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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 20, 2026, No Sooner Than 11:30 AM

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

Committee Members: Sandra Kennedy, Chair; and Casey Clowes, Lupe Conchas, Thomas Galvin, Mario Herrera, Mark Pace, Paul Rovey, and Leslie 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 SANDRA KENNEDY

   - Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 21, 2026.

2. Corporate Contributions ..... CLARE FELIX and ANNE RICKARD

   Request for approval of the following contributions:

   A. $100,000 to St. Mary's Food Bank to support the Food Distribution Program.

   B. $75,000 to United Food Bank to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

   C. $50,000 to Habitat for Humanity: $40,000 to support the Neighborhood Revitalization for Veterans Program; and $10,000 to sponsor the Blueprints and Blue Jeans event on March 5, 2027.

   D. $50,000 to The Salvation Army: $20,000 to support the Emergency Rental Assistance; $20,000 to support the East Valley and Metro-Phoenix Heat Relief; and $10,000 to sponsor the Silver Bells Gala on November 6, 2026.

   E. $45,000 to SciTech: $15,000 to support the Chief Science Officer (CSO) Program; $15,000 to support the STEM for All, Kits, and STEM Free Little Libraries; and $15,000 to support the Workforce Skills Initiative.

   F. $45,000 to A New Leaf: $30,000 to support the Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services; $10,000 to sponsor the Camaraderie Gala on February 27, 2027; and $5,000 to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

   G. $40,000 to Arizona Science Center: $25,000 to support the Featured Exhibition 2027; $5,000 to support Girls in STEM; $5,000 to support the Cavescape Exhibition for Title I students; and $5,000 to sponsor the Galaxy Gala event on February 27, 2027.

H. $35,000 to Arizona Educational Foundation: $25,000 to support the Spheres of Industry (SOI) Renewable Energy in partnership with Mesa Public Schools; and $10,000 to support the TeachSTEM at East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

I. $35,000 to House of Refuge: $25,000 to support the Adopt-a-Home Program; and $10,000 to sponsor the House of Refuge Gala Fundraising Event on April 3, 2027.

J. $30,000 to Save the Family Foundation: $25,000 to support the Housing Stabilization and Pathways to Stability Programs; and $5,000 to sponsor the Welcome Home Gala on March 6, 2027.

3. Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees ..... JIM PRATT

4. Future Agenda Topics ..... CHAIR SANDRA KENNEDY

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.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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May 21, 2026

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 1:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026, 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 N. Brown, Chair; S. Kennedy, Vice Chair; and M. Herrera, K. Johnson, and L. Rovey.

Committee Members absent at roll call were R. Arnett, K. Mohr-Almeida; and S. Williams.

Also present were President C. Dobson; Vice President B. Paceley; Board Members K. Clark, M. Harlan and P. Rovey; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair S. Naylor; Council Liaison E. Gorsegner; Council Members G. Geiger, R. Miller, C. Resch-Geretti; A. Almodova, I. Avalos, P. Avilar, M. Burger, J. Burke, M. Carroll, W. Christensen, G. Delizio, D. Dreiling, C. Felix, J. Felty, C. Granados, L. Hobaica, J. Hubbard, R. Judd, V. Kisicki, B. Koch, A. Kosednar, K. Lee, B. Mcclellan, J. Mclean, R. Mueller, M. O'Connor, B. Olsen, D. Patterson, J. Pratt, A. Pulicksen, A. Rickard, J. Riggs, D. Roach, D. RoDee, K. Sandstrom, B. Shoemaker, J. Schuricht, C. Sifuentes-Kohlbeck, A. Tapia, D. Tennis, Z. Thompson, J. Tucker, J. Williams, and F. Zyriek of SRP; Kate Bowman of Vote Solar; Dylan Ikkala of Apex Clean Energy; Autumn Johnson of Tierra Strategy; and Rick Miller of HDR, Inc..

Chair N. Brown appointed Board Member K. Clark to serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

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 19, 2026.

Chair N. Brown called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Chair N. Brown requested a motion for Committee approval of the Consent Agenda, in its entirety.

On a motion duly made by Board Member M. Herrera and seconded by Board Member K. Johnson, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting on February 19, 2026, as presented.

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

YES:	Board Members N. Brown, Chair; S. Kennedy, Vice Chair; and K. Clark, M. Herrera, K. Johnson, and L. Rovey	(6)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Members R. Arnett, K. Mohr-Almeida; and S. Williams	(3)

Corporate Contributions

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Anne Rickard, SRP Director of Community Partnerships, presented Management's request for approval of corporate contributions to the following organizations, along with an overview of SRP employee representation on the boards of those organizations and contributions by other companies to those organizations. They introduced Clare Felix, SRP Senior Manager of Community Engagement Strategy.

C. Felix presented the contributions as follows:

A. $215,000 to SRP Classroom Grants: $128,800 to support STEM Learning Grants; $12,500 to support History and Social Science Grants; and $73,700 to support SRP Impact Areas.

B. $225,000 to University of Arizona College of Engineering: $75,000 per year for three years - $37,000 to support the Solar Track Meet; $10,000 to for programming support for Engineering Ambassador recruitment; $10,000 as a sponsorship for Design Day; $7,000 for programming support for engineering clubs; $5,500 to support the Navajo Scrubber Endowment; and $5,500 to support the ENGAGED Endowment.

C. $50,000 to UMOM New Day Centers: $42,500 to support the UMOM's Family Emergency Shelter Program; and $7,500 to sponsor the Annual Gala event on October 3, 2026.

C. Felix and A. Rickard responded to questions from the Committee.

On a motion duly made by Board Member M. Herrera and seconded by Board Member K. Johnson, the Committee agreed to recommend Board approval of all corporate contributions, as presented.

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

YES:	Board Members N. Brown, Chair; S. Kennedy, Vice Chair; and K. Clark, M. Herrera, K. Johnson, and L. Rovey	(6)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Members R. Arnett, K. Mohr-Almeida; and S. 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.

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

Jim Pratt, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, reported on a variety of federal, state, and local topics of interest to the Committee.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair N. Brown 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 2:01 p.m.

Lora Hobaica
Assistant Corporate Secretary

SRP Community Relations Board Committee

Clare Felix & Anne Rickard | August 20, 2026

SRP & St. Mary's Food Bank

Request $100,000 to support:

- The Food Distribution Program

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	$75,000	Michael O'Connor

Comparatives

• APS	$500,000
• Fidelity	$100,000
• Bank of America	$82,000

SRP & United Food Bank

Request $75,000 to support:

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	$65,000	Kisshell Wilson

Comparatives

• APS	$215,000
• Resolution Copper	$85,000
• State Farm	$65,000

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	$50,000	Anne Rickard

Comparatives

• Nationwide	$85,000
• State Farm	$76,500
• MUFG Bank	$65,000

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 & SciTech

Request $45,000 to support:

- $15,000 – Chief Science Officer (CSO) Program
- $15,000 – STEM for ALL & STEM Free Little Libraries
- $15,000 – Workforce Skills Initiative

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Education	$25,000	David Felix

Comparatives

• USAA	$150,000
• Cox Communications	$40,000
• TSMC Arizona	$25,000

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

- Bank of America $50,000
- Intel $50,000
- APS $25,000

SRP & Arizona Science Center

Request $40,000 to support:

- $25,000 – The Featured Exhibition 2027
- $5,000 – Girls in STEM
- $5,000 – Cavescape Exhibition for Title I students
- $5,000 – Sponsor the Galaxy Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Education	$35,000	Tina Drews

Comparatives

• TSMC Arizona	$100,000
• APS	$45,000
• Onsemi	$30,000
• State Farm	$30,000

SRP & Arizona Educational Foundation

Request $35,000 to support:

- $25,000 – Spheres of Industry (SOI) Renewable Energy
- $10,000 – TeachSTEM at EVIT

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Education	$25,000	Grant Smedley

Comparatives

• APS	$100,000
• Desert Financial	$75,000
• Cox Communications	$30,000

SRP & House of Refuge, Inc.

Request $35,000 to support:

- $25,000 – Adopt-a-Home Program
- $10,000 – Sponsor the House of Refuge Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	$35,000	Brian Heath

Comparatives

• State Farm	$45,000
• Commercial Metals Company	$30,000
• Western Alliance Bank	$25,000

SRP & Save the Family Foundation

Request $30,000 to support:

- $25,000 – Housing Stabilization & Pathways to Stability Programs
- $5,000 – Sponsor the Welcome Home Gala

Giving Priority	Previous Contribution	SRP Employee on Board
Basic Needs	$30,000	Devin Warren

Comparatives

• Cox Charities	$120,000
• Blue Cross Blue Shield	$50,000
• Nationwide	$20,000

thank you!

AGENDA

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August 12, 2026

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

   Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

   The Salvation Army

   SciTech

   A New Leaf

   Arizona Science Center

   Arizona Educational Foundation

   House of Refuge

   Save the Family Foundation

4. **Chairman's Report**
5. **Adjournment**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Corporate Contributions Committee Items for Approval

August 12, 2026

Organization	Amount Recommended	Previous Year Contribution	Focus Area	SRP Employee on Board
St. Mary's Food Bank	$100,000	$75,000	Basic Needs	Michael O'Connor
United Food Bank	$75,000	$65,000	Basic Needs	Kisshell Wilson
Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona	$50,000	$50,000	Basic Needs	Anne Rickard
The Salvation Army	$50,000	$50,000	Basic Needs	Kim Humphrey / Michael Mendonca
SciTech	$45,000	$25,000	Education	David Felix
A New Leaf	$45,000	$45,000	Basic Needs	Christina Worden
Arizona Science Center	$40,000	$35,000	Education	Tina Drews
Arizona Educational Foundation	$35,000	$25,000	Education	Grant Smedley
House of Refuge	$35,000	$35,000	Basic Needs	Brian Heath
Save the Family Foundation	$30,000	$30,000	Basic Needs	Devin Warren

Note: Detailed descriptions for each item included in appendix.

Organization: St. Mary's Food Bank

Amount Recommended: $100,000

Description: St. Mary's Food Bank (SMFB) is requesting support for its Food Distribution Program, which delivers food to low-income individuals across Arizona. Demand for food assistance continues to rise, with the organization now serving approximately 1.1 million Arizonans annually and seeing an additional 300,000 individuals seeking help in the past year alone. The effects of continued inflation and rising living costs (3.3% increase in food prices) are placing significant strain on families. At the same time, federal support has declined (reduction of 10 million pounds) requiring St. Mary's to purchase a greater share of essential items.

These factors have significantly increased program costs; SMFBs food purchasing budget is increased to $13 million (increase from $9.7 million in the previous year and $1 million pre-COVID). St. Mary's anticipates distributing a record 132 million pounds of food over the next year through Emergency Food Boxes, Weekend Family Backpacks, mobile pantries, meals for children and homebound seniors through their more than 700 partner agencies. Continued reductions in SNAP benefits are shifting a greater share of hunger relief responsibility from federal programs to nonprofit organizations like SMFB, and they expect another impact to families' benefits in the fall.

Board Member: Michael O'Connor

Comparatives:

- APS $500,000
- Fidelity $100,000
- Bank of America $82,000

Organization: United Food Bank

Amount Recommended: $75,000

Description: United Food Bank (UFB) is requesting support for the Emergency Food Assistance program and its annual fundraiser. In 2025, UFB distributed 29.2 million pounds of food and served an average of 130,000 neighbors each month. By May 2026, monthly demand has risen to more than 144,000 neighbors, reflecting growing food insecurity driven by inflation, high housing costs, SNAP changes, reduced federal funding, and cuts to USDA food supplies. Anticipated SNAP and Medicaid reductions are expected to further increase food insecurity, driving more families to seek emergency food assistance. As demand grows and federal resources decline, UFB will rely more heavily on purchased food to support its network of over 130 partner agencies. The requested increased funding would help cover essential operating expenses, including food purchases, grocery rescue efforts, transportation, fleet maintenance, and program staffing.

Board Member: Kisshell Wilson

Comparatives:

- APS $215,000
- Resolution Copper $85,000
- State Farm $65,000

Organization: Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

Amount Recommended: $50,000

Description: Habitat for Humanity is requesting support for its Neighborhood Revitalization Program and its annual fundraising event. The program provides critical home repairs to low-income homeowners earning below 80% of Area Median Income, prioritizing seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and families in under-resourced communities. Repairs are tailored to each home and may include HVAC, plumbing, electrical work, weatherization, and accessibility modifications to improve safety and livability. The program also emphasizes community engagement through volunteerism. SRP's support for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program would be directed toward veterans facing housing challenges, providing essential repairs and accessibility modifications while also offering volunteer opportunities for SRP employees.

Board Member: Anne Rickard

Comparatives:

- Nationwide $85,000
- State Farm $76,500
- MUFG Bank $65,000

Organization: The Salvation Army

Amount Recommended: $50,000

Description: The Salvation Army is requesting support for its Heat Relief Efforts, Emergency Assistance Program, and annual fundraising event. The Salvation Army activates 11 cooling stations across the Valley during the summer months whenever an Excessive Heat Warning is in effect. These Cooling Centers operate from May through September and provide respite from the heat, along with cold bottled water, snacks, electrolyte drinks, and heat-relief items. In addition, 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. The program provides one-time assistance with essential needs, including rent, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation. For those requiring ongoing support, referrals are made to additional community resources and services.

Board Member: Kim Humphrey / Michael Mendonca

Comparatives:

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

Organization: SciTech

Amount Recommended: $45,000

Description: Arizona Technology Council Foundation, DBA SciTech Institute, is a collaborative initiative of the Arizona Technology Council and the Arizona Commerce Authority focused on connecting and engaging STEM and workforce development networks in Arizona and beyond to foster opportunities and collaboration in education and the workforce. SRP's funding will support four initiatives:

- Chief Science Officer (CSO) Program: Trains 11-18-year-old youth as STEM leaders, equipping them with critical workforce skills and enhancing their leadership capabilities through mentorship and CSO-led community action planning and implementation. For 2026/2027, they anticipate 265 CSOs that will impact at least 93,280 peers and community members across the state. Based on historical data, at least 39% of next year's CSOs will attend Title I schools, and 29% will qualify for free/reduced lunch.
- Skills Map Framework Initiative: This workforce initiative brings together K-12, postsecondary, employers, community organizations, workforce development, and government stakeholders to align education, training, degrees, and credentials with workforce needs via foundational skills and industry-specific Workforce Skills rubrics and mapping. The focus is on helping students understand the skills needed for careers in high demand industries in Arizona.
- STEM for All: A community-based literacy and education initiative that expands equitable access to books, STEM learning resources, and hands-on educational opportunities across underserved and rural communities in Arizona.
- STEM Free Little Libraries: Provide hands-on STEM activities to rural and underserved youth through 19 independently operated LFLs. Currently, 280+ families each month

engage in STEM through the kits and related educational resources delivered to 49 LFLs statewide.

Board Member: David Felix

Comparatives:

- USAA $150,000
- Cox $40,000
- TSMC Arizona $25,000

Organization: A New Leaf

Amount Recommended: $45,000

Description: A New Leaf is requesting support for its Homelessness Intervention & Prevention Services, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, and its annual fundraising event. In the past year, A New Leaf's Shelter Programs provided critical assistance to 18,825 individuals experiencing hardship through a broad range of supportive services. This included emergency shelter for 4,004 individuals, domestic violence services for 2,587 survivors, and financial assistance and employment support for 9,000 community members. Through a comprehensive, wraparound approach, A New Leaf helps individuals and families achieve long-term stability by offering employment services, housing navigation, legal advocacy, financial education, and connections to additional community resources.

Board Member: Christina Worden

Comparatives:

- Bank of America $50,000
- Intel $50,000
- APS $25,000

Organization: Arizona Science Center

Amount Recommended: $40,000

Description: Arizona Science Center welcomes and serves roughly 500,000 visitors annually. ASC is also a leading provider of informal STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education programming for PreK through eighth-grade students and professional development training for teachers. SRP's funding will support:

- 2027 Featured Exhibition: Each year ASC has featured exhibitions. ASC's featured exhibitions draw visitors of all ages from across the state and around the world. The

majority of exhibition guests come from cities and towns within Maricopa County. With the planned exhibition for Spring 2027, ASC projects the exhibit will serve an estimated 50,000 visitors during its run.

- Girls in STEM: Girls in STEM gives girls multiple opportunities to explore their abilities and meet female mentors. Throughout the year during STEM-themed programs and special events, hundreds of girls in grades 4-8 learn about and apply STEM through hands-on activities, collaborative problem-solving, and team challenges. Girls also learn about STEM careers and educational pathways from professional women in STEM-related industries who serve as mentors. ASC anticipates 1,200 girls in 2026-27.
- Cavescape Exhibition: CaveScape is an immersive, underground-themed exhibition — complete with live bats. The massive, crawlable structure lets visitors explore glowing, neon-lit tunnels while learning about STEM, geology, and cave ecosystems. Funding would support 1,000 Title I students in the 2026-27 school year for no cost admission.
- Sponsorship of Galaxy Gala: Galaxy Gala is ASC's signature annual fundraising event raising funding for STEM Education programs.

Board Member: Tina Drews

Comparatives:

- TSMC Arizona $100,000
- APS $45,000
- Onsemi $30,000
- State Farm $30,000

Organization: Arizona Educational Foundation

Amount Recommended: $35,000

Description: Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) helps prepare Arizona hundreds of thousands of students statewide for long-term success while supporting the educators and schools that shape the state's future. SRP's funding will support two workforce development programs:

- TeachSTEM: A statewide workforce development initiative designed to introduce students to STEM careers while also inspiring the next generation of educators to view teaching as a meaningful and impactful STEM profession. The grant will directly serve 190 students in grades 9-12 enrolled in Early Childhood Education CTE pathways, as well as 12 educators who will receive professional development and instructional support.
- Spheres of Industry: A career-connected learning initiative designed to help K-8 students explore high-demand industries through hands-on, project-based STEM experiences embedded into everyday classroom instruction. SRP's grant will focus specifically on renewable energy and will serve 1,500 elementary and middle school students, 184

educators, and six administrators across three Mesa Public Schools campuses (focused on Title I schools).

Board Member: Grant Smedley

Comparatives:

- APS $100,000
- Desert Financial $75,000
- Cox $30,000

Organization: House of Refuge

Amount Recommended: $35,000

Description: House of Refuge is requesting support for the Adopt-a-Home Program and its annual fundraising event. Located in east Mesa, House of Refuge provides transitional housing and comprehensive supportive services to families experiencing homelessness. The organization offers safe, affordable housing within a neighborhood-style community, complemented by wraparound services such as case management, employment assistance, and life skills education. Through its mission, House of Refuge helps families achieve stability, recover from trauma, and successfully transition to permanent housing. In 2025, House of Refuge served 136 families, representing 437 individuals experiencing homelessness, including 270 children under the age of 18.

Board Member: Brian Heath

Comparatives:

- State Farm $45,000
- Commercial Metals Company $30,000
- Western Alliance Bank $25,000

Organization: Save the Family Foundation

Amount Recommended: $30,000

Description: Save the Family is requesting support for its Housing Stabilization & Pathways to Stability programs and sponsorship of the organization's annual fundraiser. Save the Family helps families overcome poverty and homelessness and achieve long-term self-sufficiency,

primarily serving communities across Maricopa County. Family homelessness continues to be a growing challenge; the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count identified 611 families experiencing homelessness (an 11% increase since 2020). Each year, Save the Family supports more than 780 unduplicated families, representing approximately 2,560 individuals, including 1,200 children and youth, and provides more than 507,000 nights of safe sleep. Through comprehensive housing, case management, and supportive services, the organization helps families achieve stability and build a path toward lasting self-sufficiency.

Board Member: Devin Warren

Comparatives:

- Cox Charities $120,000
- Blue Cross Blue Shield $50,000
- Nationwide $20,000

Corporate Contributions Budget Summary

FY27 Arizona/Valley Year-to-Date Actuals – (May 1, 2026 – August 4, 2026)

Focus Area	Budget	YTD Actuals	Remaining Budget
Basic Needs	$2,220,894	$307,500	$1,913,394
Education	$1,943,282	$136,701	$1,806,581
Arts & Culture	$832,835	$298,500	$534,335
Civic Engagement	$385,656	$14,550	$371,106
Environmental	$169,567	$8,000	$161,567
Total	**$5,552,234**	**$765,251**	**$4,786,983**

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
***Zip/Postal Code:**	85009-1518
***Main Telephone:**	602-343-3146
***Main Email Address:**	lnotaro@stmarysfoodbank.org
***Website Address:**	www.stmarysfoodbank.org
***Executive Director Name:**	Milton Liu
***Executive Director Phone Number:**	602-343-3102
***Executive Director Email Address:**	mliu@stmarysfoodbank.org

Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-06-25)
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 largest geographic impact is Maricopa County; however, we directly serve two-thirds of the state through our programs and indirectly assist rest of the state by providing food to our sister food bank whose areas of service fall outside of St. Mary's scope (i.e., the East Valley and parts of Southern Arizona). Our annual impact includes providing food to benefit approximately 1.1 Arizonans. The food distribution activities (described in more detail below) conducted in 2025, and the impact they made, included:

a) Distributing 838,720 Emergency Food Boxes (EFBs) that provided 18,451,840 meals.

b) Distributing 35,473 bags to unhoused individuals that contained 120,956 pounds of ready-to-eat food items.

c) Providing 77,532 Weekend Family Backpacks. Parents used food items from the backpacks to prepare 930,384 healthy meals.

d) Providing 66,897 hot and 325,612 cold Kids Café after-school meals, and 60,517 Kids Café breakfast meals, for a total of 453,026 meals to assist low-income children.

e) Delivering 81,365 food boxes containing approximately 2,440,950 pounds of food to seniors and other homebound adults.

f) Conducting 1,704 mobile pantry distributions at which 12,210,981 pounds of food were distributed and that provided 10,175,818 meals.

g) Distributing 30,268 Indigenous food boxes on tribal lands.

Program/Project tie to SRP Goals: St. Mary's Food Distribution Program meets SRP's giving priority of providing vital services to people in our communities and providing for their basic need for food. More people are requesting food assistance from St. Mary's every day because they are struggling due to unrelenting high prices for food, gas, housing, healthcare, and other expenses. In April 2026, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the Phoenix Metropolitan Area's Consumer Price Index increased by 1.7% over the 12 months ending in February 2026, including food prices increasing 3.3%. This happened while the Phoenix Area's inflation rate was just 1.7% in February 2026 -- lower than the national average of 2.4%. According to the latest Census data, up to 12.5% of Arizonans, or 950,000 people, live at or below the Federal Poverty Level, which for a family of four is $33,000.

The Pew Research Center states that childhood hunger negatively affects physical and cognitive growth and long-term health trajectories. The nearly 300,000 food-insecure Arizona children struggle to concentrate and learn in school, putting them at risk of academic failure. In fact, 50% of these children end up repeating a grade. Food-insecure adults often develop anemia and experience hunger-related fatigue that impacts their work performance. Finally, chronic hunger can cause severe and lasting damage to the health of low-income older adults. They are particularly susceptible to hunger because most live on a fixed income and find themselves often having to choose between paying for food and other expenses, like medicine, medical insurance, and rent. The Food Action and Research Center reports that food-insecure older adults are 65% more likely to develop diabetes, 60% more likely to be depressed, and 57% more likely to experience congestive heart failure.

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. Over the past year alone, an additional 300,000 people visited us for help. At the same time, the federal government decreased its supply of food to St. Mary's by 10 million pounds.

In addition to federal budget cuts and providing fewer food items, St. Mary's also is feeling the impact of increased prices for food and other expenses. For example, before COVID, St. Mary's food purchasing budget was $1 million. Today it is $13 million -- a 1300% increase! The cuts to federal commodities means that St. Mary's is now paying for most of the food items being put into the EFBs. We also are paying $5 per mile for fuel to operate our diesel trucks. Finally, St. Mary's is experiencing a 7% week over week increase from the prior year of people coming to its Phoenix Neighborhood Food Center for assistance.

Project/Program Description: The program goal is to improve the health and well-being of low-income, hungry Arizonans, including those in Northern Arizona and on the Navajo Nation; ensure food is easily accessible and available within a short distance of those who need it; and ensure people have the food they need to consume daily healthy meals so they can manage a chronic condition, like diabetes or COPD.

The Food Distribution Program provides free food through several different activities, including:

*Distributing Emergency Food Boxes 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 often are supplemented with extra food and produce.

*Distributing Family Weekend Backpacks filled with enough full-size healthy food items (i.e., peanut butter and jelly, 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 that take large amounts of free food items to central locations in different communities and then invite neighbors to pick up the food at no cost and take it home to prepare meals.

*Distributing Overnight Food Bags to unhoused individuals and families. The bags supply enough ready-to-eat food 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 children after school and over the summer.

*Food Box Deliveries to low-income homebound seniors and other individuals.

Program Metrics: The program will serve at least 1.1 million Arizonans of all ages over the next year. The demographics served are 42% Hispanic/Latino, 10% African American, 2% Asian, 42% White, 2% Native American, and 2% Multi-Racial. Approximately 85% of the people receiving food assistance come from low-income households.

Dozens of cities throughout Arizona will be reached by coming to one of our neighborhood centers or our 700 partner agencies throughout the state. These cities include Phoenix, Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, Avondale, El Mirage, Glendale, Peoria, Prescott, Flagstaff, Prescott Valley, Tuba City, Dewey, Page, and Kayenta.

Intended Use of SRP Funds: The funds will support the overall Food Distribution Program and the activities conducted under its umbrella that are described above (i.e., distributions of EFBs and backpacks, food box home deliveries, etc.). We would specifically use your funds to purchase additional food items that are needed to ensure the EFBs, backpacks, and meals are nutritionally well-balanced. We use a great deal of donated food to create these provisions; however, we often must purchase items that are not donated in sufficient quantity to meet the nutritional guidelines for them. This means purchasing tons of protein items like tuna and peanut butter, and dairy items like yogurt, milk, and cheese.

Your grant will help St. Mary's has the resources it needs to meet the increasing amount of requests for food assistance. We will continue to work with our current food providers (i.e., grocery stores, farmers, etc.) and identify new ones to procure all the additional food that will be needed for the increasing number of people seeking assistance and to help offset reductions in federal commodities.

St. Mary's expects to distribute a record 132 million pounds of food this year. This will include distributing 800,000 EFBs that will provide more than 17.6 million meals, 85,000 Weekend Family Backpacks, 630,000 prepared meals for children, and 200,000 food boxes for homebound seniors and other adults. A grant of $75,000 from SRP will provide 375,000 meals.

SRP Sponsorship Benefits: St. Mary's will gratefully recognize SRP for its funding and long-standing partnership in several ways. We would recognize the funds and SRP on social media, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X; tell other donors in proposals and reports about your generous support; and recognize your wonderful employees when they come on-site to volunteer with packing EFBs. We would be very pleased to put out a media release and/or conduct a check presentation if you would like one. In addition, if there are other ways you would like St. Mary's to recognize SRP for its donation, we would be thrilled to do that for you.

Other Sources of Funding: St. Mary's works with many partners and collaborators to conduct the program - a requirement for a program with such a large scope. These include our 700 partner agencies that receive EFBs, backpacks, etc. from St. Mary's and distribute them to their hungry neighbors; dozens of grocery and retail stores, farmers, civic groups, and others that donate tons of food every year to St. Mary's; and generous volunteers like SRP employees who help pack food boxes every day.

The program is financially supported by individuals, faith-based organizations, civic groups, corporations, foundations, and others. Current corporate and foundation funders include the Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation, the Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation, the ECF of Boeing, Door Dash, Season for Sharing, and General Mills. We currently have a number of grant requests pending with other foundations and corporations.

Similar Organizations: Other organizations in Arizona provide food assistance to people in need, including food pantries, shelters, senior centers, food kitchens, and our two sister Feeding America food banks. What differentiates St. Mary's is that we are the largest food bank in Arizona and we provide food to nearly all of these agencies. When the other two primary food banks in Arizona run short of food, they call St. Mary's for help. That is because we have strong partnerships with multiple food producers that enable us to procure the high volume of food needed to help hungry Arizonans.

St. Mary's also is the world's first food bank and our founder, John van Hengel, helped create Feeding America, which today is comprised of 300 food banks. St. Mary's is a leader and expert in the food bank industry and an advocate for helping hungry people. We are involved in many local and national partnerships that raise awareness about hunger and how food banks can maximize their resources by avoiding duplication of services.

St. Mary's also partners with 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. Finally, we collaborate with other Arizona 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

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for the Food Distribution Program ($75,000).

Attachments

Annual Reports:	
In-Kind Supporting Documentation:	SRP In Kind Document 2026.pdf
Current Year Budget:	St Marys Organization Budget 2026.pdf
Last Year's Budget:	St Marys Operations Budget 2025.pdf
Program Budget:	Food Distribution Budget 2026.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	St Marys Audited Financials 2025.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	Board Roster FY25-26 updated January 2026.pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	Corporate Donors 5000 Plus 202526.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:	
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Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?:	No

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No matches were found

Approval

Requested Amount:	$75,000.00
***Recommended Amount:**	$100,000.00
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
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•2022 - Route Truck Refrigeration Units - $45,000.00
•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $3,709.26
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•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
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•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $6,465.29
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•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
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•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
•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $9.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $4,542.40
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•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $4,655.40
•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $9.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $4,570.70
•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $9.00
•2026 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $6,599.80
•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $1,459.00
•2026 - Food Distribution Program - $75,000.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $4,294.40
•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $9.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $4,414.40
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• - Sword Sports Drinks - In-Kind Donation - $1,170.00
• - - $0.00
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Request Status: Pending
Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition
Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist
Completed: 2026-06-30
Result: Defined
Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend
Performed By: Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship
Completed: 2026-07-22
Result: Recommended
Comments: Approved. August Committee Meeting

Operating support for the Food Distribution Program ($100,000)

Approval Step 3: Request Owner Approval
Performed By:
Completed:
Result:
Comments:

Contact

Salutation:	Ms.
***First Name:**	Lisa
Middle Name:	
***Last Name:**	Notaro
Vendor Number:	
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Title (CEO):	
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Mobile Phone:	
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CEO Mobile Phone:	
CEO/Executive Director Contact:	
Person completing application:	

Organization

***Organization Category:**	Basic Needs
Official Name:	UNITED FOOD BANK
***Legal Name:**	United Food Bank
***Address:**	245 S. Nina Drive
Address 2:	
***City:**	Mesa
***State:**	Arizona
***Zip/Postal Code:**	85210
***Main Telephone:**	4803984449
***Main Email Address:**	mhodges@unitedfoodbank.org
***Website Address:**	www.unitedfoodbank.org
***Executive Director Name:**	Jason Reed
***Executive Director Phone Number:**	480-926-4897
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Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-07-02)
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:	$12,200.00
In-Kind Needs Description:	Audio Visual Support & Stage for Friends Breakfast
Request Amount:	$65,000.00
Requested Cash Amount:	$65,000.00
Cash Recommended:	
In-Kind Recommended:	
Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :	United Food Bank's mission is to "unite communities to alleviate hunger." Our service area includes 19,608 square miles of eastern Arizona, covering eastern Maricopa, Pinal, Gila, and southern Apache and Navajo counties.
Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:	Supporting United Food Bank aligns with SRP's community goal of providing for the basic needs of all Arizonans. Our work focuses on making sure every neighbor has the food they need to thrive.
Project/Program Description:	United Food Bank is a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating hunger across five counties in eastern Arizona (Maricopa, Pinal, Gila, and southern Apache and Navajo) by providing nutritious food to children, families, seniors, and individuals experiencing food insecurity. As the only Feeding America food bank in the region, United Food Bank supports a network of more than 130 partner agencies, hosts mobile food distributions, and offers direct food assistance programs to ensure that every Arizonan has reliable access to healthy food. Over the past year, the need for food assistance has continued to rise as persistent inflation, high housing costs, and changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) have placed additional strain on household budgets. In 2025, United Food Bank served an average of 130,000 neighbors each month. In May 2026, that number increased to more than 144,000 neighbors in a single month, reflecting the growing reliance on emergency food assistance experienced by food banks across the region.

For the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027), our goal is to increase food distribution to 30.6 million pounds, a steady increase from 29.2 million pounds distributed in 2025. With decreased federal funding and ongoing cuts to USDA food supplies, this increase will consist of both donated grocery-rescued food and purchased product.

When it comes to program goals, our motto of "Strength in Unity. Food for All." remains our highest priority. To highlight both the importance of our work and the way the community comes together to make it all possible, here is Jessica's story. To see photos and video, visit: https://unitedfoodbank.org/how-food-fuels-jessicas-bright-future/

Jessica moved to the Valley with big dreams for her future: pursuing higher education and building a meaningful career. Determined, she earned her degree from Arizona State University. As a student, she was active in her community, participating in several Native American student organizations and Tribal leader support groups. After graduation, she wanted to continue with her education.

Then, everything changed overnight. After walking away from what appeared to be a minor car accident, to Jessica, it seemed normal. But when she woke up the next morning, she immediately knew something was wrong. She couldn't feel anything -- not even her legs. Alarmed, her parents rushed her to the hospital, where doctors delivered the devastating news that she had a severe spinal cord injury and was temporarily paraplegic.

"After my accident, I remember sleeping on my knees. I couldn't drive and couldn't cook for myself. I had to have my family bathe me," Jessica admitted. "It was definitely a dark time, and I was just trying to make it through."

In the months and years following the accident, Jessica faced daily mobility challenges. Losing her independence was painful enough, but the emotional and financial strains that accompanied her recovery made things even harder. Often, nutritious food became increasingly unaffordable and inaccessible due to her disability. With no other solution, Jessica eventually realized she needed help simply to survive.

"I was kind of pushed into a corner," she said. "You've got to push past that ego and find the strength and courage to survive. And asking for help was what I needed to survive."

After years of healing and trying to get back on her feet, today, she finds herself walking on one cane. Something that the doctors never thought possible. During this time, Jessica ultimately decided it was time to return to school. But this time, she returned to the classroom with a new sense of purpose: becoming a doctor.

Once enrolled at Maricopa Community College (MCC), she found not only educational opportunities but also student resources that fit her needs. Among the resources available to her were The Mesa Market, the on-campus food pantry, and United Food Bank partner agency. As a United Food Bank partner agency, neighbors can receive healthy snacks, food bags, and other items to make nutritious meals. This makes for some perfect study fuel for students who seek assistance that isn't ramen.

For Jessica, the pantry has been a lifeline as she tries to pay her tuition, prioritize her health, and, of course, her studies.

"I'm trying to stretch my money throughout the month, but at the end of the month, it gets harder."

Jessica is grateful for this food pantry. Not only does it help her, but it also creates a community of fellow students and nearby families who receive its services each month.

"To be able to know that there's a community that cares about students and makes sure they're getting the proper nutrients when they go to class, for me, I'm really blessed to have this kind of place," shared Jessica.

The past few years have been a journey for Jessica, marked by many highs and lows. Despite everything that has come her way, she has always come back a little stronger. But she couldn't have done it alone. Along the way, The Mesa Market and United Food Bank have become a small but meaningful part of her healing journey.

Today, more students, children and families are facing food insecurity than ever before. Jessica's story is just one example of the growing need in our community. And during the summer months, students of all ages lose access to meals; therefore, the need becomes even greater. Support for organizations like United Food Bank helps ensure more students can continue to pursue their education and have access to the essential support they need.

Program Metrics: United Food Bank serves more than 1.5 million individuals annually, providing much-needed food assistance across a 19,608-square-mile region in eastern Arizona. In 2025, an average of 130,000 neighbors turned to our network partners each month for nutritious food to support themselves and their families during difficult times.

Food reaches communities from Tempe to Springerville through a network of 130+ trusted partner agencies serving both urban neighborhoods and rural areas where access to healthy food can be limited.

United Food Bank serves a diverse population that reflects the communities of eastern Arizona, including children, families, seniors, veterans, and individuals of every race, ethnicity, gender, age, and health status who are experiencing food insecurity.

Intended Use of SRP Funds: For FY26-27, United Food Bank requests the following funding from SRP:

*$65,000 to support the operating costs of the Emergency Food Assistance Program

*In-kind audio-visual services plus a stage at the Friends Breakfast Event on November 4, 2026

The $65,000 grant will support our daily mission to get food to where it's needed most. With every $1 donated to United Food Bank helping to provide three meals, this grant would provide about 195,000 meals to families facing food insecurity in our five-county service area. This generous contribution will go toward essential operating needs like truck fleet fuel and maintenance, program staff support, grocery rescue efforts, and food purchase. As operating costs continue to climb and federal funding has decreased, SRP's funding becomes even more significant to UFB to continue acquiring and distributing food at scale.

As part of the support this SRP grant would provide, please note that our food purchase budgets for this year and last were:

FY25-26: $1,110,000.00

FY26-27: $1,865,373.00

The in-kind support at the annual Friends Breakfast in November 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, generating much-needed funding during the holiday season.

SRP Sponsorship Benefits: The in-kind Friends Breakfast support would serve as an official sponsorship for the event. Benefits include:

Reserved seating for 8 near the stage

Logo on all event materials, including invitation, program, website & signage

Social Media post/recognition

Onstage recognition from CEO

Other Sources of Funding: 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.

(1) Our Partner Agency Network: United Food Bank works daily with over 130 human/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.

(2) Our State-wide Partners: United Food Bank collaborates with other food banks in Arizona to coordinate food distribution coverage, as well as collaborating on large-scale food donations to ensure zero waste. In our partnership with the Arizona Food Bank Network (AzFBN), UFB is supported through public policy representation, as their work focuses on advocating for food-insecure people throughout the state with accurate, high-impact information and coordinated messages. Additionally, AzFBN coordinates the collection and distribution of donated fresh produce through its Rio Rico facility, ensuring that bulk quantities of nutritious food are delivered to food banks across the region rather than sent to landfills. United Food Bank also works with the AZ Department of Economic Security's Child and Community Services Division to provide and receive input on hunger challenges, issues, and updates regarding state and federal food programs, as well as to facilitate the Link2Feed food bank client-tracking program.

(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, host special events, fundraise, and help us identify ways to serve the region better. In 2025, over 4,500 volunteers collectively contributed 28,668 total volunteer hours to UFB's mission.

United Food Bank has a diverse funding base, including individuals, corporations, municipalities, and foundations. We are proud to work alongside corporations like Fry's, State Farm, USAA, Bank of America, and Toyota. Foundation support includes Virginia G. Piper, Diane & Bruce Halle, and Smith-Tieken, among others.

Our top 20 funders for FY25/26 include:

Virginia G. Piper - $1,000,000

Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation $425,000

Smith Tieken Foundation $250,000

Fry's - $220,000

APS - $215,000

SRPMIC - $175,000

Anonymous Foundation - $175,000

USAA - $145,000

Mercy Care - $125,000

VSUW - $125,000

Moreno Family Foundation - $100,000

Toyota Foundation - $100,000

Resolution Copper - $85,000

Nina Mason Pulliam - $75,000

SRP - $65,000

State Farm - $65,000

City of Mesa - $60,000

Melby Fund - $55,000

Chick-fil-A - $50,000

Kempel & Ethel Marley Foundation - $50,000

Similar Organizations: 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.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for the Emergency Food Assistance Program ($65,000); and sponsorship for the Annual Friends Breakfast (no amount specified) on November 4, 2026.

	**Also requesting In-Kind services for Audio Visual Support & Stage for Friends Breakfast ($12,200).

Attachments

Annual Reports:	
In-Kind Supporting Documentation:	
Sponsorship Packet:	2026 Friends Breakfast Sponsorship Flyer.pdf
Current Year Budget:	26-27 UFB Full Budget.xlsx - Sheet1.pdf
Last Year's Budget:	25-26 UFB Full Budget (1).pdf
Program Budget:	26-27 UFB Full Budget.xlsx - Sheet1.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	2025 - United Food Bank and Waste Not - Audit Final.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	2026-27 Board List with Email Addresses.pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	2025-26 Top 20 Corporate Contributors.docx.pdf
Additional Attachment (1):	
Additional Attachment (2):	
Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:	
Number of Events:	1

Event One

Event 1 Event Name:	Annual Friends Breakfast Breakfast
Event 1 Date:	2026-11-04
Event 1 Location :	Sunkist Warehouse 254 W. Broadway Road Mesa, AZ 85210
Event 1 Number of Attendees:	200
Event 1 Cash Requested:	
Event 1 In-Kind Requested:	12200
Event 1 Other Event Info:	The Friends Breakfast is a network-style event with a formal program to share updates on United Food Bank's work with key community stakeholders and to raise mission-critical funds. Attendees include government officials, corporate partners, and community supporters.
SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:	Yes
Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:	$100,000.00
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:	
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Event 1 Time:	

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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
94%	Angela Romero (Contact Full Name)	ROMERO, ANGEL M	OIG Exclusions	ROMERO, ANGEL M Listing: ROMERO, ANGEL M - Individual Address: 212 W 91ST STREET, APT 1030 NEW YORK NY 10024 Occupation: MEDICAL PRACTICE, MD Occupation: ANESTHESIOLOGY DOB: 1943-06-28 Incident: 1128b4

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Approval

Requested Amount: $65,000.00

***Recommended Amount:**

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
- •2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $411.60
- •2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $276.40
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- •2023 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $750.00
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•2025 - Food Composter - In-Kind Donation - $20,000.00
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•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $456.54
•2025 - Emergency Food Assistance 2024 - $52,289.00
•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $814.54
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $635.62
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•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $953.43
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $649.81
•2026 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $873.35
•2026 - Emergency Food Assistance & Friends Breakfast - $65,000.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $630.62
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $635.62
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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: 2026-07-07
Result: Defined
Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend
Performed By:
Completed:
Result:
Comments:
Approval Step 3: Request Owner Approval
Performed By:
Completed:
Result:
Comments:

Contact

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CEO First Name:	
CEO Last Name:	
Principal Prefix:	
CEO Email Address:	
Mobile Phone:	
CEO Phone:	
CEO Mobile Phone:	
CEO/Executive Director Contact:	
Person completing application:	

Organization

***Organization Category:**	Basic Needs
Official Name:	HABITIAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL INC
***Legal Name:**	Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona
***Address:**	2830 W Glendale Ave
Address 2:	
***City:**	Phoenix
***State:**	Arizona
***Zip/Postal Code:**	85051-8400
***Main Telephone:**	602-268-9022
***Main Email Address:**	info@habitatcaz.org
***Website Address:**	www.habitatcaz.org
***Executive Director Name:**	Todd Rogers
***Executive Director Phone Number:**	602-262-8660
***Executive Director Email Address:**	toddr@habitatcaz.org

Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-06-18)
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:	$55,000.00
Requested Cash Amount:	$55,000.00
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.

Since 1985, Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona has been privileged to build more than 1,275 homes, complete over 4,500 repairs, and improve the place called home for more than 5,000 Arizona families, veterans, and seniors. In total, Habitat has helped transform the lives of more than 9,500 individuals, thanks to the generosity of donors, volunteers, and community partners.

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's Neighborhood Revitalization program aligns with SRP's commitment to strengthening communities and helping Arizona residents meet their basic needs. Safe, stable housing is essential to individual and family well-being, and our Neighborhood Revitalization program helps ensure that vulnerable homeowners can remain safely in their homes. Habitat serves low-income homeowners, many of whom are seniors, veterans, or families of color living in under resourced neighborhoods. 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 and our shared community.

This 2026 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 a continued specific interest in veteran serving projects, and we are happy to report the number of veteran households impacted.

Beyond the direct impact on individual homeowners, Neighborhood Revitalization strengthens entire communities. Improved housing conditions contribute to neighborhood safety, support resident well-being, and fosters community pride. Volunteer engagement further connects community members, businesses, and civic partners in meaningful service.

SRP's continued investment will help ensure that Arizona families have access to safe and healthy housing, creating lasting benefits for homeowners, neighborhoods, and the broader community.

Project/Program Description: Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona's Neighborhood Revitalization program preserves safe, stable housing for low-income homeowners by addressing critical repair needs that impact health, safety, accessibility, and long-term housing stability. The program serves homeowners earning below 80% of Area Median Income, including seniors aging in place, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and families living in under-resourced communities.

Repairs are tailored to each household's needs and may include roof replacement, HVAC repair or installation, plumbing and electrical upgrades, weatherization improvements, accessibility modifications, and other health and safety repairs. These improvements help homeowners remain safely housed, reduce the risk of displacement, and improve overall quality of life. The average project cost ranges from $10,000 to $15,000 per home.

Neighborhood Revitalization is made possible through partnerships with municipalities, community organizations, volunteers, and funders. All repairs are completed by licensed contractors and Habitat's experienced construction team, ensuring projects meet quality and safety standards. When financially feasible, homeowners contribute toward project costs through a sliding-scale model that encourages shared investment and long-term stewardship.

With support from SRP, Habitat will complete three critical home repair projects within SRP's service area, including at least one veteran household. Habitat will also provide volunteer engagement opportunities for SRP employees, allowing them to directly participate in strengthening local neighborhoods and supporting vulnerable homeowners.

The goals of the program are to improve housing safety, preserve affordable homeownership, increase accessibility for aging and disabled residents, and strengthen neighborhood stability. By repairing and preserving existing homes, Neighborhood Revitalization helps families remain safely housed, lowers household expenses through energy-efficient improvements, and builds stronger, more resilient communities.

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 we anticipate at least one project will be serving a veteran household through this funding.

We will track and report the following metrics:

Number of households served

Veteran households served

Aging in Place 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 $55,000 investment will be used as follows:

$40,000 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 requirements 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 5, 2027. 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 2027 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.

Upon confirmation of funding, we will confirm the timing of marketing items, likely in December or January.

For reference, we have attached the 2026 Sponsorship Packet. While the 2027 packet has not yet been finalized, we anticipate it will be very similar to the version provided.

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 include a mix of city contracts, foundation grants, individual donations, and corporate sponsorships.

Cities such as Avondale, Mesa, Tempe, Peoria, Chandler, 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:

Season for Sharing: Aging in Place

O'Reilly Foundation: NR Revitalization

Union Pacific: NR Revitalization

Bank of America: NR Revitalization

Marley Foundation: Aging in Place

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 Cullum Homes and Candelaria Design 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: Several organizations throughout Central Arizona provide housing-related services, including emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and minor home repair assistance. While these programs are essential, Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona's Neighborhood Revitalization program focuses specifically on preserving affordable homeownership through critical home repairs.

The program serves low-income homeowners, including seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and families living in under-resourced neighborhoods. Many of these households face repair needs that threaten their ability to remain safely in their homes.

What differentiates Habitat is its ability to complete substantial repairs that address significant health, safety, and accessibility concerns. Through Neighborhood Revitalization, Habitat helps homeowners remain safely housed, maintain their independence, and avoid displacement.

By investing in existing homes and neighborhoods, Habitat preserves affordable housing, improves quality of life for homeowners, and creates lasting community impact.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for the Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) ($40,000); sponsorship for the Blueprints & Blue Jeans event ($10,000) on March 5, 2027; and Board Membership fees for Anne Rickard ($5,000).

Attachments

Annual Reports:

In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

Sponsorship Packet: Blueprints & Blue Jeans Sponsorship Invitation 2026.pdf

Current Year Budget: Habitat 2026 Org Budget_Summary.pdf

Last Year's Budget: 2025_OrgBudgetSummary_Habitat.pdf

Program Budget: 2026_NRProgramBudget_Habitat.pdf

Audited Financial Statements: FY24_990_HabitatCAZ.pdf

Board of Directors Listing:	BOD List FY 25-26 with Photos 01.28.2026.pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	2026_CorpDonors_HFHCAZ.pdf
Additional Attachment (1):	HFHCAZ Top 20 Corporate Donors FY26 for SRP.pdf
Additional Attachment (2):	
Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:	
Number of Events:	1

Event One

Event 1 Event Name:	Blueprints & Blue Jeans
Event 1 Date:	2027-03-05
Event 1 Location :	Arizona Biltmore
Event 1 Number of Attendees:	350
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 roughly 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:	$541,000.00
Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :	Yes
Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:	At this time, no sponsors have been formally confirmed for the 2027 Blueprints & Blue Jeans event. Based on longstanding partnerships and historical giving patterns, Habitat anticipates support from organizations including Cullum Homes ($25,000), Candelaria Design ($10,000), Nationwide ($10,000), and Western Alliance Bank ($10,000). Additional sponsorship commitments are expected as outreach, and sponsorship discussions continue. These projections are based on consistent multi-year support and ongoing engagement with these valued partners.
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
Event 1 Time:	

Payment

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No matches were found

Approval

Requested Amount:	$55,000.00
***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, Ammual Appeal - $60,000.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $370.00

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•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

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•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $370.00

•2025 - Blueprints and Blue Jeans - $10,000.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $336.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $460.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $460.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $460.00

•2026 - ISB In-Kind Donation - 25 Combo Cabinets - $900.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $570.00

•2026 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $576.00

•2026 - Neighborhood Revitalization, Event Sponsorship, and Board Commitment - $55,000.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $460.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $690.00

•2027 - In-Kind Donation - 12 Monitors - $120.00

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Request Status: Pending

Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition

Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

Completed: 2026-06-19

Result: Defined

Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend

Performed By: Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

Completed: 2026-06-19

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 5, 2027 ($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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CEO First Name:	
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Principal Prefix:	
CEO Email Address:	
Mobile Phone:	
CEO Phone:	
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:**	Henry Graciani
***Executive Director Phone Number:**	602-267-4165
***Executive Director Email Address:**	henry.graciani@usw.salvationarmy.org

Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-07-03)
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 and East Valley Heat Relief Efforts, Water and Community Safety, Silver Bells Gala, and Spring Golf Event FY2027
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 2025, The Salvation Army helped, cared for, and supported 366,713 men, women, and children throughout the state of Arizona. Sixty-eight percent of all services were provided 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 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 and other heat-relief items to keep vulnerable individuals safe during periods of excessive heat. All The Salvation Army's heat relief efforts follow local health guidance to ensure the safety of those who depend on The Salvation Army's programs and services, as well as our officers, staff, and volunteers. Most of our cooling stations are also pet-friendly, allowing individuals to receive assistance without fear and giving their pets 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 spaces with the public for access to 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, 2702 E. Washington Street

-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 products, including SPF, lip balm, heat- and 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 can 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 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 most of the 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 who are at imminent risk of eviction unless they receive rental assistance to bring them up to date on their leases.

Silver Bells Gala 2026 Sponsorship ($10,000) Friday, November 6th, at The Camby, located conveniently at 2401 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016. You are invited to join us for the 2026 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) Friday, April 9, 2027. Please join us at the annual golf tournament. Support from the tournament provides safe housing, meals, case management, and children's programs at the Army's Phoenix Family Services Office and Emergency Family Shelter. As soon as materials are available, we will make sure to get them to you. The Eagle 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 across the Valley of the Sun. Each of our programs is different and captures specific metrics and data collection relating to its scope of work.

The Heat Relief and Cooling Station program metrics include:

-# 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.)

The Kroc Center's Swim Lesson Scholarship program metrics include:

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

Emergency Rental Assistance

WellSky software collects client-level and service-assistance data. It generates custom reports to review program and participant metrics. Similar to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in this region, it is 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 and client and program outcomes. The software also generates customized HUD and additional reports to meet contractual and specialized funder requirements and support program quality improvement.

-# of households that receive a direct payment to maintain their permanent housing for at least 30 days

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

Maricopa County Public Health has confirmed:

-430 heat-related deaths occurred in 2025

-Approximately 60% of the heat-related deaths were among those aged 50 or older

-75% of those who perished were male

-Between 6/13/25-9/5/25, a heat-related death occurred every day in Maricopa County. During this 85-day streak, 357 heat-related deaths occurred.

-84% 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 community Corps as "Heat Relief Cooling Stations" to support the regional Heat Relief effort. Cooling Stations provide free, cold bottled water to anyone. Health and safety information is available on staying well hydrated, calm, and safe during extreme heat warning days. Tote bags are available for transient individuals to carry enough water bottles to last throughout the day. Funds from SRP support the operation of these lifesaving efforts, because all heat-related deaths are preventable.

$20,000 Emergency Rental Assistance

The Salvation Army offers a range of housing 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 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. Providing emergency rental assistance ensures that vulnerable individuals and families can remain in their current permanent housing and reduces the likelihood of additional homelessness in our communities. Evidence suggests that evictions aren't just disruptions; they are crises that ripple through families, communities, and the local economy. For every $1 invested in eviction prevention, $5 in savings are delivered for individuals and community programs. Preventing people from becoming unhoused is far more cost-effective than supporting them in becoming housed again.

To illustrate the impact of this program, we recently received an email from a client who received assistance from our mobile heat relief unit. We received a follow-up email from the client, and here is their testimony:

Dear Salvation Army Team,

I write with deep gratitude to acknowledge the life-changing support I received during one of the most vulnerable chapters of my life.

As a senior citizen with two beloved dogs, I suddenly found myself homeless for 64 days in Phoenix's extreme heat, battling serious health concerns after toxic exposures from unpermitted construction left me with lifelong systemic injuries. One moment, I was healthy and working; the next, I faced devastating disability and the loss of stability.

The staff members at Phoenix Family Services met me with true humanity. They guided me through various housing options and provided direct financial support to help me move into a permanent rental I can afford on my own going forward. Most importantly, they never forced me to be separated from my dogs. That saved my mental health and gave me the hope and strength to keep moving forward and heal.

To me, humane means having or showing compassion, kindness, and concern for others' well-being. That spirit was clearly woven into every step of the support I received from the staff at Phoenix Family Services. Their work went beyond service; it reflected a high level of character and genuine care for human dignity.

For this, I am profoundly grateful. Please extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire team for their life-changing work.

With gratitude,

Teri

$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 and youth, ages 1-17, who lack the financial resources, with free swim lessons, enabling them to demonstrate increased skills and abilities to be confident and safe in and around water.

$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" 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 2026 Gold Sponsorship $10,000 Friday, November 6, 2026, at Camby

-Full table 8-10 seats

-Logo inclusion on the Silver Bells web page

-Digital ad display at event

-On-site logo presence

-Paddles

-Social media, website, and e-blast coverage

-Recognition as a key supporter. Includes logo placement at our Camp Ponderosa in Heber

"Fore the Cause" Classic Golf Tournament Sponsorship $5,000 Friday, April 9, 2027, at the Grand Canyon University Championship Golf Course

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

-As soon as the materials are printed, Stephanie Lang, our corporate relations director, will reach out to you to provide any additional information.

Other Sources of Funding:

The Salvation Army's fundraising plan secures resources for our programs and operational needs. It is advanced by Corps Officers and our Advisory Boards, with support from The Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters (DHQ) in Phoenix, Arizona. DHQ provides support in 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 into the 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, Phoenix Family Services programs, and Corporate Sponsors include:

-The City of Chandler: $25,000-Support for the Chandler Corps Rental Assistance program for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

-Piper Trust: $75,000-Heat Relief Efforts-Maricopa County Summer 2026

-Piper Trust: $50,000-Homeless Prevention Programs July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

-Summer Youth Program Fund: $17,500-Kroc Summer Program CY2026

-The Emergency Food and Shelter Program for Shelter, Meals, and Rental Assistance: Phase 42 Pending Request of $365,000; we are unsure of what the actual allocation will look like. We were notified in June 2026 that these funds are scheduled for release sometime during CY2026. Nationally, EFSP funds have been frozen since January 2025 due to an executive order.

-Salt-River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: $200,000-Phoenix Family Services, emergency shelter and rental assistance CY26

-Cox Communications: $20,000

-Valley of the Sun United Way: $ 60,650- Phoenix Family Services Emergency Assistance Program, July 2026-June 2027 (Rental Assistance)

-Pool and Hot Tub Association, Step into Swim: $5,000 (Kroc Swim Safety) June 2026-December 2026

-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 largest geographic footprint in Maricopa County and demonstrated capacity to operate and administer Heat Relief, water, and other community safety-net programs on a large, impactful scale. Our programs deliver measurable value across the Valley of the Sun and direct 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 help avoid service duplication 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 one of the top referrals provided to individuals seeking assistance via Arizona 211.

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

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments:

Requesting operating support for the Metro-Phoenix and East Valley Heat Relief Efforts ($20,000); the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ($20,000); the Kroc Center Swim Lesson Scholarship Program ($10,000); Sponsorship for the Silver Bells Gala 2026 ($10,000) on November 6, 2026; and the "Fore the Cause" Classic Sponsorship ($5,000) on April 9, 2027.

Attachments

Annual Reports:	
In-Kind Supporting Documentation:	
Sponsorship Packet:	Silver Bells 2026 Files Combined.pdf
Current Year Budget:	FY26 Phoenix Metro Budget 10.2025.pdf
Last Year's Budget:	FY26 Phoenix Metro Budget 10.2025.pdf
Program Budget:	FY26 Phoenix Metro Budget 10.2025.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	TSA Southwest Audited Financials 2025 Recieved 2.18.26.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	Offical 2026.01.01.BOARD OF DIRECTORS.pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	SRP Corporate Upload 7.1.2026.docx
Additional Attachment (1):	
Additional Attachment (2):	
Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:	
Number of Events:	2

Event One

Event 1 Event Name:	Silver Bells Gala 2026
Event 1 Date:	2026-11-06
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.
SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:	Yes
Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:	$135,000.00
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

Event 2 Event Name:	Fore the Cause Classic Sponsor
Event 2 Date:	2027-04-09
Event 2 Location:	Grand Canyon University Championship Golf Course 5902 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85033
Event 2 Number of Attendees:	60
Event 2 Cash Requested:	5000
Event 2 In-Kind Requested:	0
Event 2 Other Event Info:	NA
SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 2:	Yes
Event 2 Net Proceeds Previous Year:	$50,000.00
Event 2 Other Event Sponsors:	Yes
Event 2 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:	For more information, please 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
Event 1 Time:
Event 2 Time:

Payment

Scan

Score	Scanned Entity	Match	WatchList Name	WatchList Detail
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98%	Kimberly Thompson (Contact Full Name)	THOMPSON, KIMBERLY D	OIG Exclusions	THOMPSON, KIMBERLY D Listing: THOMPSON, KIMBERLY D - Individual Address: 6022 MELROSE CIRCLE GRANBURY TX 76049 Occupation: IND- LIC HC SERV PRO Occupation: NURSE/NURSES AIDE DOB: 1972-07-13 Incident: 1128b4

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

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•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $422.00

•2022 - Equipment Donation: 250 CamelBaks - $8,750.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $410.00

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•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

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•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 - $464.00

•2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $1.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $696.00

•2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $2.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $464.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $474.00

•2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $1.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $500.00

•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

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $520.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $520.00

•2025 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $1.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $573.00

•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

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $494.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $494.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $741.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $857.00

•2026 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $750.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $721.00

•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $1,100.00

•2026 - 2025 Mexican Baseball Fiesta - $2,500.00

•2026 - Metro Phoenix-Heat Relief, Water and Community Safety, Silver Bells Gala, Spring Golf Event, and East Valley Heat Relief FY2026 - $65,000.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $489.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $504.00

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• - Heat and Food Relief Collection Boxes -

Request Status: Pending

Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition

Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

Completed: 2026-07-07

Result: Defined

Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend

Performed By: Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship

Completed: 2026-07-29

Result: Recommended

Comments: Approved. August Committee Meeting

CPG ($50,000)

o Operating support for Emergency Rental Assistance ($20,000)

o Operating support for the East Valley & Metro-Phoenix Heat Relief ($20,000)

o Sponsorship for 2026 Silver Bells ($10,000)

CPE ($10,000)

o Operating support for Kroc Center Swim Lessons ($10,000)

WF#: 3276060_FY27_Water Safety Events Ad-Hoc

IO#: 1000056241

CPA ($5,000)

o Golf Tournament ($5,000)

WF#: 3246800_FY27_Golf Tournament Ad-Hoc

Approval Step 3:	Request Owner Approval
Performed By:	
Completed:	
Result:	
Comments:	

Contact

Salutation:	Miss
***First Name:**	Kimberly
Middle Name:	
***Last Name:**	Thompson
Vendor Number:	
Title:	Southwest Divisional Director of Grants
Title (CEO):	
Address:	
Address 2:	
City:	
State:	
Province:	
Country:	
Zip/Postal Code:	
Fax:	
Telephone:	(602) 267-4292
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Principal Prefix:	
CEO Email Address:	
Mobile Phone:	NA
CEO Phone:	
CEO Mobile Phone:	
CEO/Executive Director Contact:	
Person completing application:	

Organization

***Organization Category:**	Education
Official Name:	ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL FOUNDATION
***Legal Name:**	Arizona Technology Council Foundation DBA SciTech Institute
***Address:**	1438 W Broadway Rd
Address 2:	Suite 105
***City:**	Tempe
***State:**	Arizona
***Zip/Postal Code:**	85282
***Main Telephone:**	602-343-8324
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***Executive Director Name:**	Jerermy Babendure
***Executive Director Phone Number:**	480-250-7764
***Executive Director Email Address:**	jbabendure@scitechinstitute.org

Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-06-05)
Proposal Type:	General Grant Application
***Determination Status:**	Scheduled for Committee
Strategy:	
Organization Category:	Education
Type of Request:	Annual
Purpose:	Operating Expenses
Project Title:	Strengthening Arizona's Future Workforce
In-Kind Request?:	Yes
Value In-Kind:	$6,000.00
In-Kind Needs Description:	CSO printed materials - spiral-bound handbooks 200 - $30/each
Request Amount:	$45,000.00
Requested Cash Amount:	$45,000.00
Cash Recommended:	
In-Kind Recommended:	

Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :

Arizona Technology Council Foundation, DBA SciTech Institute, is a collaborative initiative of the Arizona Technology Council and the Arizona Commerce Authority. Our mission is to connect and engage STEM and workforce development networks in Arizona and beyond to foster opportunities and collaboration in education and the workforce. Our vision is to empower individuals and communities everywhere to explore the many sides of STEM, inspiring innovative solutions to our world's greatest challenges. Our purpose is to cultivate STEM and workforce connections that make an impact.

Since 2012, SciTech Institute has connected K-12 educators with STEM stakeholders to establish new partnerships, develop and launch workforce and educational events, and collaborate on STEM initiatives for greater impact. Our 11 full-time and 10 part-time staff, overseen by a 12-member board consisting of industry professionals, cultivate STEM and workforce connections that make an impact. As the Arizona STEM Ecosystem backbone organization and member of the STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice (SLECoP), we employ a cross-sector approach to build educational and workforce capacity in Arizona and across the nation. We work collaboratively with 850+ local, regional, national, and international organizations to expand our impact. Among our offerings are

The annual Arizona SciTech Festival, a statewide celebration of STEM, is hosted by local, regional, and statewide hosts to inform, engage, and inspire Arizonans of all ages. The 24/25 Festival's 63 hosts reached 125,000+ people in 50 AZ towns, cities, and communities.

The Chief Science Officer (CSO) program trains 11-18-year-old youth as STEM leaders, equipping them with critical workforce skills and enhancing their leadership capabilities through mentorship and CSO-led community action planning and implementation. Launched in 2015, the Chief Science Officer (CSO) program empowers 11-18-year-olds to lead systemic change in their lived experiences and cultural and societal contexts, teaching them, particularly those from underserved and at-risk populations, the critical skills needed to be lifelong leaders and active citizens. The program has empowered more than 10,205 youth, including the 24/25 cohort of 1,669 CSOs from 9 states and 4 countries. In Arizona, 242 CSOs impacted more than 85,000 people through their action plans and SciTech Institute programs.

STEM Little Free Libraries (LFLs) provide hands-on STEM activities to rural and underserved youth through 19 independently operated LFLs. Since 2021, nearly 15,000 kits have expanded access to STEM, helping youth explore new concepts, develop problem-solving skills, and build confidence as young innovators. Currently, 280+ families each month engage in STEM through the kits and related educational resources delivered to 49 LFLs statewide.

The Skills Map Framework workforce initiative brings together K-12, postsecondary, employers, community organizations, workforce development, and government stakeholders to align education, training, degrees, and credentials with workforce needs via foundational skills and industry-specific Workforce Skills rubrics and mapping. We currently have 84 customized rubrics across local career sectors, as well as custom skills maps for hospitality, mining, energy, education, and healthcare, to help students understand the skills needed for careers in these fields. The Arizona Department of Education Career and Technology Education (ADE CTE) division is integrating the Skills Map Framework into the state's advanced manufacturing CTE curriculum.

Science for All, an Arizona Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO), enables low-income, underrepresented, and underserved youth to participate in SciTech Institute programs. In 24/25, Science for All raised $38,000 to support underserved youth engagement in SciTech Institute programs.

Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:

SciTech established the statewide Arizona STEM Ecosystem in 2015 and is an inaugural member of the international STEM Ecosystem (formerly the STEM Learning Ecosystem Community of Practice). The Ecosystem has built a collaborative network of over 850+ members, including representatives from state, county, city, and town governments; local, county, and state education agencies; state, nonprofit, and private universities; community colleges and districts; public school districts; libraries and library districts; businesses; and nonprofit and community organizations. The overarching goal is to empower a diverse STEM pipeline of skilled, knowledgeable Arizonans entering the workforce who contribute to our state's and nation's economy and are informed, active consumers and citizens. We leverage this collaborative network to support educational initiatives that build Arizonans' STEM career awareness, job readiness, and employment skills. Among these initiatives are the Chief Science Officer (CSO) program, Little Free Libraries STEM Kits, and the Skills Map Framework.

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CSO program

The CSO program closes opportunity gaps for 11- to 18-year-olds by developing them as STEM and civic leaders. This initiative engages youth, expands career pathways, and builds a diverse STEM workforce. It places youth at the center of STEM awareness, promotion, experience, and community action. The CSO program team works with local organizations and leaders across the US and the globe to identify Regional Leads who coordinate cabinets (~8-12 sites overseen by a cabinet coordinator) and sites (CSOs' "home" organization overseen by a site advisor) to support broader engagement, regional convenings, and collaboration. Sites include schools, nonprofits, and community organizations (e.g., libraries, science centers, 4-H, etc.).

The CSO program empowers students, drives educational advancement, and addresses Arizona's workforce needs. It makes a significant impact on underrepresented and underserved populations by intentionally partnering with Title I schools and community organizations. These partnerships promote personal growth, informed decision-making, and the development of enhanced STEM knowledge and skills. Through hands-on and virtual learning, leadership training, industry exposure, and near-peer and small-group mentorship, the program prepares students for Arizona's growing STEM job market, which is projected to increase by 21% between 2017 and 2027. This aligns with SRP's Community Education priority of supporting skill-building and employment training.

STEM for All

Our STEM for All Program (formerly LFL STEM) is a community-based literacy and education initiative that expands equitable access to books, STEM learning resources, and hands-on educational opportunities across underserved and rural communities in Arizona. This aligns directly with SRP's Community Education priority, fostering interest in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Skills Map Framework Initiative

SciTech Institute is leading a statewide, cross-sector effort to standardize skills development and assessment that addresses Arizona's evolving workforce needs. We have engaged education, workforce, business, government, and community leaders in establishing industry-validated education and career pathways. The Skills Map Framework integrates workforce competencies: communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, tech literacy, self-management, and civic mindset, into formal and informal learning. Extending the core framework are common industry and domain-specific skills maps for more than 100 key economic sectors. Our goal is to elevate transferable skills and empower Arizonans to gain training, credentials, and degrees necessary for high-demand careers. This aligns directly with SRP's Community Education priority of supporting skill-building and employment training.

Project/Program Description:

CSO Program

CSOs are 11-18-year-olds leading STEM awareness, promotion, and experiences in their communities. They engage in and bring authentic STEM experiences to their peers and communities by

- Engaging in near-peer mentoring
- Networking with industry leaders
- Attending and/or hosting regional STEM events and visiting STEM companies to build awareness of and gain practical insights into potential careers
- Meeting with elected officials to advocate for STEM policy changes and
- Implementing their Action Plans.

For 2026/2027, we anticipate 265 CSOs statewide, with 225 in Maricopa County. The 265 CSOs will impact at least 93,280 peers and community members across the state. To ensure that underserved youth are actively engaged, we partner with Title I middle and high schools and community organizations that serve high numbers of minority and low-income youth. Based on historical data, at least 39% of next year's CSOs will attend Title I schools, 66% will be non-White, and 29% will qualify for free/reduced lunch.

The CSO journey begins with a mandatory LTI, during which youth gain and practice workforce skills, collaborate with fellow CSOs, and develop their annual action plan. LTIs familiarize CSOs with the program and the tools, including the Moodle collaboration platform, that they will use throughout their CSO careers. Youth take a pre-participation survey that provides a baseline for their current skill and experience levels. They also take the DeBruce Student Agility assessment to identify their strengths and skills and how to represent them in resume building and job seeking.

Additional training occurs during fall and spring cabinet meetings and online CSO Saturdays. CSOs also meet regularly with their site advisors and cabinet coordinators to review, refine, and implement their action plans. Action Plans are youth-led events, activities, or projects that engage peers, families, and community members in STEM. Past activities include school-wide tree-planting initiatives, the launch of STEM clubs, and student-led businesses tackling STEM challenges. Through these activities and engagement in SciTech Institute's broader programming, each Arizona CSO reaches an average of 352 people annually.

Recent Action Plans have included the Pathways 2 Potential nonprofit (https://www.pathways-2 Potential.com/), founded by CSO Shireen in Arizona, to remove barriers that impede the STEAM experience of students with sensory impairments. Several AY24/25 CSOs collaborated to establish the CSO Climate Action Focus Committee (https://chiefscienceofficers.org/2023/12/28/chief-science-officers-leading-a-global-initiative-for-climate-action/) and design a research poster for the January 2024 American Geophysical Union (AGU) conference, highlighting CSO Climate Action Plans. CSOs have also led national STEM competition teams, such as First® Robotics and the A.H. Nickless Innovation Competition (https://chiefscienceofficers.org/2026/01/26/michigan-cso-emma-stem-advocay-in-communities-and-classrooms/), and designed and distributed engineering and hands-on STEM kits and STEM-onstrations for younger audiences.

Youth leadership opportunities include Regional, Cabinet, and International Leadership Councils. Regional and Cabinet Leadership Councils consist of 3-5 CSOs selected from a cabinet's sites and serve a one-year term. The Arizona Leadership Council consists of 8-20 Arizona-based students who are participants in the Chief Science Officer program, have been engaged in the program for more than 1 year, and are interested in furthering their leadership skills beyond the scope of the main program curriculum. Members plan and deliver basic CSO LTI training, cabinet meetings, and end-of-year celebrations. The International Leadership Council comprises advanced CSOs and works directly with the CSO Program Team to plan and deliver Level 1 (L1) CSO LTI training, mentor new CSOs, co-host the Youth Solutions Summit, elect new Council members, train and mentor program personnel (mentors, coaches, advisors), and plan and host monthly CSO Saturday events. CSOs also established an Alumni Association for past CSOs.

STEM for All (Little Free Libraries)

Our STEM for All (LFL) Program is a community-based literacy and education initiative that expands equitable access to books, STEM learning resources, and hands-on educational opportunities across underserved and rural communities in Arizona. Through a growing network of Little Free Libraries, public libraries, schools, community centers, and local partner organizations, the program currently serves 40+ communities across 12 Arizona counties. Each location is supported through community partnerships and volunteer engagement, ensuring consistent access to educational materials and hands-on STEM kits, including Spanish-translated resources that help expand accessibility for bilingual families and communities. Since 2021, the program has distributed nearly 15,000 STEM kits, significantly increasing access to informal STEM education while helping youth strengthen problem-solving skills, creativity, and confidence as future innovators. Today, more than 700 students are impacted monthly through free STEM kits and educational resources that encourage hands-on, screen-free learning experiences for youth and their families year-round.

Skill Map Framework

SciTech Institute is using a statewide, cross-sector ecosystem approach to underscore and support collaboration among stakeholders, define common terminology, lay the foundation for consistent definitions and recognition of skills and competencies, and integrate skills development as a core component of Arizona's education and workforce development landscape. Discussions with over 80 organizations and leaders from K-12, postsecondary, industry, community organizations, workforce development, and government provided invaluable insights and perspectives that shaped our understanding, guided our approach, and aligned the initiative's goals and objectives with their work and the broader talent development pipeline.

To support youth in connecting their education to potential careers, SciTech Institute created the Skills Map Framework, a five-tier system that links foundational skills, sector- and domain-specific competencies, and career-specific pathways to help users make connections and plan their education and career paths. Our team works with education, employers, community, government, and workforce development entities to develop and integrate industry-verified skills mapping and trajectory maps into K-12 systems, promoting a robust, diverse, and future-ready workforce.

Skills mapping systematically identifies and catalogs sector-specific foundational competencies, creating a clear framework for educators, students, and employers. Understanding how to apply these skills within and across diverse sectors enables educators to design curricula that directly address industry requirements and help students identify the skills needed to pursue rewarding careers. Trajectory maps complement skills mapping by illustrating the multiple pathways into specific careers. They depict jobs, the requirements for obtaining them, and the competencies, skills, and tasks required. Supplemental data tables and glossaries provide insights into regional education, training, and career pathways. These tools demystify the journey from classroom learning to industry jobs, showing students how early academic choices, extracurricular activities, and credentialing opportunities can lead to high-demand positions. They also allow users to identify a seamless progression from education to the workforce in their region, supporting the local economy and providing easily accessible options for place-bound participants.

SciTech works with the Arizona Educational Foundation to develop a process for integrating the Rubric into PK-12 classrooms. Initial steps included designing grade-specific competency frameworks aligned with the eight core and emerging skills of the Rubric and the Arizona Department of Education's academic Standards. AEF is the ideal partner, given its work with school A+ certifications and Arizona's Teacher of the Year program. Their team has made significant progress socializing the rubric with educators, administrators, and school certification organizations. They are training educators to seamlessly integrate skill development into the core curriculum and are exploring how to embed the skills rubric into the A+ application process, a proven way to incentivize district leaders to adopt it.

Over the last three years, the team worked with educators, employers, the Arizona Institute for Education and the Economy at Northern Arizona University, and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to develop the State 48 Graduate Profile Skills Map Framework. The framework leverages the Skills Map framework's eight core competencies. We are also strategically aligning the framework with the Arizona Department of Education's Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs, focusing initially on Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, and Aerospace & Defense, which are experiencing significant economic investment and growth in Arizona. Program components include statewide awareness campaigns, industry-led rubric development, a partnership with ADE CTE for Skills Rubric training, and Worlds of Work career-exploration events. WOW events allow educators and students to meet and network with sector professionals to better understand how the skills they are learning are applied on the job.

We are also working with WESTMARC to develop a regional approach as a model for broader engagement. WESTMARC is a public-private partnership representing 15 West Valley communities, businesses, and educational institutions focused on workforce development and economic growth. We are working with the partnership's Industry Employer Collaboratives and industry-specific enterprises to develop a skills map for their "West Valley Pipeline" industries, including Advanced Business Services; Advanced Manufacturing; Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense; Construction; Education; Healthcare and Social Assistance; Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism; Technology; and Transportation and Warehouse/Supply Chain Management. This strategic approach will strengthen regional workforce alignment, ensuring a skills-driven economy that meets employer needs and prepares individuals for high-quality careers.

Volunteer Opportunities

SRP's collaboration with SciTech offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities for our employees. Through this partnership, SRP employees can actively engage with the Arizona STEM Ecosystem, the Arizona SciTech Festival, and the Rural STEM Learning Summit, serving as community outreach advocates. By participating in various activities and events, they can connect with residents and inspire their involvement. Additionally, our volunteers play a vital role as mentors and coaches for Arizona CSOs, guiding them through challenges, empowering their voices within the community, and facilitating valuable hands-on experiences. The Shared Skills initiative also provides opportunities for SRP and its employees to engage in a variety of activities, including

- Advising on skills and jobs in clusters and domains

- Recruiting partners within and across sectors to engage in the process

- Convening consortia of partners in a workshop or forum

- Recognizing the importance and successes of this work with colleagues and the media

- Co-designing a rubric or process for a sector

- Adopting the skills rubric into one's organization through training, values, and hiring processes

- Providing resources to organizations so they can integrate into systems

- Integrating skills into organizational systems, such as training, hiring, and values

- Training team members to use the rubric

Program Metrics: Chief Science Officers

We assess CSO growth through pre- and post-program surveys, tracking progress in STEM career awareness and readiness, school and community engagement, communication and leadership skills, and Leadership Confidence. We also collect both quantitative and qualitative data to evaluate the impact of each CSO's Action Plan and ensure long-term STEM engagement. In 26/27, we anticipate

- Engaging 265+ 6th-12th graders as CSOs

- CSOs reach at least 90,000 peers and community members across the state.

- Partner with 34+ Title I middle and high schools (53% of all participating schools) and community organizations that serve large numbers of minority and low-income youth.

- At least 39% of CSOs attend Title I schools, 66% are non-White, and 29% qualify for free/reduced lunch.

STEM for All/LFLs

- STEM Kits cost approximately $5.60 per kit for materials, labor and distribution. $15,000 will enable SciTech to compile and distribute ~2,679 kits.

Skills Map Framework

- Train at least 50 educators in integrating skills and trajectory maps into their curriculum, reaching around 1,000

- Develop at least 2 regional skills and trajectory maps and supplemental tables, verified with employers.

Intended Use of SRP Funds: SRP funding will offset the following costs

- 2026-2027 CSO Program: CSO training (e.g., polos (CSO uniform), meals, materials) and local and regional event supplies; Support is also requested at - $5,000 to support low-income and rural CSO engagement in the Youth Solutions Summit (fall) and the end-of-year STEMMYs award celebration.

- STEM for All/LFL: Materials, labor and distribution of ~2,679 kits.

- Workforce Skills Initiative: Coalition development and convening academic, industry, business, workforce development agency, community, and government leaders and stakeholders

SRP Sponsorship Benefits: As a Breakthrough sponsor, SRP will receive

Logo Premium placement + larger logo

- SciTech website with link

- General e-newsletters (20K DB / 9K AZ)
- 3 Program-specific newsletters
- 2026--27 Community Report
- Event banners (STEMMYs, Summits, Festival)
- Printed programs at events
- Main event screens -- rotating slides

Social Media
- 6 Sponsored social posts (logo, tag, highlight)
- Sponsor spotlight video/reel

Event Participation & Access|CSO STEMMYs, Summits, Conferences
- 6 Event Tickets
- Free exhibitor booth at major event(s)
- 3 Speaking opportunities at major event(s)
- Reserved seating/VIP reception
- Present a STEMMY Award
- Branded swag in attendee bags

On-Stage & On-Site Recognition
- On-stage verbal recognition at events
- Registration & directional signage
- Dedicated stage time/sponsored session

Marketing & Storytelling
- 2 Featured newsletter stories (profile/interview)

Custom Engagement & Impact
- STEM volunteer opportunities for employees (Packing Party Event)
- Post-event analytics report
- Annual impact report

Other Sources of Funding:
- RTI International (DSEC/DOD Grant): $300,000
- US Department of Labor (DOL Grant): $268,133
- USAA: $150,000
- Cox Communications: $40,000
- SRP: $35,000
- National Gypsum/Gold Bond: $30,000
- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company_TSMC Arizona: $15,000
- Corning: $5,000

Similar Organizations: Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair's (SARSEF's; https://sarsef.org/) mission aligns closely with that of SciTech Institute. Both organizations aim to engage underrepresented student populations in STEM fields, with a particular focus on Southern Arizona. SARSEF prioritizes creating opportunities in Title I schools and fostering supportive communities for STEM students. They offer outreach programs, professional development for teachers, and parent workshops at no cost to Title I schools. SARSEF also organizes STEM competitions, including the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Racing the Sun: Solar-powered go-karts, and Arizona's Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS), a feeder event for the National JSHS competition.

However, there are notable differences between SARSEF and SciTech Institute. SciTech Institute's programs not only engage students but also involve community members of all ages, particularly those from low-income and underserved populations, in formal and informal STEM experiences. The focus is on building the capacity of students, STEM organizations, industry, and academic institutes across the state to lead STEM learning and engagement initiatives for their communities. SciTech Institute also prioritizes nurturing Arizona's STEM workforce pipeline. Its programs provide practical, hands-on learning opportunities and facilitate interactions between participants and professionals from business, industry, academia, civic organizations, nonprofits, and other STEM-related fields, thereby promoting awareness and interest in STEM careers.

One of SciTech's flagship initiatives is the Arizona SciTech Festival, which serves as a platform for diverse STEM organizations to showcase their work in non-traditional venues and attract large audiences. The annual four-month-long festival supports collaboration and event growth among various organizations and communities invested in STEM. It enhances existing events by increasing visibility, attracting more content providers, and boosting attendance. Additionally, the festival helps build a strong STEM brand and encourages non-traditional organizations, such as libraries, public safety organizations, chambers of commerce, cultural partners, after-school programs, and cities, to participate and raise awareness about STEM and the festival.

The CSO program directly involves students in STEM awareness and leadership activities within their schools and communities. It establishes crucial connections between industry, business, civic leadership, and schools, creating a streamlined process for organizations to engage with schools and influence STEM education. By providing a consistent point of contact for students, the CSO program ensures effective collaboration between organizations and schools, ultimately equipping students with the skills required to meet future employers' needs. It also enables schools to align their curriculum with industry requirements, nurturing students' social, behavioral, and workplace skills.

The addition of the Shared Skills, Competencies, and Jobs Framework initiative and the Rural STEM Summit significantly broadens SciTech Institute's reach and impact. There is no other Arizona organization leading efforts to support statewide and regional collaboration on the intersecting issues facing Arizona's education and workforce.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for the 2026-2027 CSO Program, the STEM for All/LFL, and the Workforce Skills Initiative ($45,000); and requesting In-Kind services for CSO printed materials - spiral-bound handbooks 200 - $30/each ($6,000).

Attachments

Annual Reports:	
In-Kind Supporting Documentation:	
Current Year Budget:	FY26_SciTech Org Budget.pdf
Last Year's Budget:	2024-2025 AZ Tech Council Foundation Budget.pdf
Program Budget:	FY26 Program Budgets.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	SciTech Institute 7_25 FS Audited.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	3-2026 AZTCF Board of Directors.pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	25-26 Corporate 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

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No matches were found

Approval

Requested Amount: $45,000.00

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

Prior Approved Grants:

- •2013 - Arizona SciTech Festival - $0.00
- •2014 - - $0.00
- •2015 - - $5,000.00
- •2016 - - $7,000.00
- •2018 - - $20,725.12
- •2019 - Arizona SciTech Ecosystem - $22,941.85
- •2019 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
- •2020 - Arizona SciTech Ecosystem - $25,000.00
- •2020 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
- •2021 - Arizona STEM Ecosystem Covid-19 Relief Funds - $5,000.00
- •2021 - Building a Strong Arizona STEM Ecosystem and Workforce Pipeline - $24,094.28
- •2021 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
- •2022 - Building a Strong Arizona STEM Ecosystem and Workforce Pipeline - $20,000.00
- •2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $56.00
- •2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $56.00
- •2023 - Building a Strong Arizona STEM Ecosystem and Workforce Pipeline - $25,000.00
- •2024 - Driving the Future of STEM in Arizona: Building a Thriving Ecosystem for Youth - $20,000.00
- •2024 - Equipment Donation - Vehicle Donation - $7,000.00
- •2025 - National Rural STEM Learning Summit - $5,000.00
- •2025 - Building Arizona's Future STEM Workforce - $25,000.00
- •2026 - Building Arizona's Future Workforce - $36,000.00
- • - Equipment Donation - 7 Printers - $3,500.00

Request Status: Pending

Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition

Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

Completed: 2026-06-15

Result: Defined

Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend

Performed By: Kelli Rael / COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR

Completed: 2026-07-02

Result: Recommended

Comments: $15,000 - CSO program; KDR education

	$15,000 - STEM kits and Free Little Libraries; KDR education
	$15,000 - Workforce skills initiative; KDR education
Approval Step 3:	Request Owner Approval
Performed By:	
Completed:	
Result:	
Comments:	

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Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-07-01)
Proposal Type:	General Grant Application
***Determination Status:**	Scheduled for Committee
Strategy:	
Organization Category:	Basic Needs
Type of Request:	Annual
Purpose:	Operating Expenses
Project Title:	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.

At ANewLeaf, our mission of "HelpingFamilies,ChangingLives" means transforming barriers into opportunities. The organization offers 25 programs across the Phoenix Metro area, including shelter and housing, domestic and sexual violence, and community assistance. Guided by compassion, integrity, and accountability, services support participants in building on their strengths and pursuing self-defined goals for lasting stability.

A New Leaf was established in 1971 as PREHAB of AZ, with a focus on providing residential and outpatient behavioral health services for youth experiencing mental health challenges and navigating substance use concerns. In 2006, the organization adopted the name A New Leaf to reflect a broader spectrum of community services and commitment to offering individuals and families the opportunity to make meaningful, positive change in their lives.

Over the years, the organization has grown through collaboration with local leaders, organizations, and community members to address critical needs and fill service gaps. Growth has also been strengthened through the integration of smaller community-based agencies, preserving vital services that faced sustainability challenges.

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, 18,825 community members experiencing economic disadvantages and systemic barriers to stability were positively impacted by services including:

* 4,004 individuals accessed emergency shelter and supportive housing

* 2,587 survivors of domestic or sexual violence received essential support services

* 9,001 individuals benefited from financial assistance, employment and career support, and financial empowerment

* 1,691 adults and children received behavioral health services

* 1,304 children and their parents/caregivers benefited from family support services

* 238 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 2027 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 community members in crisis. The VITA Program advances SRP's Community Education goals by delivering free tax preparation and financial literacy support to individuals and families with low to moderate incomes, empowering households 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 55 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 remains a serious and persistent crisis, with the 2026 Point-in-Time Count documenting 9,726 individuals experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County. A lack of affordable housing, high eviction rates, and gaps in behavioral health care and supportive services 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 creates additional barriers for community members experiencing hardship, including high rental costs, limited access to affordable childcare, and gaps in financial education and support. Without timely support, these overlapping challenges can make it harder for families to maintain stability and can weaken the overall health and resilience of the community.

A New Leaf's Homelessness Intervention Services provide approximately 47,500 nights of shelter annually for 1,015 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.

Five 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 75 men

* Autumn House Domestic Violence Transitional Shelter -- Emergency shelter/services for 15 domestic violence survivors

* Faith House Crisis Shelter -- Emergency/transitional shelter for 250 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 185 adults and children

One-year outcome goals include:

* 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 all adults will report an increased knowledge of community support services available to help maintain long-term stability

* 90% of children at domestic violence shelters will demonstrate improved emotional and behavioral well-being from intake to exit

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES

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 500 individuals[LS1.1] facing barriers to housing stability.

Individuals and families residing at La Mesita and Desert Leaf have access to a dedicated case manager who works collaboratively to identify strengths, assess needs, and develop personalized goals related to employment, financial wellness, and housing stability. This client-centered approach ensures that services are tailored to meet the unique needs of each household and maximize positive outcomes.

Residents partner with case managers to 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. Case managers 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 interrupts 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 offers 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

* 75% of households will maintain or increase income

The impact of A New Leaf's Homelessness Prevention Services is life-changing for families, like Cindy* who created a new life for herself and her children. After a sudden medical emergency and major surgery left her physically limited and unable to work, Cindy feared her family would become homeless. As a single parent, she was also managing financial stress, a difficult custody battle, unreliable transportation, and her son's intensive mental health needs.

After nine months waiting for housing that would accept her voucher, Cindy finally moved her family into a unit at the La Mesita Affordable Housing Community. At her first meeting with her case manager, Cindy shared how exhausted and overwhelmed she felt after months of setbacks. She also held onto the hope that stable housing could support her children's well-being. Working with her case manager, Cindy identified both immediate needs and longer-term goals for her family and created a plan to address them.

Cindy met frequently with her case manager to identify realistic steps toward greater stability and self-sufficiency, including finding employment, creating a budget, establishing a manageable routine, and practicing self-care. Her children attended the onsite after school program, and she began connecting with other adult residents through community events and workshops.

Cindy is now planning to move her family to an apartment closer to her job and her children's school. At La Mesita, Cindy learned practical skills and gained the community connections she needed to build a life of stability and independence for her family.

*Name changed for confidentiality

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 households with low- to moderate-income (those generally making $69,000 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 4,500 households while returning over $6,000,000 in tax refunds to local communities.

For the 2026-27 tax season, key program goals include:

* Serving 4,300+ households to maximize tax returns

* Securing $5,500,000+ in refunds for participants

* Saving $1,400,000+ in preparation fees

* Engaging 120+ IRS-certified volunteers

* Logging 7,100+ 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 eight years. A New Leaf deeply values SRP's sustained partnership in this initiative.

2027 CAMARADERIE GALA SPONSORSHIP

A New Leaf's Camaraderie Gala will occur on February 27, 2027, at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Resort. This annual event raises funds to support A New Leaf's programming for families, individuals, and children. The event also raises awareness of the diverse programs offered by A New Leaf and the complex needs they address in the community. Your sponsorship at the $10,000 level will provide critical support for A New Leaf's family of programs and is an opportunity to promote SRP's philanthropic commitment to improving our local community.

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 6,000 individuals through Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services and VITA programming, while the Gala sponsorship helps sustain the infrastructure needed to serve 14,000 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[LS2.1]:

ETHNICITY

54% Hispanic or Latino

46% Not Hispanic or Latino

RACE

41% White

21% African American/Black

3% Asian

4% American Indian/Alaskan Native

1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

1% Two or More Races

29% Other

AGE

12% 0--5

18% 6--17

9% 18--30

20% 31--49

41% 50+

GENDER

60% Male

40% 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 case management staff to develop individualized Housing Stability Plans and 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 support 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 4,300+ taxpayers, and 2) The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon honoring 120+ community volunteers whose 7,100+ hours enable $5.5M+ in refunds to remain locally.

The $10,000 Gala sponsorship supports event production costs for the 2027 Camaraderie Gala -- a catalytic community engagement event raising awareness and resources for A New Leaf's programs. The gala theme and sponsorship package are still being finalized. The sponsorship package and further event details will be forwarded to SRP as soon as it is available.

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 chronic rate of 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 Cindy's. Her experience 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: 2027 CAMARADERIE GALA

A $10,000 investment as a Support Sponsor delivers significant visibility while supporting vital housing stability services. This sponsorship level includes the following benefits:

* Prominent logo placement on event signage and/or digital platforms

* Recognition in pre-event promotions, printed programs, and/or slideshow presentations

* Ten priority seats at a premier table

* Social media features reaching 35,000+ followers

This Support Sponsor-level sponsorship positions SRP as a community leader 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. * Arizona Shelter Network: the organization is a founding member of this collaborative formed to strengthen coordination among the Valley's largest shelter providers and improve system-wide housing outcomes. * Corporate volunteerism: Partnerships with groups to enhance programming, client resources, and building improvements like State Farm assembling snack kits for youth at shelter and housing programs, Desert Financial Credit Union who assembled hygiene kits for program participants, or Salad and Go, who served meals to residents of East Valley Men's Center and delivered nutrition workshops for La Mesita residents. * 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 totheAmerican Journal of Public Health, case management has been demonstrated to improve housing stability, reduce substance use, andremove barriers toemployment. 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.

Most clients served by A New Leaf have experienced trauma related to extreme poverty, homelessness, mental and behavioral health issues, racial disparities, family instability, or domestic and sexual violence. Staff across all programs are trained to provide services using trauma-informed interventions and approaches--including recognizing the signs of trauma, providing compassionate services, and making referrals for needed supportive services.

At a time when chronic homelessness has increased by 109% since 2019, evictions outpace rehousing, and public shelter funding continues to contract, A New Leaf's proven, cost-effective model--grounded in decades of community relationships--represents the kind of durable, systems-level response the Valley's most vulnerable residents need.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for Homelessness Prevention Services funding the critical emergency shelter operations ($20,000); Homelessness Prevention Services which will sustain the housing stabilization programs ($10,000); VITA Programming ($5,000); and sponsorship for the Annual Camaraderie Gala ($10,000) on February 27, 2027.

Attachments

Annual Reports:

In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

Sponsorship Packet: A New Leaf Sponsorship Letter.pdf

Current Year Budget: A New Leaf Budget FY27.pdf

Last Year's Budget: A New Leaf Budget FY26.pdf

Program Budget: A New Leaf SRP Project Budgets FY2027.pdf

Audited Financial Statements: A New Leaf Audiit and R&I combined.pdf

Board of Directors Listing: A New Leaf Board of Directors 2026-27.pdf

List of Corporate Contributors: A New Leaf Corporate Funders FY27.pdf

Additional Attachment (1):

Additional Attachment (2):

Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:

Number of Events: 1

Event One

Event 1 Event Name: Annual Camaraderie Gala

Event 1 Date: 2027-02-27

Event 1 Location : Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Resort

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: 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: $815,000.00

Event 1 Other Event Sponsors : Yes

Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount: Preliminary List of Potential Sponsorships:

Janis Merrill, $100,000 (pending)
Club Tattoo, $50,000 (pending)
Phillips Law, $15,000 (pending)
Desert Financial Credit Union $15,000, (pending)
Messinger Mortuary $15,000, (pending)
The Mahoney Group $15,000, (pending)
Southwest Airlines $10,000, (pending)
APS, $10,000 (pending)
Nationwide $10,000 (pending)
Jackson Roskelley Wealth Advisors, $10,000 (pending)
Crescent Crown Distributing, $10,000 (pending)
Corporate Interior Systems, $10,000 (pending)
BrinDay Technologies, $10,000 (pending)
Farnsworth Construction, $10,000 (pending)
UMB Bank, $10,000 (pending)
BakerTilly, $5,000 (pending)
Total Quality Logistics, $5,000 (pending)
Arizona State University, $5,000 (pending)
Prisma, $5,000 (pending)
Gateway Bank, $5,000, (pending)
The Wrigley Mansion, $5,000 (pending)
FineMark Bank/Commerce Bank, $5,000 (pending)
East Valley Firefighters Charities, $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:
Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?: No
Event 1 Time:

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 - Empowering Families - $10,000.00
- •2013 - - $90.00
- •2013 - - $2,500.00
- •2014 - Empowering Families - $10,000.00
- •2014 - A New Leaf Shelter Support - $10,000.00
- •2014 - Camaraderie Gala - $5,000.00

•2014 - - $17,500.00

•2014 - - $2,500.00

•2015 - - $5,000.00

•2015 - - $250.00

•2015 - - $2,500.00

•2016 - - $5,000.00

•2016 - - $10,000.00

•2016 - - $5,000.00

•2016 - - $500.00

•2016 - - $20,000.00

•2016 - - $3,000.00

•2017 - - $5,000.00

•2017 - - $3,250.00

•2017 - - $300.00

•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

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•2019 - Shelter and Workforce Development Programs/Event Sponsorship - $25,000.00

•2019 - 2018 Old Bags Luncheon - $3,000.00

•2020 - Old Bags Luncheon Sponsorship - $3,500.00

•2020 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $500.00

•2020 - Shelter Programs/VITA Program/Camaraderie Gala Sponsorship - $25,000.00

•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 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $75.00

•2022 - WIN ERG Contribution - $500.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $423.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $45.00

•2022 - Computer Donations - $2,250.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $90.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $926.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $30.00

•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 - $30.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $282.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $282.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $30.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $30.00

•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

•2022 - Toast! 2021 Sponsorship - $3,500.00

•2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $30.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $381.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $150.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $411.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $150.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $381.70

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•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $381.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $225.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $572.55

•2023 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $602.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $174.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $61.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $60.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $433.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $154.00

•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 - $150.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $411.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $225.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $617.55

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $177.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $391.70

•2023 - Empowering Today, Building Tomorrow - $5,000.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $150.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $411.70

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $160.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $222.00

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•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $685.70

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•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $689.70

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $222.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $222.00

•2024 - Shelter and Housing Support Programs/VITA Program & Volunteer Appreciation/With One Voice Luncheon and Camaraderie Gala Sponsorships - $45,000.00

•2024 - Shelter and Community Services Program - $20,000.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,034.55

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,860.70

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•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $411.70

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $689.70

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $943.70

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,211.70

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,817.55

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,211.70

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•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $943.70

•2025 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00

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•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $222.00

•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 - Shelter and Community Services Program - $10,000.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $2,030.70

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $251.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $251.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,159.78

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,159.78

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,743.67

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,121.89

•2026 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,793.59

•2026 - Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Services/VITA Program & Volunteer Appreciation/ Camaraderie Gala Sponsorship - $45,000.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,198.78

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $214.50

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,163.78

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• - CAAFA Homelessness Intervention Services - $5,000.00

• - - $0.00

Request Status: Pending
Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition
Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist
Completed: 2026-07-07
Result: Defined
Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend
Performed By: Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship
Completed: 2026-07-16
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 2027 Camaraderie Gala ($10,000)

Approval Step 3: Request Owner Approval
Performed By:
Completed:
Result:
Comments:

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Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-06-30)
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
In-Kind Request?:	No
Request Amount:	$50,000.00
Requested Cash Amount:	$50,000.00
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 experiences and dynamic and engaging educational programs. At the Center, visitors immerse themselves in the study of biology, physics, geology, renewable energy, and much more through 300+ hands-on exhibits, 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 as Galaxy Gala and Sustainability Fest. ASC welcomes and serves roughly 500,000 visitors annually.

ASC is also a leading provider of informal STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education programming for PreK through eighth-grade 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 in schools, libraries, and community centers in every Arizona county, our STEM education and professional development programs serve more than 200,000 students and teachers annually. Roughly half of those we serve are from Title I schools and receive free or reduced programming, thanks to generous philanthropic support from ASC corporate and foundation partners.

Through donor-supported offerings, we serve 500,000 children and adults every year, including 200,000 schoolchildren and educators from more than 100 cities in Arizona, generating an impact that stretches from the local level to all corners of the state. What we do today shapes tomorrow's leaders in science and innovation.

Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:

Since 1903, SRP has demonstrated its devotion to building thriving communities throughout Arizona while helping individuals tap into their full potential. A proven leader in supporting the communities in which your customers and employees live and work, SRP contributes more than $2.2 million to education, supports educator workshops and programs that inspire future artists and dreamers, and boosts the community in numerous other ways.

As a company with such a rich history in our state, SRP clearly understands the importance of preparing the next generation for the challenges of the 21st century and beyond. This deep commitment aligns perfectly with the mission of ASC and our own dedication to building strong communities through education and outreach.

For years, Arizona's K-12 public education system has stagnated near the bottom on countless surveys and reports. In fact, 2025 marked the second year in a row that Arizona ranked last in the country for every metric measured as part of an annual report by Consumer Affairs. Arizona lags behind all other states in funding levels for public schools, class sizes, student-teacher ratios, statewide test scores, and high school graduation rates.

Looking at the potential causes, education experts have long cited chronic underfunding of Arizona schools, low teacher pay, rapid teacher turnover, and widespread teacher shortages -- leading to less qualified people in the classroom. We hear from teachers every day that they simply don't have the budgets for robust STEM lessons, lack sufficient materials for their classrooms, and don't have adequate experience to teach STEM effectively. These problems are often more pronounced in Title I schools and rural communities where resources are even scarcer. Title I schools typically lack funding for field trips and out-of-school opportunities that can help enhance classroom learning. Recent inflation has only exacerbated these problems as schools cut back or eliminate offsite learning opportunities due to fuel costs, and parents pull back on extracurricular activities for their children. The problem is challenging but not insurmountable and both SRP and ASC are committed to being part of the solution.

SRP's generous support of community education through classroom grants and Powering our Future grants illustrate the company's recognition of the challenges K-12 teachers are facing across the state.

Likewise, ASC is actively working to provide easily accessible, free and/or low-cost STEM education programs for students and high-quality professional development training, tools, and coaching for teachers. For example, Girls in STEM engages more than 1,200 girls annually in grades 4 through 8 with immersive STEM learning workshops. Focused Field Trips give K-8 grade students from Title I schools (and their teachers) the opportunity to participate in a cornerstone of elementary education: the field trip. Focused Field Trips are immensely valuable for Title I schools, which often don't have budgets for such excursions, and for individual children, whose families typically can't afford visits to museums.

Moreover, our featured exhibitions and special events such as Sustainability Fest draw thousands of people of all ages to explore the world of sustainability and learn how to go green in their everyday lives.

Requested funding from SRP will enable ASC to continue our vital mission of increasing access to STEM education for all Arizonans while expanding the STEM talent pipeline in the state. What's more, it will continue the longstanding and rewarding partnership between ASC and SRP in our collective drive to elevate STEM education in Arizona.

Project/Program Description:

SRP's generous investment will help make the following programs and events possible in FY27:

Featured Exhibition TBD

Target Date: Spring 2027

Request: $25,000

ASC's featured exhibitions draw tens of thousands of visitors every year. Typically launched in the spring 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 Spring 2027. This exciting exhibit will be the world premiere featuring an extremely engaging and well-known engineer. Visitor attendance is projected at 50,000.

Girls in STEM

Target Date: Monthly throughout 2027

Request: $5,000

Launched in 2013, Girls in STEM is one of ASC's mission-critical initiatives. Despite efforts to increase women's participation in STEM fields over the past fifty years, women still only represent 35% of the STEM workforce in the United States, though they represent 48% of the total workforce.

Our program offers a supportive and collaborative environment for girls to engage with each other while working on activities and projects that introduce them to concepts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Girls in STEM inspires girls in grades 4 through 8 with hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges through half- and full-day workshops held nearly monthly at ACS's CREATE makerspace and at libraries, community centers and other non-profit organizations throughout the state. Each program includes three to four hands-on activities and challenges for girls working individually and in groups, and is focused on a specific STEM topic, such as coding, engineering, chemistry, and robotics, with fun themes including Space Rocks, the Science of Force, and Arctic Archaeology.

In addition, female mentors from colleges, universities, and STEM industries also donate their time to volunteer, helping guide the girls in activities while sharing their work and career experiences. ASC is committed to providing access to exceptional education in STEM learning, regardless of ability to pay program fees. Requested funding from SRP will help provide new and expanded Girls in STEM programs for a projected 1,200 girls in FY27.

Sustainability Fest

Target Date: April, 2027

Request: $5,000

Held annually in April, ASC's popular Sustainability Fest celebrates the achievements, innovations, and importance of sustainability in shaping our future. The day-long event brings together numerous organizations such as SRP, OdySea Aquarium, and Keep Phoenix Beautiful in support of educating visitors about the importance of sustainability through hands-on activities, special guests and electrifying demonstrations. From water conservation and nature observations to composting, recycling and more, guests will explore the world of sustainability and learn how to go green in their everyday lives.

Requested funding from SRP will help present Sustainability Fest in April 2027 for a projected 700 visitors.

Galaxy Gala

Target Date: February 27, 2027

Request: $10,000

As the Center's largest philanthropic event of the year, Galaxy Gala unites community leaders, advocates, and supporters who share a belief in the transformative power of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Each February, we celebrate the impact of STEM learning while raising critical funds to ensure high-quality, hands-on science experiences remain accessible to learners of all ages, backgrounds and financial situations.

Requested sponsorship from SRP will help support ASC's programs while providing two tables for 20 guests at Galaxy Gala 2027, along with other benefits. An estimated 500 guests are projected to attend the event.

CaveScape Exhibition

Target Date: May 16, 2026 - January 3, 2027

Request: $5,000

Created from 39 miles of packing tape, CaveScape is an immersive, underground-themed exhibition -- complete with live bats! The massive, crawlable structure lets visitors explore glowing, neon-lit tunnels while learning about STEM, geology, and cave ecosystems. CaveScape is more than just fun. It's an interactive journey that shows how science is everywhere, even in the most unexpected places. Perfect for explorers of all ages, this hands-on experience turns imagination into exploration. For school field trips, our CaveScape exhibition is an add-on experience they can purchase if their budget allows. However, not all schools have the funding to cover this experience.

Requested funding from SRP will make this possible by underwriting free admission to the CaveScape exhibition for 1,000 Title I students on Focused Field Trips.

Program Metrics: ASC's Featured Exhibitions draw visitors of all ages from across the state and around the world, though the majority of our exhibition guests come from cities and towns within Maricopa County. With our planned exhibition for February 2027, ASC projects to serve an estimated 50,000 visitors during its run.

Girls in STEM is held onsite at ASC's CREATE makerspace and at partner organization locations throughout the state, drawing roughly 1,200 girls in grades 4 through 8 each year. Additionally, ASC offers unique STEM-focused experiences for Girl Scouts of all levels to earn ASC "fun patches" and official Girl Scout badges. From Half day BadgeLabs to evening twilight adventures and overnight sleepovers, each program is packed with science, fun, and unforgettable memories. Participants primarily come from cities and towns within Maricopa County.

Each April, ASC's Sustainability Fest draws roughly 700 visitors of all ages to the Center to explore the latest innovations in sustainability. Guests largely come from cities and towns in Maricopa County, though our exciting offerings attract visitors from around the world. Based on previous Sustainability Fest events, ASC is projected to serve roughly 700 visitors in April 2027.

Galaxy Gala draws approximately 500 adult guests each year to celebrate our accomplishments, and to raise essential support for ASC's mission and STEM education programs, but its reach goes far beyond those in attendance through publicity and word-of-mouth.

Intended Use of SRP Funds: Requested funding from SRP will help support the delivery of multiple learning experiences in FY27 through our upcoming Featured Exhibition, Girls in STEM, Sustainability Fest, Galaxy Gala and our CaveScape exhibition.

SRP's sponsorship of our Featured Exhibition in Spring 2027 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 anticipates an estimated 50,000 visitors to our featured exhibition in 2027.

In addition, SRP funding will help ASC deliver our Girls in STEM initiative programs for a projected 1,200 girls in grades 4 through 8 in FY27. With regular 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 our Featured Exhibition 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, 2027, visitors will learn about and explore the science behind sustainability through special demonstrations, hands-on activities, and workshops.

SRP Sponsorship Benefits: With requested program funding and sponsorships, ASC will be pleased to publicly thank and acknowledge SRP with the following recognition and 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

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

Logo and/or company name on all digital/print marketing elements related to Girls in STEM for one year

Opportunity to provide event mentors and/or a keynote speaker at one Girls in STEM event

Logo on digital & print marketing materials for Sustainability Fest

Tabling opportunity for SRP during Sustainability Fest

Recognition included in the Galaxy Gala 2027 program

2 tables of up to 10 guests each at the Galaxy Gala event

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 in our lobby

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

35 complimentary general admission passes for employees and/or clients

Year-long 10% discount on additional Science Center facility rentals (excludes catering, equipment rentals and special ticketed engagements)

Employee Appreciation Weekend for SRP employees and one guest each to visit the Center with free General Admission

Invitations to special events

Volunteer opportunities for SRP employees

Other Sources of Funding: For 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 Girls in STEM in FY27 include State Farm Foundation, Applied Materials Foundation, Mercury Systems, Central Arizona Project, and the Society for Information Management. Additional grant proposals are planned and pending to help fund these programs through the end of FY26 (June 2026). For Sustainability Fest and Galaxy Gala, ASC is actively submitting sponsorship proposals for consideration. In addition, U.S. Bank has committed as a sponsor for our Spring 2027 Featured Exhibition.

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 other notable science museums. 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, changing its focus and programs along with the changing and growing needs of students, teachers, and parents. Based on their feedback and our staff's expertise, we continually strive to improve and strengthen our current offerings while adding new programs, tools and resources to better serve our mission.

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

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for Girls in STEM, Featured Exhibition, and more ($35,000); sponsorship for the Galaxy Gala ($10,000) on February 27, 2027; and sponsorship to the Sustainability Fest ($5,000) on April 24, 2027.

Attachments

Annual Reports:

In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

Sponsorship Packet: SRP FY27 Sponsorship Packet.pdf

Current Year Budget: ASC FY26 Agency Budget (1).pdf

Last Year's Budget:	Arizona Science Center_FY2025 Agency Budget (1).pdf
Program Budget:	ASC-SRP Project Budget FY27.xlsx - ASC-SRP Budget FY27.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	Arizona Science Center_FY2025 Audited Financial Statements Final.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	ASC_BOT Name and Company_FY27 UPDATE.pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	ASC Top 5 Funders FY26 (1).pdf
Additional Attachment (1):	
Additional Attachment (2):	
Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:	
Number of Events:	2

Event One

Event 1 Event Name:	Galaxy Gala
Event 1 Date:	2027-02-27
Event 1 Location :	Arizona Science Center 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85004
Event 1 Number of Attendees:	500
Event 1 Cash Requested:	10000
Event 1 In-Kind Requested:	0
Event 1 Other Event Info:	ASC is currently in the preliminary planning stages of Galaxy Gala 2027. 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:	$305,000.00
Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :	Yes
Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:	TBD
Event 1 Promo Booth:	No

Event Two

Event 2 Event Name:	Sustainability Fest
Event 2 Date:	2027-04-24
Event 2 Location:	Arizona Science Center 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85004
Event 2 Number of Attendees:	700
Event 2 Cash Requested:	5000
Event 2 In-Kind Requested:	0
Event 2 Other Event Info:	Specific details for Sustainability Fest 2027 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:	Yes
Event 2 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:	TBD
Event 2 Promo Booth:	Yes
Custom Report:	
Event 1 Name - Approved:	
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Is your payee information different than your organization information that was previously provided?: No

Event 1 Time:

Event 2 Time:

Payment

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Approval

Requested Amount: $50,000.00

***Recommended Amount:** $50,000.00

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

•2026 - Arizona Science Center's STEM Education Programs & Sponsorships FY26 - $50,000.00

•2026 - Galaxy Gala 2026 Individual Tickets - $1,000.00

Request Status: Pending

Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition

Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

Completed: 2026-06-30

Result: Defined

Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend

Performed By: Kelli Rael / COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR

Completed: 2026-07-02

Result: Recommended

Comments: $25,000 Featured Exhibition 2027 -- KDR Education

$5,000 Girls in STEM -- KDR Education

$5,000 - Cavescape Exhibition for Title I students -- KDR Education

$10,000 Galaxy Gala for 2 tables - $5,000 KDR Education; $5,000 SH

$5,000 Sustainability Fest 2027 -- SH

SH charge info:

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Approval Step 3: Request Owner Approval

Performed By:

Completed:

Result:

Comments:

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Organization

***Organization Category:**	Education
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Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-05-14)
Proposal Type:	General Grant Application
***Determination Status:**	Scheduled for Committee
Strategy:	
Organization Category:	Education
Type of Request:	Annual
Purpose:	Operating Expenses
Project Title:	Supporting STEM & Career Readiness in Arizona Public Schools
In-Kind Request?:	No
Request Amount:	$120,000.00
Requested Cash Amount:	$120,000.00
Cash Recommended:	
In-Kind Recommended:	$0.00
Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :	The Arizona Educational Foundation's (AEF) mission is to celebrate excellence and cultivate opportunity in PreK-12th-grade Arizona public education. For more than 40 years, AEF has partnered with thousands of educators, school districts, businesses, and community leaders to strengthen Arizona's public schools through statewide recognition programs, educator development initiatives, and innovative student learning opportunities. In fact, its core programs, which include the Arizona Teacher of the Year Awards, A+ School of Excellence, Arizona State Spelling Bee, teachSTEM, and Spheres of Industry, collectively impact more than 620,000 students, educators, and school leaders annually across urban, suburban, rural, and Tribal communities throughout Arizona. In addition, through career-connected STEM learning, workforce development initiatives, and programs that elevate excellence in education, AEF helps prepare Arizona hundreds of thousands of students statewide for long-term success while supporting the educators and schools that shape the state's future.
Program/Project tie to SRP Goals:	AEF's teachSTEM and Spheres of Industry (SOI) - Renewable Energy initiatives align closely with SRP's commitment to strengthening STEM education, supporting educators, and preparing Arizona students for future workforce opportunities. Together, these programs create a career-connected learning pipeline that introduces K-12 students to high-demand STEM careers statewide while equipping public school educators with the tools and training needed to deliver engaging, real-world instruction. Both programs ultimately emphasize hands-on, project-based learning that helps students connect classroom concepts in science, math, engineering, and problem-solving to future careers in fields such as renewable energy, utilities, sustainability, education, and technology.

In addition, these two programs align directly with SRP's focus on educational equity and workforce readiness by serving students and educators in Mesa and throughout SRP's service territory, including many Title I campuses and historically underserved communities. In fact, through partnerships with Mesa Public Schools and the East Valley Institute for Technology (EVIT), hundreds of students per year gain meaningful exposure to STEM pathways at critical developmental stages, while educators receive professional development, classroom resources, and mentorship support that strengthen long-term instructional capacity across Arizona's historically low-ranking public school system. Ultimately, these unique programs help build Arizona's future workforce by preparing students to succeed academically and see themselves as future innovators, educators, engineers, technicians, and sustainability leaders. $80,000 of this request is earmarked for Teacher Grant Promotion, with $75,000 being distributed as grants and $5000 for AEF's admin costs.

Project/Program Description: teachSTEM at EVIT: teachSTEM is AEF's statewide workforce development initiative designed to introduce students to STEM careers while also inspiring the next generation of educators to view teaching as a meaningful and impactful STEM profession. Through partnerships with public schools, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and educators across Arizona, the program combines hands-on STEM learning, career exploration in education, mentorship, and educator development to help students build confidence, problem-solving skills, and awareness of future STEM-based careers in education. As a result, the program actively helps address Arizona's ongoing teacher shortage by strengthening the pipeline of future STEM educators equipped to deliver engaging, real-world instruction. Of the $40,000 requested from SRP, $10,000 would be restricted to implementing this program at two Title I, East Valley schools in the EVIT network.

teachSTEM at two EVIT schools during the 2026-27 school year will serve students enrolled in Early Childhood Education Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, helping prepare the next generation of educators to confidently introduce STEM concepts to young learners. The goal is to engage at least 190 EVIT students in grades 9-12 and provide professional development and instructional support to 12 educators throughout the academic year.

Through hands-on workshops, mentorship from Arizona master educators, and classroom-based STEM experiences, students will explore how inquiry, creativity, problem-solving, and play-based learning can be integrated into early childhood instruction. Participants will also engage in activities connected to child development, STEM exploration, lesson planning, and developmentally appropriate instructional practices while learning how early exposure to STEM strengthens cognitive development and long-term academic success. Students will even interact with STEM professionals and experienced educators, including past Arizona Teachers of the Year such as Jonathan Perrone and Nancy Parra-Quinlan, who will help demonstrate how teaching can be a powerful pathway into Arizona's future workforce ecosystem.

The primary goals of the year-long program are to increase student confidence in teaching STEM concepts, strengthen understanding of early childhood STEM pedagogy, expand awareness of education and STEM career pathways, and help address Arizona's ongoing shortage of highly trained STEM educators. The program also seeks to strengthen long-term educational equity by preparing future teachers to deliver high-quality STEM experiences to young learners during the early academic years when curiosity, confidence, and foundational skills are rapidly developing.

SOI - Renewable Energy with Mesa Public Schools: SOI is AEF's career-connected learning initiative designed to help K-8 students explore high-demand industries through hands-on, project-based STEM experiences embedded into everyday classroom instruction. Developed in partnership with a growing list of more than 300 educators, industry professionals, and school districts, SOI introduces students to real-world career pathways during the critical years when interests, confidence, and perceptions of future careers are beginning to take shape. At the same time, the program helps schools, most of which have Title I status, connect academic standards to workforce readiness, innovation, and problem-solving through meaningful, career-connected learning experiences. Moreover, through themed industry pathways, students gain exposure to future careers while strengthening communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity in ways that directly connect classroom learning to Arizona's evolving economy and workforce demands. Of the $40,000 requested from SRP, $25,000 would be restricted to implementing this program at three Title I, K-8 Mesa Public School campuses.

Building on this broader model, SOI - Renewable Energy will partner with Mesa Public Schools during the 2026-27 school year to introduce elementary and middle school students to renewable energy, sustainability, and future-focused STEM careers through hands-on, standards-aligned learning experiences. The program is expected to serve roughly 1,500 students, 184 educators, and six administrators across three Mesa Public Schools campuses located within SRP's service territory.

Throughout the school year, K-8 students will engage in project-based learning experiences embedded into subjects teachers already teach, allowing them to explore concepts related to solar energy, water conservation, sustainability, engineering design, energy efficiency, and Arizona's evolving energy landscape in meaningful and age-appropriate ways. For example, students may design solar-powered solutions, analyze how communities conserve resources, examine renewable energy technologies, or investigate how infrastructure and innovation shape daily life in Arizona. As students participate in these experiences, they will strengthen their communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while developing awareness of Arizona's growing career opportunities in renewable energy and STEM industries.

Furthermore, to support long-term impact and sustainability, educators will receive professional development, classroom resources, implementation coaching, and project materials that help integrate career-connected STEM learning into daily instruction without adding additional burdens to existing curriculum requirements. Each participating campus will also host a Career Fair where students showcase projects and interact with community and industry professionals. Ultimately, the program seeks to increase STEM engagement, improve career awareness, strengthen workforce-readiness skills, and help students begin to see themselves in future careers related to sustainability, renewable energy, engineering, and innovation. $80,000 of this request is earmarked for Teacher Grant Promotion, with $75,000 being distributed as grants and $5000 for AEF's admin costs.

Program Metrics: teachSTEM at EVIT: During the 2026-27 school year, teachSTEM across two EVIT schools is expected to directly serve 190 students in grades 9-12 enrolled in Early Childhood Education CTE pathways, as well as 12 educators who will receive professional development and instructional support.

The vast majority of EVIT students come from multiple districts throughout the East Valley, including Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Tempe, Queen Creek, Apache Junction, and surrounding communities, all of which fall within SRP's service territory. Based on EVIT's historic demographics and prior teachSTEM participation data, the program is expected to serve a highly diverse student population, with many students coming from historically underrepresented backgrounds and first-generation college-bound households. AEF will track metrics including student participation, educator training hours, confidence in teaching STEM concepts, increased awareness of STEM and education-related career pathways, and students' understanding of developmentally appropriate STEM instruction. Evaluation methods will include pre- and post-program surveys, classroom observations, student reflections, and educator feedback.

SOI - Renewable Energy with Mesa Public Schools: During the 2026-27 school year, this program is expected to serve 1,500 elementary and middle school students, 184 educators, and six administrators across three Mesa Public Schools campuses. Participating schools are expected to have Title I status and to have a majority of students from historically underserved communities within Mesa and the surrounding SRP service area. Currently, AEF is working directly with Superintendent Matt Strom's office to identify which K-8 schools will participate.

Program metrics will include the number of classrooms implementing renewable energy projects, student participation in hands-on STEM learning experiences, educator participation in professional development, and community engagement through Career Fair events. Student outcomes will focus on increased awareness of renewable energy and sustainability careers, improved confidence in STEM-related problem-solving, a stronger understanding of how classroom learning connects to future careers, and increased engagement in science and math instruction. Furthermore, educator outcomes will include increased confidence in delivering career-connected STEM instruction and greater integration of project-based learning strategies into classroom teaching. To evaluate these outputs and outcomes, AEF will use surveys, classroom implementation logs, educator feedback, student reflections, and evidence of student project completion and presentation.

Intended Use of SRP Funds: teachSTEM at EVIT: AEF anticipates allocating $10,000 of the requested funds to support the program's implementation during the 2026-27 school year. On average, it costs $5,000 to implement teachSTEM in a single school; therefore, the requested funds will cover implementation at two schools within the EVIT East Valley network. This grant will help cover professional development workshops, instructional materials, classroom STEM supplies, mentor educator stipends, and hands-on learning activities that help students explore how STEM can be integrated into early childhood education settings. Funding may also support substitute teacher coverage, planning time for participating educators, and guest speakers or STEM professionals who provide students with exposure to education and STEM career pathways.

SOI - Renewable Energy with Mesa Public Schools: AEF anticipates allocating $25,000 of the requested funds to support the program's implementation during the 2026-27 school year. These funds will support program-related expenses, including educator training, classroom implementation, project materials, and career-connected learning experiences. Funds will also help provide professional development for participating educators, implementation coaching, renewable energy and engineering project supplies, classroom materials, and resources needed for hands-on student learning experiences. Lastly, a portion of the funds may also help underwrite Career Fair events, student project showcase materials, program coordination, and evaluation activities that measure student engagement and program impact.

SRP Sponsorship Benefits: Recognition opportunities may include logo placement on select program materials, digital communications, classroom resources, educator training materials, Career Fair signage, student showcase materials, and AEF's website and social media platforms where appropriate. SRP may also be acknowledged during educator trainings, student project showcase events, and community engagement activities connected to both programs.

In addition to recognition benefits, SRP employees and representatives may be invited to participate as guest speakers, Career Fair participants, classroom volunteers, project judges, or workforce panelists who help students better understand career pathways connected to renewable energy, sustainability, STEM, utilities, and innovation. These engagement opportunities will ultimately allow SRP's professionals to share industry expertise directly with students and educators while helping strengthen Arizona's future workforce pipeline.

Furthermore, for SOI - Renewable Energy specifically, SRP may also have opportunities to support hands-on student learning experiences through workforce demonstrations, classroom presentations, or participation in end-of-year campus Career Fairs hosted in partnership with Mesa Public Schools. Asset specifications, logo requirements, and recognition timelines will be coordinated collaboratively with SRP following award notification to ensure all materials align with SRP brand standards and communication preferences.

Other Sources of Funding:

Sources of Funding: To support the implementation of teachSTEM at EVIT during the 2026-27 school year, AEF has thus far solicited $10,000 from SRP and has been awarded $15,000 from the Glenn W. Bailey Foundation, $10,000 from PNC, and $15,000 from the Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation.

As for SOI - Renewable Energy to be implemented within three Mesa Public Schools during the 2026-27 school year, AEF has thus far solicited $100,000 from Boeing, $25,000 from SRP, $10,000 from PNC, and $40,000 from Freeport McMoRan. Thus far, $24,000 has been secured from the Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation.

School & Educational Partners: Mesa Public Schools serves as AEF's primary district partner for SOI - Renewable Energy and will support school selection, educator participation, implementation planning, and family engagement activities. EVIT is also partnering with AEF to integrate teachSTEM into its Early Childhood Education CTE pathway, helping prepare future educators to confidently deliver STEM learning experiences to young children.

Community & Industry Partners: AEF also collaborates with numerous higher education institutions, industry professionals, and community organizations to strengthen career-connected learning experiences for students and educators. Partners such as Arizona State University and the Maricopa County School Superintendent's Office support programming through educator engagement, workforce connections, mentorship opportunities, and access to STEM professionals. Community and industry volunteers will also participate in classroom presentations, student project showcases, and Career Fair events that help students better understand future pathways in renewable energy, sustainability, STEM, and education careers.

Similar Organizations: While several organizations throughout Arizona provide STEM enrichment or workforce development programming, AEF's approach is uniquely focused on connecting career exploration, educator development, and classroom instruction into one cohesive model embedded directly within public schools. For example, organizations such as Arizona Science Center and SciTech Institute offer valuable STEM engagement opportunities for students, while various workforce organizations provide career awareness programming and mentorship experiences. However, these programs are often supplemental, short-term, or delivered outside the regular school day.

What truly differentiates AEF is that both teachSTEM and SOI are intentionally designed to integrate directly into classroom instruction and support long-term workforce development beginning in the elementary grades. Rather than focusing solely on STEM exposure, AEF helps students connect academic learning to future careers through project-based experiences tied to Arizona's evolving economy and workforce needs. At the same time, AEF invests heavily in educators through professional development, implementation coaching, mentorship, and classroom-ready resources that help sustain impact long after the grant period ends.

Last, but not least, AEF is uniquely positioned because of its longstanding statewide relationships with public schools, educators, and industry leaders developed over more than 40 years of serving Arizona's education community. As a result, its programs are intentionally tailored to the needs of Arizona schools and are implemented in partnership with districts such as Mesa Public Schools and institutions such as EVIT. Furthermore, teachSTEM addresses a particularly critical gap by helping cultivate Arizona's future STEM educator pipeline, while SOI introduces K-8 students to high-demand industries during the formative years when career interests and confidence are still developing. Combined, these two programs alone help strengthen Arizona's future workforce, as well as the educators and schools responsible for preparing it.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for STEM at EVIT program implementation during the 2026-27 school year ($10,000); and support the program-related expenses, including educator training, classroom implementation, project materials, and career-connected learning experiences ($25,000); and sponsor The 2026 Back to School Breakfast Featuring the Arizona Teacher of the Year Awards ($5,000) on August 7, 2026.

ON HOLD 06/08: KR to review.

Attachments

Annual Reports:

In-Kind Supporting Documentation:

Sponsorship Packet: AEF - B2SB TOY Sponsorships 2026.pdf

Current Year Budget: AEF - FY26 Operating Budget w YTD Statements.pdf

Last Year's Budget: AEF - FY25 Budget vs Actuals.pdf

Program Budget: AEF - FY27 Program Budget.xlsx

Audited Financial Statements: AEF - FY25 Audited Financial Statements.pdf

Board of Directors Listing: AEF - Board of Directors.pdf

List of Corporate Contributors: AEF - FY26 YTD Corporate Contributors.pdf

Additional Attachment (1):

Additional Attachment (2):

Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:

Number of Events: 1

Event One

Event 1 Event Name: The 2026 Back to School Breakfast Featuring the Arizona Teacher of the Year Awards

Event 1 Date: 2026-08-07

Event 1 Location : Chateau Luxe Event Venue - 1175 E Lone Cactus Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85024

Event 1 Number of Attendees: 600

Event 1 Cash Requested: 5000

Event 1 In-Kind Requested: 0

Event 1 Other Event Info: AEF respectfully requests $5,000 in sponsorship support from SRP for the 2026 Back to School Breakfast Featuring the Arizona Teacher of the Year Awards. This signature statewide event builds upon AEF's more than 40-year legacy of celebrating excellence in Arizona public education while expanding recognition to the business and community partners helping strengthen schools and student success across the state. Hosted as a school-year kickoff celebration, the event is expected to convene more than 600 leaders from education, business, government, and nonprofit sectors in support of Arizona's public schools and educators.

The breakfast will honor 15 outstanding educators from across Arizona, culminating in the announcement of the 2026 Arizona Teacher of the Year, who will go on to represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition. The event will also recognize community and corporate partners whose leadership and innovation positively impact Arizona students and schools. Featured speakers are expected to include AEF leadership, the Arizona Teacher of the Year, education leaders, and select community partners.

At a time when teacher morale, workforce retention, and educational support systems remain critical issues statewide, the Back to School Breakfast serves as an important public affirmation of the teaching profession and the partnerships that help schools thrive. Recognition helps elevate public perception of educators, strengthens community confidence in public education, and reinforces the importance of investing in Arizona's future workforce beginning in the classroom.

At the requested sponsorship level, SRP would receive a table for 10 guests, logo recognition on event signage and within the event slideshow presentation, recognition in select event communications, and a full-page advertisement in the printed event program. Opportunities for exhibition tables or promotional booths are available through select higher sponsorship levels. Additional recognition opportunities and asset specifications will be coordinated collaboratively with SRP following sponsorship confirmation.

SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1: Yes

Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year: $6,130.00

Event 1 Other Event Sponsors : Yes

Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount: Desert Financial Credit Union $50,000

Voya Financial $25,000

AZ Education Association Foundation $20,000

University of Phoenix $10,000

Sibme $7,500

Grand Canyon University $5,000

Northern AZ University $2,500

AZ K12 Center $2,500

Arizona Public Service (APS) $1,500

Event 1 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

Event 1 Time:

Payment

Scan

No matches were found

Approval

Requested Amount: $120,000.00

***Recommended Amount:** $115,000.00

Prior Approved Grants:

- 2013 - AEF Education Champion Gold Donor - $0.00
- 2014 - - $11,000.00
- 2015 - - $11,000.00
- 2016 - - $15,000.00
- 2017 - - $15,000.00
- 2019 - AEF Education Champion Platinum - $20,000.00
- 2020 - Education Champion Platinum - $20,000.00
- 2021 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $500.00
- 2021 - Education Champion Platinum Donor - $25,000.00
- 2022 - teachSTEM - $25,000.00
- 2022 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
- 2023 - teachSTEM - $25,000.00
- 2024 - teachSTEM & 40th Anniversary Request - $40,000.00
- 2024 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
- 2025 - teachSTEM - $26,200.00
- 2025 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $250.00
- 2026 - teachSTEM + Annual Golf Fundraiser - $26,400.00
- - Emerging Leaders Advisory Council Dues for Clare Felix - $1,500.00
- - Equipment Donation - Printer (In-Kind Charitable Donation) - $80.00

Request Status: Pending

Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition

Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist

Completed: 2026-05-19

Result:	Defined
Approval Step 2:	Recommend / Do Not Recommend
Performed By:	Kelli Rael / COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR
Completed:	2026-06-25
Result:	Recommended
Comments:	$25,000 - SOI Renewable Energy in partnership with Mesa Public Schools (CPG Education) $10,000 - Operating support for STEM at Evit (CPG Education) $80,000 - SRP Teacher Promotion in partnership with AEF (Michelle: 27CP094_FY27 Education Campaign 1000056241)
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 2026-06-22)
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 Program / 2027 Gala Event / Transportation Assistance Program
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 :

What would you do if the only way to keep your children safe was to walk away from everything you knew, with no guarantee of where you would sleep that night?

For Alana, a mother of two young sons, the hardest decision of her life wasn't to leave her abusive partner after 12 years, it was to choose homelessness rather than allow her children to remain in danger.

Thankfully, this brave woman found House of Refuge.

With comfortable transitional housing, compassionate support, and practical guidance, Alana was able to create the safe environment she sought for her family. With the support of our case management and workforce development team, she worked toward her GED, obtained her LLC, and launched her own house cleaning business.

This is the reason House of Refuge exists -- to end homelessness, one family at a time.

When people hear the word "homeless," they often picture a man panhandling on a street corner. In reality, the families we serve are often single mothers with young children who are quietly living in cars, staying in emergency shelters, or temporarily moving between the homes of friends or relatives. These families are part of what is often referred to as the "invisible homeless." In Arizona, more than 950 families experience homelessness each month, and the need for our services has never been greater.

Homelessness shatters lives, derails futures, and robs children of the stability they need to thrive.

House of Refuge offers a proven solution to more than 135 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 originally constructed as 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 2025, our transitional housing program served 437 individuals in 136 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 we are honored to count you among our champions. We invite you to continue this life-changing partnership by adopting two of our single-family homes. We also look forward to your return as presenting sponsor of our 2027 House of Refuge Gala event and to partnering with you on a transportation assistance initiative that helps families maintain housing stability.

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.

In 2025, House of Refuge piloted a transportation assistance initiative through a special one-time contribution from a community donor. The response from our residents was immediate, and the funds were fully utilized within 19 days -- highlighting the significant need for transportation support among families working to rebuild their lives after homelessness. Reliable transportation plays an important role in homelessness prevention by helping families maintain employment and financial stability.

Transportation challenges can create barriers to employment and housing stability. By helping residents maintain reliable transportation to work, this initiative serves as an important eviction-prevention strategy while also supporting long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency. House of Refuge hopes to continue this promising effort with support from community partners such as SRP.

>> 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.

Subject to available funding, House of Refuge also hopes to continue a transportation assistance initiative that provides gas cards, bus passes, new bicycles, and limited vehicle repairs to help residents maintain employment and continue progressing toward self-sufficiency and stable housing.

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 2025, House of Refuge served 136 families consisting of 437 homeless individuals, including 270 children under the age of 18.

* 65% of residents were female, and 35% male.

* 85% of families were made up of single mothers with minor children.

* 95% 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 2025, House of Refuge residents self-reported the following race and ethnicity demographics:

* 44.4% African American

* 33.9% White, Non-Hispanic

* 19.9% Multiracial / Hispanic

* 1.1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

* 0.5% Asian American

* 0.2% Native American

In 2025, program outcomes included:

* 52% 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

* 92% of participating families were confirmed as exiting to stable housing when they left House of Refuge

House of Refuge will also track the distribution and utilization of transportation assistance funds, including the number of participating families served and the types of support provided. As part of our ongoing monitoring of employment and housing outcomes for participating residents, we will continue to evaluate the role transportation assistance plays in supporting housing stability and successful program completion. We will use this information to report back to SRP regarding the reach and impact of the initiative.

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 sponsorship funding of our 2027 Gala event, and $5,000 to support a transportation assistance initiative that promotes housing stability and homelessness prevention. The total amount of funding requested in this application is $45,000.

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.

A contribution of $5,000 will help House of Refuge continue a transportation assistance initiative successfully piloted in 2025. Subject to resident needs and available funding, assistance may include gas cards, bus passes, new bicycles, and limited vehicle repairs that help participating families maintain employment, avoid setbacks, and continue progressing toward self-sufficiency and stable housing.

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 2027 Gala.

* The 2027 event title will include " 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 2027 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-month 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%.

House of Refuge also anticipates seeking transportation assistance funding from additional community supporters so that this promising initiative may be offered more frequently and benefit a greater number of participating families.

As requested, we have uploaded a list of top corporate donors, including Adopt a Home sponsors.

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 also partner with the Gilbert Visual Arts League who provide weekly hands-on creative arts experiences for the children in our after school program.

Our agency also partners with organizations and businesses -- such as AZ@Work, Career Connections, Landings Credit Union, and Fresh Start Women's Foundation -- 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 2025, a total of 2,328 volunteers donated 8,058 hours of service to benefit the homeless families we serve.

Similar Organizations: House of Refuge is not the only organization that provides transitional housing or other services for homeless families, but we are substantially different in several important ways:

* Focus -- House of Refuge is the only agency in the Phoenix metro area that focuses entirely on transitional housing for homeless families.

* Housing -- Our service model utilizes 88 single-family homes in a peaceful neighborhood setting with comprehensive supportive services provided on-site. Other local homeless programs typically offer emergency communal shelters, scattered site housing, basic motel rooms, or subsidized apartment rentals.

* Participation -- Our adult heads of household are required to maintain steady employment, meet regularly with their case managers, address the root causes of their homelessness, and work toward self-sufficiency. House of Refuge places a strong emphasis on employment, personal responsibility, and active participation in services as families prepare for independent living.

* Affordability -- Every resident of our transitional housing program is charged a nominal $400 per month for rent and utilities during their entire stay of up to 12 months, even after their income improves. This empowers them to pay down debt, build savings, and successfully prepare to graduate to stable housing. Other housing programs typically require participants to pay 30% of their income toward housing costs and/or increase residents' payments up to 100% of rent and utility expenses within a relatively short time frame.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments: Requesting operating support for the Adopt-a-Home Program ($30,000); sponsorship for the House of Refuge Gala Fundraising Event ($10,000) on April 3, 2027; and operating support for the transportation assistance program ($5,000).

Attachments

Annual Reports:	
In-Kind Supporting Documentation:	
Sponsorship Packet:	2026 House of Refuge Gala Sponsorship Packet.pdf
Current Year Budget:	FY2025-26 Budget, P &L, and Balance Sheet.pdf
Last Year's Budget:	FY24-25 Budget, P & L, and Balance Sheet.pdf
Program Budget:	Transportation Assistance Budget.pdf, 2027 Gala Budget.pdf, Adopt a Home Project Budget.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	FY24-25 HofR Audited Financial Statements.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	Board Roster June 2026.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

Event 1 Event Name:	House of Refuge Gala Fundraising Event
Event 1 Date:	2027-04-03
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:	420
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 2027 Gala, House of Refuge offers a robust year-round volunteer program.
SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:	No
Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:	$226,163.00
Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :	Yes
Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:	SRP will be our first confirmed sponsor for the 2027 House of Refuge Gala event. We anticipate a total of $175,000 in sponsorships -- with most of our 2026 sponsors returning, in addition to new partners joining as well. For reference, our 2026 sponsors are listed below. * 365 Mechanical * All About You Placement * Ansley Table * Applied Materials * BriComp Consulting * CMC Steel * Coulter Infiniti * Crescent Crown * Desert Financial Credit Union

* Dignity Health
* Eastmark
* Employee Benefit Exchange
* KW Home Selling Team
* Mercedes Benz of Gilbert
* Monsoon Roofing
* Park University
* Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport
* San Tan Charter School Inc.
* Sharp Creek Contracting
* SRP
* TD Synnex
* The Arizona Group
* United Healthcare
* Western Alliance Bank

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
Event 1 Time:

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
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Approval

Requested Amount: $45,000.00
***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 - $697.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,046.55
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $697.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $726.70
- 2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $701.70
- 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
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $782.70
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $782.70
•2026 - 2026 PVSA Brian Heath - $2,500.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,174.05
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $436.35
•2026 - Dollars for Doers Grant - $1,000.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $1,089.05
•2026 - Adopt a Home / Night of a Million Dreams Gala - $35,000.00
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $782.70
•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $782.70
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Request Status: Pending
Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition
Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist
Completed: 2026-06-30
Result: Defined
Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend
Performed By: Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship
Completed: 2026-07-20
Result: Recommended
Comments: Approved. August Committee Meeting

Operating support for the Adopt-a-Home Program ($25,000); Sponsor the House of Refuge Gala on April 3, 2027 ($10,000).

Approval Step 3: Request Owner Approval
Performed By:
Completed:
Result:
Comments:

Contact

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CEO First Name:	
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Principal Prefix:	
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CEO Mobile Phone:	
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Person completing application:	

Organization

***Organization Category:**	Basic Needs
Official Name:	SAVE THE FAMILY FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA
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***Address:**	125 E. University Dr.
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Proposal

***Request Owner:**	Karla Esparza
Request Source:	External (Submitted 2026-06-23)
Proposal Type:	General Grant Application
***Determination Status:**	Scheduled for Committee
Strategy:	
Organization Category:	Basic Needs
Type of Request:	Annual
Purpose:	Operating Expenses
Project Title:	Save the Family Foundation of Arizona General Operating Request and Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship
In-Kind Request?:	No
Request Amount:	$30,000.00
Requested Cash Amount:	$30,000.00
Cash Recommended:	
In-Kind Recommended:	$0.00

Describe Mission/Geographic Impact :

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's (Save the Family's) mission is to equip 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.

Annually, Save the Family serves over 780 families experiencing homelessness, including over 1,200 children. Through our various programs, Save the Family provided 507,251 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 strongly aligns with SRP's Corporate Giving priorities of Basic Needs and Community Education by providing families experiencing homelessness and poverty the essential resources, education, and skill-building opportunities needed to achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency. Through a combination of housing assistance, supportive services, financial capability services, education, workforce development, and youth enrichment programs, Save the Family helps families address immediate challenges while building the knowledge and tools necessary to create lasting economic mobility.

Through housing and supportive services, Save the Family addresses SRP's Basic Needs focus area by providing essential resources that help families regain stability and move beyond crisis. Services include rapid rehousing assistance, transitional and affordable housing opportunities, food support, utility assistance, transportation assistance, household essentials, case management, and trauma-informed support services. These interventions help families secure safe housing, meet immediate needs, and establish a foundation for long-term success.

Save the Family also advances SRP's Community Education priorities by equipping parents and youth with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to improve economic mobility and future opportunities. Through Career Development and Parent Support Services, adults receive financial literacy education, budgeting assistance, job-readiness coaching, career pathway guidance, workforce development support, and assistance obtaining certifications and employment. These services help families increase income, build financial stability, and work toward self-sufficiency. This commitment was further strengthened with the recent opening of Phoenix Scholar House, an innovative 56-unit, education-driven housing community for single-parent families pursuing higher education. By combining affordable housing with academic support, career development, and family services, Phoenix Scholar House helps remove barriers to educational attainment and creates a pathway toward long-term economic independence and generational success.

Children and youth benefit from educational and developmental supports that promote academic success and resilience. Services include school enrollment assistance, academic support, enrichment activities, developmental programming, and trauma-informed care designed to help children remain engaged in learning despite housing instability. After school support enhances education outcomes through weekly STEM programming that engages children in hands-on learning experiences that help boost critical thinking and problem-solving skills while fostering interest in STEM-related academic and career pathways. Families also receive assistance with school supplies, uniforms, and other expenses that remove barriers to participation and success. For children experiencing homelessness, these opportunities help improve long-term stability by promoting academic achievement, increasing engagement in school, and exposing children to high-demand career fields that can contribute to greater economic self-sufficiency.

In addition, Save the Family's affiliate, A.R.M. (Affordable Rental Movement), expands access to long-term affordable housing throughout Maricopa County, ensuring families have sustainable housing options that support lasting stability. By addressing immediate basic needs while also delivering education, workforce development, and financial capability services, Save the Family directly supports SRP's goal of helping underserved communities become more stable, resilient, and self-sufficient.

Project/Program Description: Family homelessness continues to be a significant and growing issue across Maricopa County and the East Valley. According to the 2026 Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, 9,726 individuals were experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2026, including 611 families representing 2,103 individuals in family households.

Since 2020, the number of families experiencing homelessness has increased by 11%, demonstrating the ongoing and urgent need for family-focused shelter and housing stabilization services.

Children and families remain especially vulnerable. The PIT Count identified 642 children under the age of 18 experiencing homelessness across Maricopa County, while adults ages 25--44 represented the largest age demographic among those experiencing homelessness, reflecting the growing number of parents and working-age adults struggling with housing instability.

To address this need, Save the Family provides a comprehensive continuum of housing and supportive services designed to help families secure safe housing, increase income, access essential resources, and build the skills necessary for long-term self-sufficiency. Through a combination of housing interventions, career development, financial education, parent support services, mental health resources, and children's programming, Save the Family addresses both the immediate causes and long-term impacts of homelessness. Our goal is not only to help families achieve housing stability, but to equip them with the tools, knowledge, and support systems needed to maintain that stability and thrive.

Our housing programs address the diverse needs of families experiencing homelessness:

Rapid Rehousing:A critical safety net for families experiencing homelessness, Rapid Rehousing quickly connects families to housing through time-limited financial assistance, targeted case management, and supportive services.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA):Similar to Rapid Rehousing, TBRA supports families transitioning from emergency shelters into stable housing. Participants contribute either a minimum payment of $150 or 30% of their income toward rent, helping families gradually build financial responsibility. Assistance typically lasts 12 to 24 months, allowing families time to strengthen income, budgeting skills, and long-term housing stability.

Step Up to Independence™:Transitional Housing designed for working families living in unstable, overcrowded, or doubled-up situations who do not qualify as homeless under federal definitions, this program fills a critical service gap. Families are required to engage in case management and supportive services while working toward financial stability. Participants who successfully complete the program within 12 months may receive up to $5,500 of their program fees returned to them, helping strengthen their financial foundation.

Permanent Affordable Housing:Through A.R.M. of Save the Family, families have access to long-term affordable housing through three apartment communities and 171 scattered-site single-family homes located throughout the East Valley, providing stable housing options beyond the initial crisis period.

Recognizing that housing alone is insufficient to achieve lasting stability, Save the Family's Pathways to Stability program provides comprehensive supportive services that address the barriers families face as they work toward self-sufficiency:

Career Development Services:Families receive individualized career and financial coaching to secure higher-paying employment and overcome barriers such as childcare needs, disabilities, criminal backgrounds, or limited work experience. Support may include work tools, uniforms, transportation assistance, certifications, and access to Career Centers equipped with computers, job boards, and onsite guidance.

Parent Support Services:Parents receive education and support in life skills, budgeting, parenting, domestic violence recovery, landlord-tenant relations, wellness, and nutrition. Families also have access to emergency food assistance, household essentials, clothing, shoes, children's items, mobile health screenings, and free adult dental services.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Support:Save the Family's Trauma Therapist conducts initial assessments with parents to identify needs, establish goals, and address the impacts of trauma. Families are connected to specialized treatment providers when needed and receive ongoing support to ensure access to services that promote healing, housing stability, employment retention, and overall well-being.

Children's Services:Each child receives individualized support designed to promote healthy development and long-term success. Services include trauma-informed care, educational support, connections to school and extracurricular activities, developmental screenings, life-skills development, affordable childcare referrals, and regular home visits focused on prevention and positive youth development.

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
- 85% 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: Individuals Served: Save the Family and its affiliate, A.R.M. (Affordable Rental Movement), serve over 780 unduplicated families annually, representing approximately 2,560 individuals, including 1,200 children and youth. As one of the largest providers of housing and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County, Save the Family serves a diverse population representing a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and life experiences.

Demographics: Families served currently range in age from infancy to 79 years old and reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. The individuals served reflect the diversity of the community, with 52.58% identifying as Black, African American, African, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian or Asian American, or Middle Eastern; 25.34% identifying as Hispanic; and 22.08% identifying as White, non-Hispanic. Many families face significant barriers to housing stability and self-sufficiency. Among families served, 53% are headed by single parents, 22% are survivors of domestic violence, and 21% include an individual living with a disability. These challenges are often compounded by housing instability, financial hardship, limited access to resources, and the lasting impacts of trauma.

Cities Reached: Save the Family serves families experiencing homelessness and poverty throughout Maricopa County, with a significant concentration of participants residing in East Valley communities including Gilbert, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and surrounding areas. Through a comprehensive continuum of housing and supportive services, Save the Family helps families overcome immediate crises while building the foundation for long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Intended Use of SRP Funds: $20,000 in requested funding will support general operations including the day-to-day activities that help families experiencing homelessness and housing instability achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency. Through Save the Family's housing stabilization and Pathways to Stability programs, funds will support activities including housing navigation and placement, individualized case management, career coaching, financial literacy education, budgeting assistance, employment readiness support, parent education workshops, children's developmental and educational services, and connections to community resources.

Funding will also support direct assistance and basic needs activities that help families stabilize during times of crisis, including emergency food assistance, household essentials, hygiene supplies, transportation support, and other resources that remove barriers to housing and employment. These activities ensure families can meet immediate needs while working toward long-term goals related to housing, income, education, and family well-being.

As a general operating request, funds will also help sustain the personnel and program infrastructure necessary to deliver these services effectively, including Save the Family's intentionally low case manager-to-family ratio. This model allows staff to provide individualized, relationship-based support that helps families navigate complex challenges and remain engaged in services as they progress toward self-sufficiency.

In addition, $10,000 will provide sponsorship support for Save the Family's annual Welcome Home Gala. The gala serves as our premier fundraising and community engagement event, generating critical resources to sustain housing and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness while increasing community awareness of family homelessness throughout Maricopa County. Together, these funds will support both direct program activities and the organizational capacity needed to help families secure stable housing, increase income, strengthen family functioning, and breaking generational cycles of homelessness and poverty.

SRP Sponsorship Benefits: As a Gold Sponsor of Save the Family's Welcome Home Gala, SRP will receive significant recognition opportunities before, during, and after the event while demonstrating its commitment to strengthening families and communities throughout Maricopa County.

Sponsor benefits include:

- Premium reserved table for 10 guests with prime room placement and premium wine service

- Formal recognition from the podium during the event program and signage throughout the event

- Company logo featured on the event website page

- Full-page advertisement in the event program distributed to attendees

- On-screen recognition throughout the event

- One dedicated social media recognition post highlighting SRP's sponsorship and community impact

The Welcome Home Gala serves as Save the Family's signature fundraising event, bringing together community leaders, corporate partners, philanthropists, and supporters to raise awareness and critical funding for families experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Sponsorship provides SRP with meaningful visibility among community stakeholders while aligning the company with efforts to help underserved families achieve housing stability, economic mobility, and long-term self-sufficiency.

Upon award notification, Save the Family will coordinate directly with SRP regarding all sponsorship recognition materials, including logo submission requirements, advertising specifications, social media recognition, and event attendance details. The Welcome Home Gala is scheduled for March 6, 2027. Specific production deadlines for logo files, program advertisements, and recognition materials will be provided to SRP well in advance of the event to ensure full utilization of sponsorship benefits.

Other Sources of Funding: Resources to sustain Save the Family's general operating programs are secured through a diverse funding portfolio that includes government grants ($2,190,343), corporate and private foundation support ($1,400,000), individual donations ($600,000), client and management fees ($1,148,600), and special events revenue ($400,000). This diversified funding structure helps ensure the long-term sustainability of programs serving families experiencing homelessness and housing instability throughout Maricopa County.

Save the Family also partners with more than 100 local organizations, businesses, educational institutions, and service providers to deliver comprehensive, coordinated support to families. Case Managers work closely with families to facilitate referrals, support enrollment, monitor progress, and coordinate services that address barriers to stability. These partnerships significantly expand the resources available to participating families and help ensure they receive the specialized support needed to achieve long-term success.

Examples of key community partnerships include Arizona@Work, Mesa Community College, Dress for Success, Per Scholas, St. Joseph the Worker, and Valley Metro for career development and employment services; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, Child Crisis Arizona, Boys & Girls Club of the Valley, First Things First, Head Start/Early Head Start, Project Sleep Tight, YMCA, and McKinney-Vento Homeless Services for youth development and educational support; Desert Financial, Mesa United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Take Charge America, TruWest Credit Union, and WaFd Bank for financial education and asset-building services; Agape Health, Aptitude Behavioral Health, and Valleywise Health for healthcare and behavioral health services; and Arizona Community Legal Services, the Arizona Address Confidentiality Program, and Disabled American Veterans for legal and specialized support services.

Community volunteers also play an integral role in helping Save the Family fulfill its mission. Last year, 5,657 volunteers contributed their time and talents to support families in need. Volunteers assist with a wide range of activities, including Spring and Fall Resource Festivals, donation drives, back-to-school initiatives, holiday sponsorship programs, preparing housing units for new families, facility organization and cleaning projects, and numerous other opportunities throughout the year.

The dedication of our volunteers reflects a shared commitment to transforming lives and strengthening our community. Together, our funders, community partners, and volunteers create a powerful network of support that helps families overcome homelessness, achieve stability, and build brighter futures.

Similar Organizations: Several organizations throughout Maricopa County provide housing and supportive services to families experiencing homelessness; however, Save the Family distinguishes itself through our comprehensive, family-centered approach, innovative programming, and commitment to long-term stability rather than short-term crisis intervention.

One of Save the Family's most unique programs isStep Up to Independence™, which was created to serve families living in unstable, overcrowded, temporary, or doubled-up situations who do not meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness and are therefore ineligible for many traditional housing assistance programs. By addressing this critical service gap, Save the Family helps families stabilize before they enter the homelessness system. Step Up™ also incorporates a financial empowerment component that allows participants who successfully complete the program to receive up to $5,500 of their program fees back, helping them build savings and maintain housing stability after graduation.

Save the Family is the first Arizona organization affiliated with Family Scholar House and now operates Phoenix Scholar House, a groundbreaking 56-unit affordable housing community for low-income single parents pursuing higher education and career advancement. Completed in March 2026, the community welcomed its first residents on April 1 and reached full occupancy by May 31. Today, all 56 units are home to scholar families working toward greater stability and economic mobility.

Residents receive affordable housing alongside comprehensive support services, including case management, career development, educational coaching, and connections to childcare and community resources, creating a pathway toward long-term self-sufficiency for both parents and their children. In addition to serving 56 families through housing, Phoenix Scholar House provides wraparound support to more than 50 student parents through services such as case management, academic coaching, financial assistance, and family support.

For many residents, this is the first time in years that housing is not uncertain. Parents are returning to school, pursuing career pathways, and rebuilding financial stability, while children are benefiting from consistent routines, educational opportunities, and a renewed sense of security. Through this innovative model, Phoenix Scholar House is helping families break cycles of poverty and build a foundation for long-term success.

Another key differentiator is Save the Family's intensive case management model. We maintain intentionally low case manager-to-family ratios, allowing staff to build meaningful relationships with participants and provide individualized support tailored to each family's unique circumstances, goals, and barriers. This personalized approach enables families to address not only immediate housing needs but also the underlying factors contributing to housing instability, including unemployment, financial hardship, trauma, domestic violence, and lack of affordable housing.

Save the Family's impact is further strengthened through partnerships with more than 100 community organizations, educational institutions, healthcare providers, financial institutions, and nonprofit agencies. These partnerships expand access to specialized services including workforce development, financial education, legal assistance, healthcare, behavioral health services, childcare resources, educational support, and veteran-specific services, ensuring families receive comprehensive support through a coordinated network of care.

In addition, Save the Family's programs are intentionally designed around the unique needs of families in Maricopa County and the East Valley. Staff are experienced in serving families from diverse backgrounds and understand the complex factors that contribute to homelessness and poverty, including rising housing costs, unemployment, domestic violence, trauma, health challenges, and limited access to affordable housing. By meeting families where they are and tailoring services to their individual circumstances, Save the Family helps families overcome barriers, access opportunities, and achieve lasting stability.

By combining innovative housing solutions, individualized case management, multi-generational supportive services, and a robust community partnership network, Save the Family provides families with the resources, skills, and opportunities needed not only to overcome a housing crisis but to achieve lasting self-sufficiency and economic mobility.

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

Internal Comments

Internal Comments:

Requesting operating support for Save the Family's Housing Stabilization and Pathways to Stability programs ($20,000); and sponsorship for the Save the Family's Welcome Home Gala ($10,000) on March 6, 2027.

Attachments

Annual Reports:	
In-Kind Supporting Documentation:	
Sponsorship Packet:	STF_Sponsorship-Opportunities_2026.pdf
Current Year Budget:	STF FY26 Operating Budget.pdf
Last Year's Budget:	STF FY25 Organization Budget-2.pdf
Program Budget:	FY27 WHG Budget Summary - 05.30.26.pdf, STF FY26 Program Budget.pdf
Audited Financial Statements:	STF Audit FY24-25.pdf
Board of Directors Listing:	STF Board Roster FY25-26 .pdf
List of Corporate Contributors:	STF Save the Family's List of Corporate Contributors for Fiscal Year 2026.pdf
Additional Attachment (1):	
Additional Attachment (2):	
Signed Letter & Non PO Payment Form:	
Number of Events:	1

Event One

Event 1 Event Name:	Save the Family's Welcome Home Gala
Event 1 Date:	2027-03-06
Event 1 Location :	Grand Hyatt, Scottsdale 7500 E Doubletree Ranch Road, 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's 2027 Welcome Home Gala Schedule 6pm - Doors open and Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction Begin 7pm - Silent Auction closes and Dinner Program begins, which includes: Opening Ceremony and Remarks Sponsor Recognition Family Testimonials Paddle Raise Ask Live Auction Closing Remarks 8:30pm - Casino After Party 10:00pm - End of Event
SRP Volunteer Opportunities? 1:	Yes
Event 1 Net Proceeds Previous Year:	$404,000.00
Event 1 Other Event Sponsors :	Yes
Event 1 Other Sponsors and Dollar Amount:	Save the Family is currently reaching out to potential community sponsors, with sponsorship packages still in development. As it is early in the year, specific funding levels have not yet been finalized; however, we are actively engaging with both ongoing partners and prospective supporters. Including: - Everest Air - PNC Bank - Insurica

- Empower
- Intel
- Knoodle
- Maricopa Community Foundation
- Adelante
- Marsh McClennan
- Dignity Health
- East Valley Firefighters Charities
- EOS Builders
- Kyocera
- MidFirst Bank
- National Bank of AZ
- Pioneer Title
- RIA Workflows
- Royse Real Estate Team
- Turnbow Foundation
- Illumination Systems
- Acuity
- Mahoney Group
- Right Toyota
- Brinshore
- Jaburg Wilk Law Firm
- Nationwide
- Weis Builders
- Lerner & Rowe
- Waymo
- Boeing
- State Farm
- Charity Advisor Group
- Many more!

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

Event 1 Time:

Payment

Scan

Score	Scanned Entity	Match	WatchList Name	WatchList Detail

100%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, MICHELLE	OIG Exclusions	ROBINSON, MICHELLE Listing: ROBINSON, MICHELLE - Individual Address: 220 PLUM STREET ASHVILLE OH 43103 Occupation: INDIVIDUAL (UNAFFILI Occupation: PERSONAL CARE PROVID DOB: 1973-05-23 Incident: 1128a1
96%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, ANGELA MICHELLE	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	ROBINSON, ANGELA MICHELLE Listing: ROBINSON, ANGELA MICHELLE - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: VALLEY AL 36854 USA Other: Active Date Other: Additional Comments Other: CT Code Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date
96%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, LATRICE MICHELLE	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	ROBINSON, LATRICE MICHELLE Listing: ROBINSON, LATRICE MICHELLE - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: MOBILE AL 36605 USA Other: Active Date Other: Additional Comments Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date
96%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, MICHELLE RENA	Excluded Party List System (EPLS)	ROBINSON, MICHELLE RENA Listing: ROBINSON, MICHELLE RENA - Individual Reason: Reciprocal Address: COLLEGE STATION TX 77845 USA Other: Active Date Other: Additional Comments Other: CT Code Other: Excluding Agency Other: Excluding Program Other: Excluding Type Other: Termination Date
96%	Michelle Robinson (GrantSeeker Full Name)	ROBINSON, ANGELA MICHELLE	OIG Exclusions	ROBINSON, ANGELA MICHELLE Listing: ROBINSON, ANGELA MICHELLE - Individual Address: 5207 23RD BLVD VALLEY AL 36854 Occupation: NURSING PROFESSION Occupation: NURSE/NURSES AIDE DOB: 1974-08-10 Incident: 1128b4

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

Last Scanned By: Karla Esparza

Last Scanned Time: 2026-06-30 12:41:56 EST

Reason for scan: Submission for Approval

Scan results accepted: by Karla Esparza (System) on 2026-06-30 12:41:56 EST
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Approval

Requested Amount: $30,000.00

***Recommended Amount:** $30,000.00

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
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $178.00
- 2022 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $178.00
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- 2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $332.00
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•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $498.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $450.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $60.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $332.00

•2023 - Homeless Families Intervention Project and Welcome Home Gala Sponsorship - $25,000.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $332.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $498.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $332.00

•2023 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $332.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $330.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $330.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $495.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $330.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $320.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $330.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $310.00

•2024 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $330.00

•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 - $250.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $375.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $250.00

•2025 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $250.00

•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

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $392.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $402.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $603.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $196.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $446.00

•2026 - Donate via Credit Card Grant - $200.00

•2026 - Supporting Needs of Homeless Families with Save the Family Foundation of Arizona - $40,000.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $382.00

•2026 - Payroll Deduction Grant - $407.00

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Request Status: Pending
Approval Step 1: Owner Step Definition
Performed By: Karla Esparza / Community Engagement Strategist
Completed: 2026-06-30
Result: Defined
Approval Step 2: Recommend / Do Not Recommend
Performed By: Juana Hernandez / Sr. Representative Community Stewardship
Completed: 2026-07-06
Result: Recommended
Comments: Approved. August Committee Meeting

CPG ($30,000)

o Operating support for Housing Stabilization & Pathways to Stability Programs ($25,000)

o Sponsor the 2027 Welcome Home Gala ($5,000)

Approval Step 3: Request Owner Approval
Performed By:
Completed:
Result:
Comments:

Contact

Salutation: Ms.
***First Name:** Yesenia
Middle Name:
***Last Name:** Gonzalez
Vendor Number:
Title: Grants Administrator
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Notes:	
***Internal Use Only?:**	N
CEO First Name:	
CEO Last Name:	
Principal Prefix:	
CEO Email Address:	
Mobile Phone:	
CEO Phone:	
CEO Mobile Phone:	
CEO/Executive Director Contact:	
Person completing application:	