2021 Sedona Worthy Projects List

Each year the Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona receives many more grant applications than we have available funding for. As a service to the community and our donors, our grant panel composes a list of projects that were deemed worthy of additional funding. Below is the list of the 2021 Worthy Projects that are in need of additional funding. For your convenience they have organized by field of interest: Animal Welfare, Arts & Culture, Community, Environment, Healthcare, and Social Welfare and Justice.

For more information on any of the projects please contact Jennifer Perry, Regional Director of ACF of Sedona, by calling 928.399.7218 or emailing jperry@azfoundation.org.

Animal Welfare
Runnin’ W Wildlife Center, Inc.
Funds will be used to upgrade the existing solar system with solar panels, battery storage and inverters, and the accessories required for selling back excess power to the utility company. Additionally, a well water tank for potable water will be purchased.
Project need: $6,470

Arts & Culture
Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts Foundation
Funds will support the preservation effort of the Hopi Long Flute. Through a collaborative effort between PECPAF, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, and Gary Stroutsos, the intention is to respectfully reintroduce the Hopi Long Flute back into the Hopi villages by creating a study guide that can be gradually learned. They will also create video lessons on how to play the Hopi Long Flute.
Project need: $10,000

Red Earth Theatre
Funds will support ‘Pink Nectar Café - A Theatrical Journey Through the Mysteries of the Wilderness, People and Dreams’ on two stages. With live music and projection, live outdoors at Tlaquepaque, and under the old church roof at Old Town Center for the Arts, a troupe of 12 actors bring to life ‘true’ stories by the iconic Jim Bishop.
Project need: $6,000

Red Rocks Music Festival
Funds will support the annual Red Rocks Music Festival, which features some of the world’s best instrumentalists in solo and chamber settings while providing free admission to local students.
Project need: $6,500
Sedona Arts Center
Funds will be used to provide programming, both online and in person. With the advent of COVID-19 vaccines, SAC anticipates opening in-person programming in August 2021.
Project need: $8,000

Sedona International Film Festival & Workshop, Inc.
Funds will support the “The Power to Do Good” program, a free theatre-use program that strengthens 24 Sedona-based nonprofits in 2021-2022 by offering each one free use of the Mary D. Fisher Theatre in a way that meets the organization’s most pressing needs.
Project need: $6,100

Community
Arizona Crisis Team
Funds will be utilized for hotel/meal expenses for volunteers to cover vacant shifts in the Verde Valley and Sedona areas. They will also be used for volunteer recruitment and training expenses in the same areas.
Project need: $5,000

Camp Verde Elementary School
Funds will purchase 16 Smart TVs retailed at $570 each. This technology will facilitate learning in the classroom.
Project need: $10,000

Camp Verde Heritage Pool
Funds will support updating the pool’s equipment. The pool serves its community at a loss of approximately $100,000 each season. This has prevented them from updating and adding equipment that would allow expansion to include a USA swim team, extending the season to better serve our community before/after school, and increasing public safety.
Project need: $10,000

Civitan Foundation, Inc.
Funds will provide financial assistance (camperships) and transportation services to Sedona and the Verde Valley residents who live with special needs and have demonstrated significant financial need so that they may attend historic Camp Civitan.
Project need: $1,000

Law Enforcement Heroes
Funds will support the ‘Verde Valley Shop with a Cop’ program, where children who are less fortunate, have experienced a tragic or traumatic event, or who simply would benefit from the experience shop together during the holidays. The opportunity allows children and police to build trust with each other.
Project need: $2,300
Rainbow Acres
Funds will be used for ‘Project Discovery Vocational Training – Sedona Recycles’, to expand the vocational teaching and training resources through digital/video tools that work well in small group environments given extended physically distanced circumstances. Continued partial transportation support is also needed.

**Project need:** $1,400

Rotary Club of Sedona Village Charitable Fund
The funds will be used to install irrigation for the Community Garden. Irrigation is the final big piece needed to begin planting, inviting the community to participate, and growing as much produce as needed to help offset needs in the community.

**Project need:** $8,589

Sedona Community Food Bank
Funds will support the Homebound Program, specifically to purchase a variety of fresh produce, milk, cheese, lunch meat, and orange juice to distribute to homebound clients monthly.

**Project need:** $5,000

Steps to Recovery Homes
Funds will purchase a van that will transport clients to job development, required meetings, therapy, interviews, life coaching, medical appointments, food resources, events, and other health and wellness activities.

**Project need:** $4,000

Valley of the Sun YMCA
Funds will provide Sky-Y Camp scholarships (approximately 67-100% of tuition) to approximately 15 Sedona and Verde Valley youth, specifically low-income, underserved youth who may not have access to a camp experience due to financial or other barriers.

**Project need:** $2,500

Verde Valley Fire District
Funds will supply three Sheriff deputies with automatic external defibrillators and training to help save lives on-scene prior to emergency medical services arriving.

**Project need:** $3,240

Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity
Funds will support the expansion of Critical Home Repair Program. CHRP is designed to serve senior adults, veterans, and families who own their own home but due to their low-income status, are not able to repair and maintain the safety of their homes. CHRP builds ADA compliant wheelchair ramps and modified steps, as well as basic roof, water damage, and exterior repairs.

**Project need:** $1,300
Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters
Funds will provide an opportunity for Verde Valley YBBBS Littles to explore potential job and career opportunities in partnership with the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce members. Bigs and their Littles, ages 14 and older, will be connected with Chamber-member business owners and supported by YBBBS to design exploration activities for the youth.

**Project need:** $499

Environment
Arizona Burn Foundation
Funds will aid in the delivery of ABF’s brand-new statewide children’s wildfire prevention education program called ‘Milo & Moxie: Wildfire Prevention’. Specifically, funds will be used to print and distribute Curriculum Kits to educate over 8,000 K-5 children and their families living in wildfire threat areas in Sedona and the Verde Valley.

**Project need:** $5,000

AZ Milkweeds for Monarchs
Funds will be used to establish a monarch butterfly/pollinator conservation garden as part of the Village of Oak Creek Community Garden Project currently underway at the former Big Park Community School in the Village of Oak Creek, Yavapai Country with the support of The Rotary Club of Sedona Village.

**Project need:** $4,000

Friends of the Verde River
Funds will support the development and enhancement of ‘Listening to the Verde, Season 2’. In October 2020, FVR launched this six-month storytelling series with 12 video presentations that engaged, informed, and inspired thousands of residents across the Sedona Verde Valley region.

**Project need:** $7,500

Keep Sedona Beautiful
Funds will support upgrading light fixtures to meet dark sky requirements. Keep Sedona Beautiful will offer generous rebates to Sedona businesses, especially those struggling with impacts of COVID-19, to assist in replacing old exterior light fixtures.

**Project need:** $7,000

National Forest Foundation
Funds will primarily be used to purchase and install materials like log fencing and signs to complete rehabilitation of social trails along Oak Creek Canyon. This low-tech infrastructure will direct visitors to official trails, maintain trail work, improve habitat and water quality, reduce erosion, and improve visitor experience.

**Project need:** $6,000

Oak Creek Watershed Council
Funds will equip Oak Creek Steward volunteers with the proper tools to remove trash and make a positive ecological impact on Oak Creek and its watershed.

**Project need:** $6,000
**Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund**
Funds will be used to replace outdated large trailhead map information on kiosks at 38 RRRD sites in the Verde Valley. In total, 50 maps with four replacements will be procured. The new maps will be made of state-of-the-art high-pressure laminate and be 30” x 47” in size.

**Project need:** $5,000

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District Environmental Education Center**
Funds will support the ongoing improvements and maintenance of the Native Pollinator Garden, additional help for EEC Program Manager, development of three VVDC programs, and acquisition of folding tables and chairs for hosting workshops.

**Project need:** $5,500

**Verde River Institute**
Funds will support programs that effect or encourage conservation and safe recreational use of the Verde River. Drones, cameras, data analysis programming, and testing equipment will be purchased for the Verde River Kayaking, River Mapping and Monitoring, and Verde River Ranger Programs.

**Project need:** $7,000

**Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition**
Funds will support continue construction of the 27-mile Blowout Wash Trail System in the Verde District of the Prescott National Forest.

**Project need:** $5,000

**Healthcare**

**Griffith Blue Heart Nonprofit**
Funds will purchase and donate automated external defibrillators and advanced law enforcement resuscitation training to the Sedona Police Department.

**Project need:** $7,000

**Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition**
Funds will support technology coaching for seniors during COVID-19. Specifically, to launch volunteer-led technology coaching, encourage Telehealth appointments, and access COVID-19 vaccines.

**Project need:** $6,000

**Social Welfare and Justice**

**Hope House of Sedona**
Funds will be used to purchase essential items to keep the doors open, including appliances, beds, and other furniture.

**Project need:** $7,500
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John Vianney Conference, Sedona
Funds will support rental, utility, and food assistance for clients.
**Project need:** $5,000

Verde Valley Homeless Coalition
Funds will be used to provide breakfast and dinner to those utilizing the overnight shelter.
**Project need:** $5,500

Verde Valley Sanctuary
Funds will support a Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator, partially fund two other positions, enhance community response to sexual violence, provide support to survivors, and provide education/training to community partners and individuals based on specific needs in this area.
**Project need:** $10,000