

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

- December, 2025: Council provided direction for hybrid process including competitive application based on community needs
- May, 2025: Budget approval of Community Services Funding
- 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



Funding Recommendations

Homelessness Services:

- **Aris Foundation - \$50,000**
 - Short-term emergency housing for homeless, homeless families.
- **Phoenix Children’s Hospital - \$50,000**
 - Homeless Youth Outreach, with mobile medical units, and comprehensive health navigation.
- **Phoenix Rescue Mission - \$25,000**
 - Street outreach, residential recovery, food distribution program for homeless individuals
- **UMOM - \$20,000**
 - Emergency shelter for homeless families with services to exit homelessness and build stability.

Community Services:

- **Duet - \$5,000**
 - Provide transportation to homebound seniors and disabled adults
- **Friends of Scottsdale Public Library - \$10,000**
 - Scottsdale Library to expand after-school learning capacity for children age 6-10 through safe technology
- **Hushabye Nursery - \$25,000**
 - Services for substance-exposed babies and caregivers through neonatal abstinence syndrome care
- **Valley Youth Theater - \$5,000**
 - Performing arts-based youth literacy program for K-8 students



Requests vs Recommendations

| FY 2026 Community Services Funding | | |
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| Applicant | Request | Recommendation |
| The Aris Foundation | \$62,000 | \$50,000 |
| Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Phoenix Rescue Mission | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| UMOM | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Duet: Partners in Health and Aging | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Hushabye Nursery | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Valley Youth Theater | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| TOTAL | \$202,000 | \$190,000 |



Key Question

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

