is equal to 30% of the family's income or a minimum of \$250 per month. Over time, as the family is able to increase their income and work on other barriers to maintaining housing stability, their portion of the rent will increase, thus setting them up for success to take on their full rent without support.

**Step Up to Independence™** -- This program provides transitional housing for working poor families experiencing homelessness (e.g., doubled up, living in hotels/motels, couch surfing). This 12-month program offers stable housing while parents work closely with a case manager and our direct services team to set and achieve goals focused on stabilization, building savings, and achieving financial independence. A key feature of the program is its emphasis on active parental engagement in programming and supportive services. Unlike many government-funded programs where client participation in services is optional, parents are required to engage in case management and recommend supportive services to ensure long-term success.

**Permanent Affordable Housing** -- Includes low-income housing units at Mesa-based Escobedo, Tempe's veteran-focused Valor on 8th, and the upcoming Phoenix Scholar House in Phoenix.

Housing alone is often not enough to ensure family stability over the long term. Holistic and comprehensive approaches are needed to successfully support a family's ability to create financial independence and self-sufficiency. Save the Family's Supportive Services include:

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Support Services** -- include initial counseling, trauma therapist support, and referrals to appropriate community providers for additional needs, including substance abuse rehabilitation, and education.

**Career Development Services** -- include a Career Center with access to computers, a job board, and copiers/printers; career coaching; employment-seeking assistance; job-readiness workshops; individualized financial coaching; focused support for individuals with disabilities, people who have a criminal background, and those with limited job experience and/or education; and fee assistance for job-related clothing/shoes, tools, transportation, and certifications and licenses.

**Parent Support Services** -- include guidance in life skills coaching, budgeting, parenting, domestic violence recovery, trauma healing, substance abuse recovery, landlord-tenant relations, wellness, and nutrition. We also provide food through our on-site pantry, grocery store gift cards and referrals for additional food assistance, essential household items, and children's items.

**Children's Services** -- we work to ensure each child's needs are met, which can include, but are not limited to, healing from trauma associated with homelessness and/or witnessing domestic violence; facilitating connections with school and extracurricular activities; building life skills; and providing school supplies and financial assistance for uniforms. Regular home visits provide individual intervention, prevention, life skills education, school support, and career and education exploration.

Funding permitting, we also provide Homeless Prevention Services to help families remain in stable housing. Within this program, families receive short-term rental assistance to stabilize the household and prevent their decline into homelessness. They are also provided with support services, such as budgeting assistance to equip them with the tools needed for long-term stability.

We know our services are a realistic pathway to success for families in need. We apply multi-method, ongoing evaluations to drive quality and assess outcomes in real time. We use structured assessments, real-time data tracking, and continuous quality improvement processes:

- Ages & Stages Questionnaires™ (ASQ™ and ASQ-SE™) are used to evaluate developmental and social-emotional milestones in children under six to identify concerns that may require intervention.

- Outcomes Star™ tools such as Work Star™, Youth Star™, and Recovery Star™ support families in setting goals and tracking growth in employment, mental health, and child development.

- Monthly case manager check-ins and regular home visits help track progress on school attendance, emotional regulation, parental engagement, and completion of goals. This includes the implementation of the Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix to track personal and family progress toward independence and sustainability.

- Parental surveys and progress reviews provide insight into behavioral growth and measure satisfaction and perceived child improvement.

Staff input data on outcomes in Salesforce and conduct bi-monthly case reviews with interdisciplinary teams to monitor progress. Our program goals in the coming year include consideration of specific goals for parents and children.

Homeless Family Goals: These goals center on ensuring parents increase or maintain income, learn and practice positive skills and behaviors, understand the importance of family physical and mental health, and obtain permanent housing.

- 55% will increase or maintain income

- 70% will demonstrate improved scores on the Homelessness Star™

- 85% will obtain and access health care for their families

- 80% will obtain permanent housing

Homeless Children's Goals: These goals center on halting cycles of homelessness and poverty by helping children focus on interests and activities, hopes and dreams, health and well-being, education and work, communicating, and choices and behaviors.

- 80% of children will engage in Save the Family's Children's Services

- 80% of school-aged children will be enrolled in school

- 100% of children aged 0-6 will be assessed using ASQ™ and ASQ-SE

- 70% of participating children will demonstrate improved scores on the Youth Star™

**Program Metrics:** In FY2023-2024, Save the Family served over 1,000 families, including over 2,000 children and parents through our programs and services.

Demographics of individuals served include:

- Gender

59% female

41% male

- Race and Ethnicity

34% White

30% were African American, African, or Black

30% were Hispanic/Latinx

4% American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous

1% were Asian American or Asian

1% were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

- Income

100% considered low-income according to federal poverty guidelines

- Cities Served

Families served came from Avondale, Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Laveen, Litchfield Park, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Youngtown.

Additionally, a high percentage of families we serve are families with single mothers (39%), families who have experienced domestic violence (24%), or those who have a family member (18%) with a disability.

Save the Family collected the above data through intake forms families fill out upon referral and compiled it through a comprehensive data tracking system that is built in Salesforce and aligned with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Analysis of this data through HMIS is how Save the Family evaluates the success of our programs and services. Various metrics, such as the number of families served and remaining housed upon program exit, and referrals to healthcare and other wraparound services, are actively tracked and reported.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:**

Save the Family's operational budget is \$6,555,000, which involves providing a wide range of services to impoverished and homeless families. Save the Family anticipates serving over 1,200 families, including over 2,000 children, through this project in FY2025-2026, helping them to address poverty, overcome homelessness, and achieve self-sufficiency.

A grant of \$20,000 for general programmatic operations from SRP will support direct service expenses for families experiencing homelessness such as case management, career support, children's services, food, clothing, utility assistance, housing and resource navigation, and more.

A \$10,000 Gold Sponsorship from SRP for our annual Welcome Home Gala will help raise critical awareness and support for families experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County. This signature event brings together 450 of our most dedicated supporters, community leaders, and partners for an inspiring evening of dinner, celebration, and connection in recognition of the progress we've made and the work still to be done. The Gala honors the resilience of the families we serve, the dedication of Save the Family's staff, and the power of community collaboration in driving lasting change.

A \$10,000 Holiday Sponsorship will help Save the Family bring joy and relief to families in our program by providing holiday gifts, essential household items, and grocery store gift cards. Save the Family is excited to partner with SRP once again to continue providing relief to families during the holiday season.

Through our Adopt-A-Family program, donors purchase personalized gifts from wish lists, along with \$100 grocery gift cards to help families enjoy a holiday meal. With support from partners like you, we aim to serve over 250 families this season, ensuring each family member receives thoughtfully selected gifts. Your sponsorship will make the season brighter for families working hard to build a better future.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:**

At Save the Family, we value authentic, ongoing partnerships and believe that collaboration multiplies impact. Throughout the year, we offer numerous ways for SRP to engage meaningfully with our programs and gain visible recognition for your commitment to uplifting youth and families in need.

SRP will be recognized in all program-related digital communications, including our e-newsletters and social media platforms, which reach our growing network of over 18,000 supporters. We detail additional specific sponsorship recognition opportunities for our event requests in the related sections of this proposal, including logo placement and press release commitments.

**Other Sources of Funding:**

Save the Family harnesses the combined resources of more than 100 other human service agencies and local organizations, providing access that is critical to the success of the families we serve. Community partners include:

Career development: A New Leaf, Aerotek, Allied Universal, Arizona @ Work, Car Max, Circle K, Dress for Success, Ellwood Staffing, Finish Line Staffing, Global Ambassador.

Children and youth services: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arizona, Child Crisis of Arizona, Boys and Girls Club of the Valley, First Things First, Department of Child Safety, Childcare Resource and Referral, Tempe Youth Swimming and Summer Programs, YMCA.

Financial counseling and services: Desert Financial, Green Path Debt Solutions, Mesa United Way-Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Tak Charge America, TruWest Credit Union, WaFD Bank.

Health and dental health: Agape Health, Mesa Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic FREE Dental Hygiene Services

Mental health and substance abuse: Aptitude Behavioral Health, Open Hearts Family Wellness, Unhooked Recovery, La Fronterra/Empact, The OCD and Anxiety Treatment Center, The Well Mesa.

Housing and stability: Arizona Housing Coalition, Family Housing HUB, Habitat for Humanity, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Newtown Community Development Corporation, Tempe Community Action Agency, Trellis.

Veterans: American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Military Relief Fund, Arizona Veteran's Stand-down, East Valley Education Center, Phoenix VA Community Resource and Referral, Vet2Vet, Veteran Court, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veteran's Upward Bound, Wounded Warrior Project.

Legal services: Arizona Address Confidentiality Program, Arizona Community Legal Services, Homeless Court, Friendly House, Homeless ID Project, Mesa Family Advocacy Center.

Save the Family works with these organizations, and more, to tailor support to each individual family's needs and challenges. Case managers assess and identify which community partners to refer families to and coordinate care with the appropriate agencies during and after families receive assistance through Save the Family.

Save the Family is also reaching out to other corporate and private foundations for grant support. Committed funding for programs and services includes:

Garcia Family Foundation, \$200,000

Sharon D. Lund Foundation, \$150,000

The Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation, \$100,000

Jack Ingebritson Foundation, \$50,000

Otto and Edna Neely Foundation, \$50,000

Janis Chapman Merrill Foundation, \$30,000

QuikTrip Corporation, \$30,000

Rosendin Foundation, \$25,000

Bank of America, \$20,000

Nationwide, \$20,000

Dalton & Elaine Knauss Foundation, \$10,118

Epperson Family Foundation, \$10,000

Season for Sharing Fund, \$10,000

TJX Foundation, \$10,000

Desert Financial Foundation, \$8,500

Applied Materials, \$5,000

Boeing Company, \$5,000

Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation, \$5,000

June and Julian Foss Foundation, \$5,000

MidFirst Bank, \$5,000

Matson Navigation Company, \$3,000

Arizona Public Service Corporate Giving, \$2,500

Desert Diamond Casino, \$2,500

Dignity Health Foundation, \$2,500

BHHS Legacy Foundation, \$2,000

Global Credit Union, \$1,000

**Similar Organizations:**

Save the Family is one of the oldest and leading non-profit organization serving families experiencing homelessness and poverty in the East Valley. We have historically demonstrated our unique position to maximize the impact of received funding due to our extensive experience, strong community partnerships, and proven track record of success. In other high-volume service models, families struggle to receive meaningful engagement. Save the Family uses a holistic approach to address family homelessness, children's and youth services, and breaking generational poverty that includes:

- 1) Securing stable housing for families through our Rapid Rehousing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Step Up to Independence™ transitional housing, and Affordable Permanent Housing programs and services.
- 2) Once families are supported with financial assistance, they are provided with access to food, hygiene items, air mattresses, and bus passes, if needed. We also provide gift cards to Goodwill for clothing, shoes, and furniture.
- 3) Case Managers follow best practice models (e.g. Critical Time Intervention, Progressive Engagement, Trauma-Informed Care and Motivational Interviewing) aimed at preventing recurrent homelessness. Save the Family maintains a low case manager-to-client ratio, with each Case Manager overseeing no more than 15 to 18 families at a time.
- 4) While their Case Manager helps the family through their entire journey to self-sufficiency by meeting with the client every month, direct services staff come together (separate from the client family) for bi-monthly treatment team meetings to help identify and address each family's ongoing needs and the ways the team can best support them.

Save the Family staff create individualized plans for each family, meeting the family where they are to develop a case plan that best supports their unique needs. This collaborative approach ensures families are supported throughout their entire journey toward self-sufficiency, helping them exit homelessness as quickly as possible while receiving assistance at every step.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** General programmatic operations support (\$20,000); Sponsor the Welcome Home Gala (\$10,000) on March 7, 2026; and Sponsor the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Sponsorship (\$10,000) on December 11, 2025.

Impact Report in Collaboration Email section

## Attachments

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### Annual Reports:

**In-Kind Supporting Documentation:** In Kind Documentation.pdf

**Sponsorship Packet:** STF\_Sponsorship Opportunities\_2026.pdf

**Current Year Budget:** STF Org Budget 26.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** STF FY25 Organization Budget.pdf

**Program Budget:** STF Org Budget 26.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** STF Audit FY23-24.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** STF Board Roster .pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** STF-Salt River Project-2025-List of Corporate Funders 7.1.2025.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 2

## Event One

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**Event 1 Event Name:** Welcome Home Gala

**Event 1 Date:** 2026-03-07

**Event 1 Location :** Grand Hyatt, 7500 E Doubletree Ranch Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

**Event 1 Number of Attendees:** 450

**Event 1 Cash Requested:** 10000

**Event 1 In-Kind Requested:** 0

**Event 1 Other Event Info:** Save the Family is excited to partner with SRP again!

Sponsorships must be confirmed by February 15, 2026, including all branding and logo materials, to be included in the event collateral materials.

Welcome Home Gala Program: March 7, 2026:

6 pm -- Doors open and Cocktail Hour

Silent Auction closes just before Dinner and Program

7pm -- Dinner and Program

Opening Ceremony and Remarks

Family Testimonials

Philanthropy and Advocacy Award

Paddle Raise Ask

Live Action

Closing Remarks

8:15pm -- Dancing, Casino & entertainment



10:00pm -- End of Event

The Gold Sponsorship Package includes:

Premium reserved tables for 10 with prime room placement and premium wine service

Formal recognition from the podium during the ceremony

Exclusive company logo recognition on one premier event element:

Valet Sign

Thank You Sign,

High Stakes Final Game Sign

Raffle Sign and iPads

Quarter-page advertisement in the digital event program, on-screen recognition during the ceremony, and social media post.

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Sponsorship package completion is required by January 31, 2026, including logo, branding, advertisement, and content for social media post. Specifications for signage, logo, and branding to be determined at a later date. Names of attendees are required to be submitted one week prior to the event to confirm guest lists and seating.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:** Yes

**Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$500,000.00

**Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :** Yes

**Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:**

Save the Family is currently reaching out to potential sponsors in the community with sponsorship packages being determined.

Potential sponsors include:

Insurica

1st Bank

National Bank of Arizona

The Carol Royse Team

Brinshore

Nationwide

Jaburg Wilk Law Firm

IS Arizona

Sonobello

Delta Dental Foundation of Arizona

The Mahoney Group

And many more!

**Event 1 Promo Booth:** No

## Event Two

**Event 2 Event Name:** Adopt-a-Family Holiday Sponsorship

**Event 2 Date:** 2025-12-11

**Event 2 Location:** Save the Family Main Offices, 125 E University Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201  
**Event 2 Number of Attendees:** 250  
**Event 2 Cash Requested:** 10000  
**Event 2 In-Kind Requested:** 0  
**Event 2 Other Event Info:** This year marks the first time we will have a presenting sponsor for our holiday event, and we are excited to have SRP in this vital role. Unlike a traditional community gathering, our event centers around a coordinated Donation Drop Day, which supports our Adopt-A-Family holiday program.

On Donation Drop Day, donors who have adopted families will be invited to our main offices, where we will operate a drive-thru donation drop-off. Volunteers will assist by collecting the donated gifts directly from donors' vehicles, ensuring a smooth and contact-minimized process. To protect the privacy and dignity of participating families, gifts will be delivered individually by Save the Family Case Managers, who have established relationships with the families they serve.

As our presenting sponsor, SRP will be prominently featured across all event-related materials, both digital and print, including branded signage, email communications, social media mentions, and other digital promotions. SRP will also be allowed to set-up a resource table for donors to visit.

Together with generous partners like SRP, we are creating joyful and dignified holiday experiences for families working to rebuild their lives.

**SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 2:** Yes  
**Event 2 Net Proceeds Previous Year:** \$159,770.00  
**Event 2 Other Event Sponsors:** No  
**Event 2 Promo Booth:** Yes  
**Custom Report:**  
**Event 1 Name - Approved:**  
**Event 1 Date - Approved:**  
**Event 2 Name - Approved:**  
**Event 2 Date - Approved:**  
**Event 3 Name - Approved:**  
**Event 3 Date - Approved:**  
**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

## Payment

## Scan

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96%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, LATRICE MICHELLE	OIG Exclusions	ROBINSON, LATRICE MICHELLE Listing: ROBINSON, LATRICE MICHELLE - Individual Address: 3671 PINEDA COURT MOBILE AL 36605 Occupation: IND- LIC HC SERV PRO Occupation: NURSE/NURSES AIDE DOB: 1973-10-24 Incident: 1128a3

96%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, MICHELLE RENA	OIG Exclusions	ROBINSON, MICHELLE RENA Listing: ROBINSON, MICHELLE RENA - Individual Address: 1491 OLD ARRINGTON ROAD COLLEGE STATION TX 77845 Occupation: NURSING PROFESSION Occupation: NURSE/NURSES AIDE DOB: 1972-08-09 Incident: 1128a3
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**Last Scanned By:** Karla Esparza

**Last Scanned Time:** 2025-07-18 13:37:51 EST

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## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$40,000.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$40,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2013 - Homeless Families Intervention Project - \$20,000.00

•2014 - - \$1,500.00

•2014 - - \$20,000.00

•2015 - - \$0.00

•2015 - - \$20,000.00

•2016 - - \$20,000.00

•2018 - Homeless Families Intervention Project - \$20,000.00

•2019 - Homeless Families Intervention Project (HFIP) - \$15,000.00

•2020 - Homeless Families Intervention Project (HFIP) - \$20,000.00

•2020 - Sponsor Welcome Home Gala - \$5,000.00

•2021 - Homeless Families Intervention Project (HFIP) - \$20,000.00

•2021 - 2021 Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship - \$350.00

•2022 - Homeless Families Intervention Project and Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship - \$20,000.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$445.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$267.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$634.00

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- 2023 - Homeless Families Intervention Project and Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$332.00
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- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$505.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$330.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$370.00
- 2024 - Homeless Families Intervention Project and Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$105.00
- 2024 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$200.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$332.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$260.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$260.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$390.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$260.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$260.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$330.00
- 2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - \$200.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$260.00
- 2025 - Homeless Families Intervention Project and Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship - \$25,000.00
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**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-07-18

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-18

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting

CPG (\$30,000)

oOperating support for Homeless Families Intervention Programs (\$25,000)

oSponsor the 2026 Welcome Home Gala (\$5,000)

Community Support (\$10,000)

oSponsor the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program on December 11, 2025 (\$10,000)  
2101600\_FY26 Goodwill Campaign Support Ad-hoc  
CPE IO - 1000056241

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

## Contact

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## Organization

**\*Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Official Name:** RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN ARIZONA INC  
**\*Legal Name:** Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona, Inc.  
**\*Address:** 501 E Roanoke Ave  
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**\*City:** Phoenix  
**\*State:** Arizona  
**\*Zip/Postal Code:** 85004  
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## Proposal

**\*Request Owner:** Karla Esparza  
**Request Source:** External (Submitted 2025-02-06)  
**Proposal Type:** General Grant Application  
**\*Determination Status:** Scheduled for Committee  
**Strategy:**  
**Organization Category:** Basic Needs  
**Type of Request:** Annual  
**Purpose:** Operating Expenses  
**Project Title:** Dobson House Renovation  
**In-Kind Request?:** No  
**Request Amount:** \$50,300.00  
**Requested Cash Amount:** \$50,300.00  
**Cash Recommended:**  
**In-Kind Recommended:** \$0.00  
**Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :** The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central and Northern Arizona® (RMHCCNAZ) is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. We serve families with children facing a medical crisis, from birth to their 22nd birthday, and who live more than 30 miles away from the healthcare facility providing the necessary treatment.  
  
The families we serve are experiencing profound stress and anxiety.  
  
On top of that anxiety and concern for their child's well-being is the stress of leaving their support system, figuring out where to stay, how they will eat, and how to pay for it all. RMHCCNAZ offers answers to those questions, making their situation a little bit easier so they can focus on being there for their child by providing a place to stay, nourishing meals, and a community of support, all at no cost to the family!  
  
Our primary objective is keeping families together during a child's hospitalization, supplying essentials, including private guest rooms, nourishing meals, toiletries, access to showers, laundry facilities, a dining room, and a fully stocked pantry accessible 24 hours a day. We operate three Houses - two in Phoenix and one in Mesa - offering all the comforts of home. This includes access to television, Wi-Fi, and comfortable common areas where families can relax or gather with other families experiencing similar challenges to share resources and provide emotional support to one another. RMHCCNAZ operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including holidays.



In 2023, we served 1,208 families with 20,400 nights of rest and served 52,120 meals. We served families from all 15 Arizona counties, 36 states, Puerto Rico, and from outside the country. In 2024, we served similar numbers in spite of Cambridge House being closed for renovations for a significant part of the year.

Furthermore, RMHCCNAZ collects demographic information provided by families staying in our Houses via an online referral form that hospital social workers complete and submit when requesting a room for a family in need of services. RMHCCNAZ stores this information in our database, the Great Ronald McDonald House Information System (GRMHIS).

We also track the number of families who stay, for how long, the primary diagnoses they are seen for, and the clinic or hospital they are visiting, along with volunteer hours and meals served using GRMHIS. Additionally, to ensure we are creating a safe and stable environment for families with children facing a medical challenge, RMHCCNAZ surveys all those who stay in one of our three Houses upon checkout. These surveys enable RMHCCNAZ to determine the quality of each stay. Families are asked if during their stay if they:

1. Felt they had the opportunity to rest and recharge so they could maintain their well-being while their child received medical care.
2. Felt their ability to follow a doctor's recommendations for their child's care was increased because they were able to stay close to a medical facility.
3. Felt their stay helped to reduce the financial impact on their family during their child's treatment.
4. Felt their stay helped reduce the overall stress level of the family.

In 2023, of those surveyed, more than 93% strongly agreed overall with the statements listed above. For 2024, RMHCCNAZ saw similarly successful results, as many of the families surveyed indicating they "agree" or "strongly agree" with the survey statements.

RMHCCNAZ is working to expand our reach in the community to serve the increasing number of families requesting a room. This will involve renovating our Houses, which we will complete that process with one House and begin on another, to update our facilities and ensure the families we serve are supported to the fullest extent possible.

**Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:**

RMHCCNAZ provides food, shelter, safety, and other essentials to help underserved communities, directly tying in with SRP's stated corporate giving guidelines for Basic Needs. Over half of the families we served in FY2023, 55.5%, qualified for Medicaid.

For over 39 years, RMHCCNAZ has been providing for the basic needs of families with children who are either severely injured or need specialized pediatric care. While some organizations help cover the costs of a family's medical expenses, we are the only organization that provides immediate support and relief to families with nowhere else to stay, sleep, eat, or rest while accessing specialized care for their child, all at no cost to them.

Many of the families we serve are living from paycheck to paycheck and taking time off to care for their child means earning no money, further stressing their financial situation. Self-sufficiency becomes increasingly difficult due to financial insecurity.

By providing a comforting home-away-from-home, RMHCCNAZ is helping these families rest and recharge so they can maintain their well-being, follow a doctor's recommendations for their child's care, reduce the financial impact on their family, and reduce the overall stress level on the family. By easing these stresses for families, RMHCCNAZ is ultimately helping families from underserved communities maintain self-sufficiency.

**Project/Program Description:**

RMHCCNAZ respectfully requests \$50,300 to support the renovation of our Dobson House, specifically to cover the expenses of installing upgrades to our heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), and fire protection systems. Dobson is one of three Houses RMHCCNAZ operates to remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

Since 2014, Dobson House has been a beacon of hope for families traveling to the Valley for their child's critical medical care. Located on the campus of Banner Children's at Desert, Dobson House features 16 standard rooms that provide comfort and support, allowing families to stay together during difficult times.

However, after years of heavy use and consistently high occupancy rates--often near 100%--Dobson House is showing signs of wear. With families staying an average of 9 nights, and sometimes much longer due to severe medical challenges, the space now urgently needs renovations to continue offering a welcoming and functional environment.

To ensure families feel at home during their stays, the Dobson House Renovation Project will bring essential updates to the property, not only providing a comforting and relaxing environment, but a livable one. A working and up to date HVAC system is required, as Mesa is dry and arid, receiving very little rainfall or low temperatures throughout the year. Based on data made available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the average annual temperature in Mesa is 85 degrees Fahrenheit. During the three hottest months of June, July, and August, NOAA lists the average temperatures as over 100 degrees. This pushes the average to the upper nineties for more than half of the year. Without a working air conditioning system, these temperatures make any building unlivable. For families facing a stressful time while their child is receiving specialized pediatric care, as well as for our staff providing support, air conditioning is absolutely essential.

Fire protection systems are not only a way to mitigate the risk of fires breaking out, it is also a requirement for all commercial buildings to ensure the safety of tenants and visitors.

Fire protection systems need updating on a regular schedule to ensure mechanisms, sprinklers, fire alarms, smoke detectors, and other fire suppression measures are in good working condition in the event of a fire. While no one plans on a fire happening, having a fire protection system is a must due to the use of cooking appliances such as stoves and ovens on a daily basis. This helps negate the risk of fire and provides an extra layer of safety for the families we serve.

Without them, achieving a livable and comforting home away from home for the families we serve would be challenging, if not outright improbable.

Slated to begin in Spring 2025 and conclude by the end of the year, this renovation, led by Concord General Contracting, will ensure that Dobson House continues to offer the highest level of care and comfort to families in need. RMHCCNAZ has worked with Concord General Contracting previously to successfully complete the Cambridge House Renovation Project. Cambridge House, which opened in 2008 and located on the campus of Phoenix Children's, has been operating at nearly full capacity. The Cambridge House Renovation Project involved similar remodeling, maintenance, and systems upgrades including HVAC and Fire Protection, to ensure the property was up to our specifications for supporting families with children facing a medical crisis. Through the standard bid process, RMHCCNAZ decided to work with Concord General Contracting to complete this project. Since 1972, Concord General Contracting has been managing projects throughout Arizona. With hundreds of projects completed, the employees of Concord General Contracting have given selflessly of their time to volunteer in communities near and far.

SRP's support for these much-needed renovations will help relieve the stress and burdens families face by providing a pristine, functional, and comforting environment during some of the most difficult times of their lives. Dobson House is where families rest, heal, and create precious memories, and we are committed to making it feel like home for every family who walks through our doors.

**Program Metrics:** Metrics for the successful completion of the Dobson House Renovation Project will be completing the necessary renovations on time and within budget. The project is set to begin in the spring of 2025, and anticipated to last 180 days with a target completion date in the fall of 2025. During that time, RMHCCNAZ will not be serving families in the Dobson House. To accommodate families whose children require pediatric medical care at Banner Children's at Desert, RMHCCNAZ will cover the cost of hotel stays nearby or place them in Cambridge or Roanoke House.

Once completed, RMHCCNAZ will reopen Dobson House to begin serving families once more. We anticipate serving over 700 families with over 4,300 nights of rest at this facility, based on the numbers of those served with nights of rest from prior years. For most of our 2024 fiscal year, our Cambridge House was closed for renovations, necessitating similar adjustments. While this resulted in slightly fewer families being served than in prior years, the Cambridge House renovations were necessary to ensure RMHCCNAZ can handle more requests for assistance in the future.

**Intended Use of SRP Funds:** Support from SRP will help RMHCCNAZ to cover the costs of updating the HVAC and fire protection systems at Dobson House. This includes replacing worn out or outdated equipment, refurbishing machinery that is still useful, and improving systems usage for greater efficiency and effectiveness of the space for families staying with us. Functioning HVAC and fire protection systems are part of ensuring Dobson House is up to code and adequately providing shelter for families and staff in Mesa's hot and arid climate. Beyond that, they are part of the essential services we provide that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

SRP's support will be integral in providing a supportive, comfortable, and welcoming space for families, rejuvenating the heart of Dobson House.

**SRP Sponsorship Benefits:** SRP's support will be recognized through branding opportunities for our Dobson House, as well as being listed as a partner on our donor recognition TVs that are on display in all three Houses. SRP's logo will also be displayed on our website and in our Annual Report, which will be sent out to over 14,000 readers and through our social media channels with over 10,000 subscribers and followers.

RMHCCNAZ will also gladly provide a tour of the renovated Dobson House upon completion of the project and will provide staff to volunteer and speak at SRP workplace events.

Due dates and specifications for logos and other branding information can be discussed upon funding.

**Other Sources of Funding:** RMHCCNAZ has begun reaching out to community partners for funding the Dobson House Renovation Project, which includes the following:

Mesa Hohokam Foundation

Kemper & Ethel Marley Foundation

Moreno Family Foundation

Marco Foundation

E.L. Wiegand Foundation

Thunderbirds Charities

Employees Community Fund of the Boeing Company

The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation

Del E. Webb foundation

Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

**Similar Organizations:** While there are organizations that help with the costs of medical care for underserved populations, Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona is the only organization that provides comfortable nights' sleep, nourishing meals, and a community of support, all at no cost to the families we serve.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona serves as a model for other organizations to emulate when it comes to supporting families with children facing a medical crisis. As there are no other organizations like this in the Phoenix Metro area, RMHCCNAZ is working to address the need, with the number of families needing a place to stay while staying close to their child continuing to rise.

**Letter Signer & Title:** Juana Hernandez, Community Stewardship Representative Sr.

**Internal Comments:** Operating support for updating the HVAC and fire protection systems at Dobson House. This includes replacing worn out or outdated equipment, refurbishing machinery that is still useful, and improving systems usage for greater efficiency and effectiveness of the space for families staying with them (\$50,300).

Approved by CPG (JH) on 07/24: \$25,000 Capital Campaign support for the Dobson House Renovation. - JH

August Committee Meeting

## Attachments

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### Annual Reports:

#### In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

**Current Year Budget:** RMHCCNAZ 2024 Operating Budget.pdf

**Last Year's Budget:** RMHCCNAZ 2023 Org Budget and Statement of Activities.pdf

**Program Budget:** RMHCCNAZ Dobson House Renovation Budget 2025.pdf

**Audited Financial Statements:** RMHCCNAZ 2023 Audit.pdf

**Board of Directors Listing:** RMHCCNAZ 2025 Board of Directors.pdf

**List of Corporate Contributors:** RMHCCNAZ Top Funders 2024.pdf

**Additional Attachment (1):**

**Additional Attachment (2):**

**Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:**

**Number of Events:** 0

**Custom Report:**

**Event 1 Name - Approved:**

**Event 1 Date - Approved:**

**Event 2 Name - Approved:**

**Event 2 Date - Approved:**

**Event 3 Name - Approved:**

**Event 3 Date - Approved:**

**Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:** No

## Payment

## Scan

No matches were found

## Approval

**Requested Amount:** \$50,300.00

**\*Recommended Amount:** \$25,000.00

**Prior Approved Grants:** •2013 - - \$0.00

•2013 - - \$300.00

•2013 - - \$50,000.00

•2014 - - \$70.00

•2014 - - \$5,000.00

•2015 - - \$20,000.00

- 2016 - - \$20,000.00
- 2018 - - \$24,004.17
- 2018 - President's Volunteer Spirit Awards- Chris Rodriguez - \$2,500.00
- 2019 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2019 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2019 - A McNight to Remember - Beauty and the Beast Gala - \$12,038.78
- 2020 - A McNight to Remember - Around the World in 80 Days Gala - \$13,793.33
- 2020 - COVID-19 Relief Funds - \$5,000.00
- 2020 - Dollars for Doers Grant - \$250.00
- 2020 - Sponsor 6th Annual Ronald McDonald House Greater Phoenix Pro-Am - \$5,000.00
- 2021 - 7th Annual Ronald McDonald House Greater Phoenix Pro-AM - \$5,000.00
- 2021 - Annual Program Support - \$20,000.00
- 2021 - Jim Pratt Annual Allotment Contribution - \$5,000.00
- 2022 - RMHCCNAZ's 2021 Corporate Champions - \$20,000.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$6,046.25
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,612.75
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$7,556.50
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,408.50
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,378.50
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,378.50
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,388.50
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,388.50
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,143.54
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,087.54
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,073.54
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,073.54
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,170.31
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$4,504.04
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$40.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,411.54
- 2023 - Keeping Families Together Program and Event Sponsorships - \$30,000.00
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,087.54
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$3,131.31
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,179.54
- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,087.54
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,267.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,827.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,740.50
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,827.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,811.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,827.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,821.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,897.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,897.00
- 2024 - Keeping Families Together Program and Events Sponsorships - \$30,000.00
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,845.50

- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,087.54
- 2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,897.00
- 2024 - Capital Improvements to Cambridge House - \$30,000.00
- 2025 - Program support for Adopt-A-Room and Keeping Families Together, and Sponsorship Requests for 50th Anniversary Gala and 2025 Golf Tournament - \$33,500.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,997.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,995.50
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,997.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$6.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,003.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,827.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$2,394.00
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - \$1,997.00
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**Request Status:** Pending

**Approval Step 1:** Owner Step Definition

**Performed By:** Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

**Completed:** 2025-02-06

**Result:** Defined

**Approval Step 2:** Recommend / Do Not Recommend

**Performed By:** Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

**Completed:** 2025-07-24

**Result:** Recommended

**Comments:** Approved. August Committee Meeting

Capital campaign support for the Dobson House Renovation (\$25,000)

**Approval Step 3:** Request Owner Approval

**Performed By:**

**Completed:**

**Result:**

**Comments:**

## Contact

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**Salutation:**

**\*First Name:** Kerry

**Middle Name:**

**\*Last Name:** Schulman

**Vendor Number:**

**Title:** Chief Executive Officer

**Title (CEO):**

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**\*Internal Use Only?:** N  
**CEO First Name:**  
**CEO Last Name:**  
**Principal Prefix:**  
**CEO Email Address:**  
**Mobile Phone:**  
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**CEO Mobile Phone:**  
**CEO/Executive Director Contact:**  
**Person completing application:**

