



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Collins and Town Council Members

FROM: Interim Town Manager Brian Dalke
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

DATE: May 23, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager

AGENDA TITLE:

Award of Community Services Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Council Goals or Other Policies / Statutory Requirements:

Town Council Resolution Number 1304

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Town Manager to execute funding agreements with the community services organizations listed in the Action Report in the total amount of \$50,000.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Town of Paradise Valley has awarded funding to various community service organizations benefitting the Town, its residents, and the broader community since 1986. In 2009, the Council created a Human Services Funding Committee and adopted funding guidelines. In 2014, the Council adopted a resolution renaming the committee, amending the policy to broaden the definition of eligible organizations, and clarified the process by which funds are awarded.

In April, organizations who had received funding in the past were invited to submit grant applications. In addition, the Town issued a press release, posted information on social media platforms, and provided information to HOA presidents. The Town received 14 applications by the May 3rd deadline totaling \$111,800 in requests. By comparison, nine requests were received in FY 18 and FY 18, four requests in FY 16, five requests in FY 15 and three requests in FY 14. The Council budgeted a total of \$50,000 for FY 2018-19.

A group made up of Council Member Pace, Council Member Thomasson, and Interim Town Manager Dalke met on May 9 to review the applications. The Town Manager recommends awarding funding to the following organizations.

Agency	Request	Award
Area Agency on Aging, Region One	\$5,000	\$4,000
Arizona Center for Nature Conservation/Phoenix Zoo	\$5,000	\$3,000
Arizona Helping Hands	\$5,000	\$4,000
Central AZ Shelter Services	\$25,000	\$20,000
Circle the City	\$10,000	\$4,000
Duet Partners in Health & Aging	\$5,000	\$5,000
Flights for Life	\$3,000	0
Junior Golf Association of Arizona	\$3,000	0
Phoenix Symphony Association	\$5,000	0
Save the Family Foundation of AZ	\$4,000	\$3,000
Scottsdale Paradise Valley Family YMCA	\$5,000	\$3,000
Scottsdale Sister Cities Association	\$8,800	0
Special Olympics, Arizona	\$18,000	\$2,000
Valley Youth Theatre	\$10,000	\$2,000
Total	\$111,800	\$50,000

Area Agency on Aging provides services to adults over the age of 60, caregivers, and those over the age of 18 with disabilities. Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended for the Caring Circles program which provides social support to older adults who are on the waiting list for formalized services. These services include transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping or food box delivery, prescription pick-up or friendly visiting. Funding would be used to pay for recruitment expenses in Paradise Valley such as volunteer background checks, volunteer training and development.

Arizona Center for Nature Conservation/Phoenix Zoo mission is to advance the stewardship and conservation of animals and their habitats while providing experiences that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world. Three thousand dollars is recommended for ZooReach Scholarship Program. This is a classroom integration program that exposes students to critical thinking skills and science-related careers. The program includes the use of live and pre-recorded Zoo animals, interviews with working professionals from the Zoo, and hands on activities. Students analyze and interpret data, construct explanations and design solutions, and work in groups to practice social skills. Awarded funds will be directed to the Scottsdale Unified School District in general and/or schools in Paradise Valley specifically.

Arizona Helping Hands provides basic needs to children in foster care such as beds, cribs, clothing, diapers, and personal care items. In 2018, 4,200 children received support including 3,141 beds and cribs. Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended.

Central Arizona Shelter Services provides emergency shelter for single adults and families, employment services, veterans' services, housing services, and referrals to other community

agencies. CASS leverages funds provided by Paradise Valley and other communities in order to sustain regional services for the homeless. An agreement for services in the amount of \$20,000 is recommended for the CASS Regional Emergency Shelter Services.

Circle the City is a non-profit community health organization dedicated to providing holistic healthcare to homeless men, women, and children in Maricopa County. Their services include a medical respite center for the homeless, a family health center for outpatient care, and a mobile medical clinic. Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is recommended for medical respite care for homeless.

Duet Partners in Health & Aging serves homebound adults, caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren. They provide services so that older adults may age in place with dignity; they provide support and guidance to caregivers; and make it possible for children to stay with grandparents instead of foster homes. There are currently 19 volunteers from Paradise Valley who assist with this program and three residents who are receiving services. An agreement for services in the amount of \$5,000 to help fund the Independence for Seniors through In-Home Services and Transportation program which provides transportation for seniors to grocery stores and doctor' appointments.

Save the Family Foundation provides housing and supportive services for homeless and impoverished families with children. Their mission is to equip families to overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency. A service agreement in the amount of \$3,000 is recommended.

Scottsdale Paradise Valley Family YMCA requested funds for LIVESTRONG® a 12-week, evidence-based program that is offered free of charge to any adults 18 years old or older living with cancer or post treatment. Since 2017, 63 families have been through program. Funding in the amount of \$3,000 is recommended.

Special Olympics of Arizona mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. There are 11 athletes with a Paradise Valley address who participate in a variety of sports and programs. A swim training program is provided at Phoenix Country Day School for approximately 25 athletes each year. Two-thousand dollars is recommended for this program.

Valley Youth Theatre is a safe place where young people from diverse backgrounds can learn and grow as individuals, performers, and leaders through a transformational performing arts experience. Valley Youth Theatre partners with other civic and charitable organizations to offer opportunities for at-risk youth, children suffering from chronic or terminal medical conditions, military families to attend a performance free of charge.

During the past season, 111 households from Paradise Valley attended at least one performance. A service agreement in the amount of \$2,000 is recommended to help fund production expenses.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Town Council budgeted \$50,000 for community services funding this fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT(S):
PowerPoint