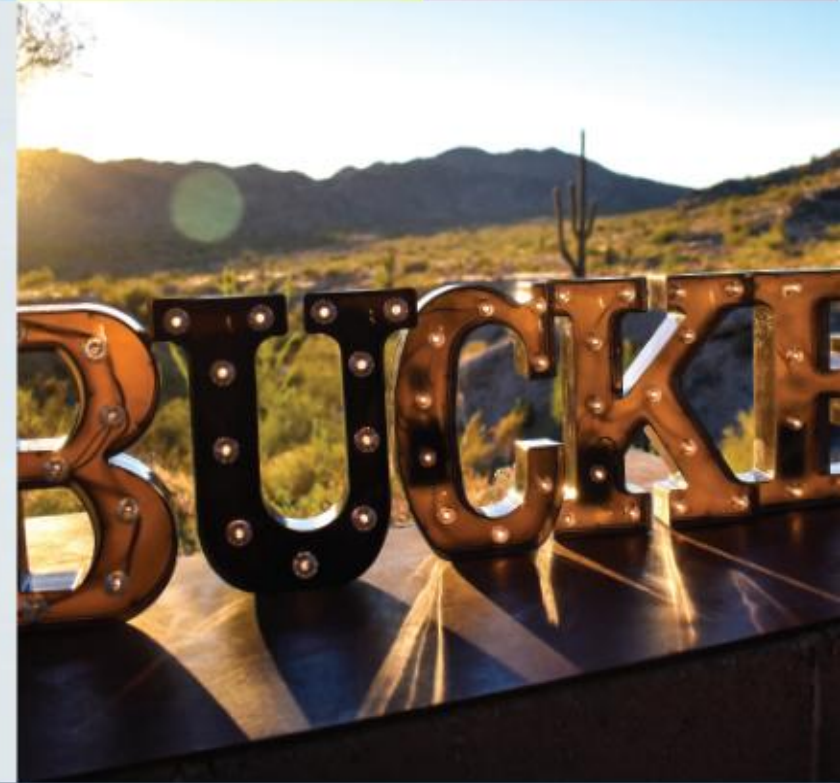


Non-Profit Community Funding Program

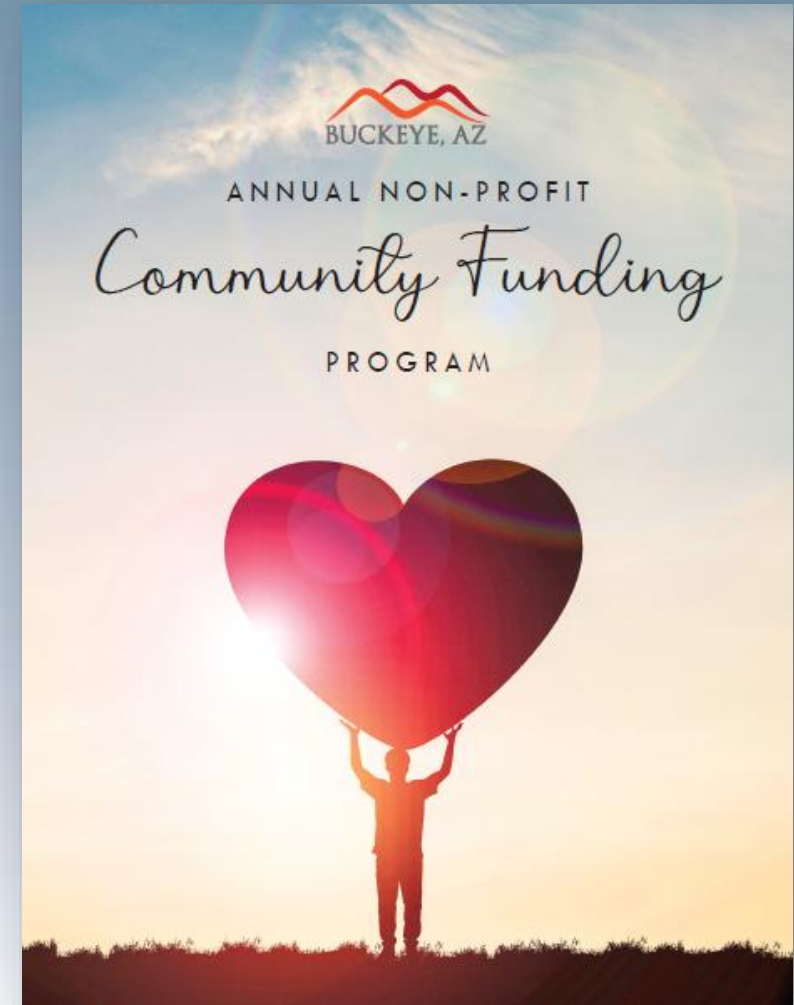
2025-26 Grant Writing Workshop



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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Buckeye grant overview
- FAQs
- Q & A
- Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) Grant Writing Tips by Community Impact Officer, Program Related Investments, Amber Starr
- Other grant opportunities in West Valley
- Q & A



NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Part of annual fiscal year budget voted on by Council
- Buckeye allocates funds to support non-profits who provide human or social services to benefit Buckeye Residents
- The city has been doing this for over a decade
- Last year the city allocated: \$95,000
- This year the city is allocating: \$124,000
- Very competitive grant
 - Last year 17 applications were received
 - Currently 30+ Interest forms submitted



FAQS: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

When are grants due?

All grants must be turned in no later than 5 p.m., Friday, August 8, 2025. This includes via email, or printed and delivered in-person or via mail. No exceptions will be made!



Tip: Submit early! If any documents are missing or sections are incomplete, early submission allows time for you to be notified and make corrections before the deadline.

FAQS: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

Who is eligible to apply?

Grants are available to non-profit agencies who provide services specifically to Buckeye residents, and impact them directly. Please review the full eligibility guidelines in the application.

Cannot apply if:

- Individual
- Do not have a non-profit status
- Cannot provide documentation from the IRS of your Non-Profit Status
- Do not serve residents of Buckeye

Tip: Partnerships are welcome.

If you're not a non-profit but collaborate with one whose work aligns with your program, they can submit the application and list your organization as a project partner.



FAQS: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

Can an organization submit more than one application?

Yes. Please note...

- You must submit an application for each project
- Each application must address a distinct project or program
- Submitting multiple applications does not guarantee funding for more than one

FAQS: FUNDING AND LIMITATIONS

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

The Non-Profit Community Funding program seeks to fund programs that address essential community needs. Some examples include:

- Families in crisis
- Homeless assistance
- Low/moderate income individuals and families
- Mental health and substance abuse, prevention and early intervention
- Senior programs
- Special needs support
- Youth programs

Tip: Connect the dots!

Your organization may not fall directly under a listed funding category—but if your work supports those who do, be sure to clearly highlight that connection in your application.



FAQS: FUNDING AND LIMITATIONS



**What expenses
can grant funds
be used for?**

Funds may be used for:

- Direct program costs such as:
 - Materials
 - Outreach
 - Staff time
- Capital expenses
- General operating costs
- Administrative overhead

*May be eligible
with justification.*

FAQS: FUNDING AND LIMITATIONS



What can't grant funding be used for?

Grant funds may not be used for:

- Political activities
- Fundraising events
- Costs incurred before the award date

FAQS: FUNDING AND LIMITATIONS

Will the panel consider partial funding?

Yes. The panel may award full or partial funding depending on:

- How well the proposal aligns with the City's priorities
- The total funding available
- The number of qualified applicants awarded



Tip: Prepare for the partial funding question.

Be ready to explain whether you would accept partial funding and how it would impact your program.

FAQS: REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS

Will I need to present to anyone?

Yes. You will be invited to present your grant request to a panel of judges who will evaluate which non-profits will receive community funding.

The panel will consist of three City Council members and two city staff.



Tip: Don't miss your chance to present.

If you're unavailable, send a teammate! The panel presentation is your moment to bring your project to life and help reviewers connect with your story.

FAQS: REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS



How are applications evaluated?

Applications are scored by a review panel based on criteria such as:

- Alignment with city priorities
- Measurable impact
- Community need
- Organizational capacity



Tip: Be a good steward of taxpayer dollars

Panelists are responsible for ensuring public funds are used wisely—and so are grant recipients. Be sure your application and presentation clearly show how your project honors and maximizes the impact of taxpayer dollars.

FAQS: REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Are there reporting requirements for funded organizations?

Yes. Funded organizations must submit a final report detailing how funds were used, measurable outcomes, and overall community impact.

IMPORTANT!!!

Any nonprofit that received funding in a previous cycle must submit their year-end report to be considered for the current grant cycle.

FAQS: REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

What happens if my organization cannot complete the project as planned?

Please contact the grant administrator as soon as possible to discuss potential modifications. Significant changes may require formal approval.

FAQS: GENERAL QUESTIONS

**If I have questions,
who do I contact?**

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FAQS: TIMELINE

**What is the
timeline?**



Tip: Know your timeline

Have a clear start and end date for your project—and make sure your timeline aligns with the grant funding period. Don't miss important deadlines; like Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. 😊

June 16: Applications Open

July 1: Grant writing workshop

Aug. 8: All grants due no later than 5 p.m.

TBD: Grant Presentation
Proposed Aug. 25

Sept. 16: Council Approval of non-profits recommended to receive grants and for how much

Sept. 17: Grant notifications go out to all who applied.

Oct. 1: Checks are issued and mailed out

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FINAL Q & A

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