

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING
MAY 14, 2026





Key Points

Staff is providing an overview of funding recommendations for allocation of FY 2026 Community Services Funding.

- 1) History of Charitable Giving
- 2) Current Process
- 3) Council direction for funding recommendations





Timeline - Historical

- Town has been supporting community service agencies since 1985
- ~40 different agencies have received funding over the years
- May 2014 - Res. 1304 approved Community Services Funding

Policy

- Applications - FY15 - FY20
- Needs Assessment - FY21 - FY 25





Historical Awardees and Amounts

FY25:

- AZ Friends of Foster Children- \$15,000
- Central Arizona Shelter Services- \$35,000
- Duet Partners in Aging- \$5,000
- MAG Homeless Initiatives- \$200,000
- SUSD Foundation- \$5,000
- Voices for CASA Children- \$5,000

FY24:

- Central Arizona Shelter Services- \$55,000
- Duet Partners in Aging- \$10,000
- MAG Homeless Initiatives- \$200,000

FY23:

- Central Arizona Shelter Services- \$55,000
- Duet Partners in Aging- \$10,000
- MAG Homeless Initiatives- \$200,000
- McCormick-Stillman Ranch Railroad Park- \$50,000

FY22:

- Central Arizona Shelter Services- \$25,000
- Duet Partners in Aging- \$10,000
- MAG Homeless Initiatives- \$25,000

FY21:

- Duet Partners in Aging- \$10,000
- Project Lifesaver- \$15,000



Process

Process FY 2026:

- December, 2025: Council provided direction for hybrid process including competitive application based on community needs
- March, 2026: Notice of Funding Opportunity Request for Proposals (RFP) distributed
- April, 2026: Applications Received
- May, 2026: Applications scored by Mayor's Council designees and interdepartmental staff
- **May 14: Recommendations Presented to Council**
- May 28: Council Approval of Funding Recommendations
- FY 2027: Progress report from selected organizations required quarterly



Programmatic Areas for Funding

- **Children, Youth, and Family Services**
 - Provide direct services for foster children, family-specific housing, school support, etc.
- **Senior Services**
 - Provide in or out of home services to seniors, senior-specific transportation services, etc.
- **Human Services Transportation**
 - Transportation services specifically for human services purposes
- **Homelessness Services**
 - Shelters, transitional housing services, case management services, substance abuse outreach programs, etc.
- **Health Services**
 - Research organizations, substance abuse treatment programs, suicide awareness and prevention, etc.
- **Veterans' Services**
 - Provide aid or direct services to veterans or families of veterans
- **Parks and Environmental Services**
 - Anti-litter or anti-graffiti initiatives, parks and recreation organizations, sustainability organizations, etc.
- **Public Safety**
 - Services for first responders or families of first responders, crisis response and prevention organizations, etc.
- **Arts**
 - Organizations that promote arts and culture or provide access to the arts



Funding Recommendations

Homelessness Services:

\$200,000

- **Aris Foundation**
 - Short-term emergency housing for homeless, homeless families.
- **Phoenix Children's Hospital**
 - Homeless Youth Outreach, with mobile medical units, and comprehensive health navigation.
- **Phoenix Rescue Mission**
 - Street outreach, food distribution program for homeless individuals
- **UMOM**
 - Emergency shelter for homeless families with services to exit homelessness and build stability.

Community Services:

\$65,000

- **Duet**
 - Provide transportation to homebound seniors and disabled adults
- **Friends of Scottsdale Public Library**
 - Scottsdale Library to expand after-school learning capacity for children age 6-10 through safe technology
- **Hushabye Nursery**
 - Services for substance-exposed babies and caregivers through neonatal abstinence syndrome care
- **Valley Youth Theater**
 - Performing arts-based youth literacy program for K-8 students



Key Question

Staff is seeking council direction for funding recommendations for allocation of FY 2026 Community Services Funding.

