2020 Yavapai County Worthy Projects List

Each year the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County 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 2020 Worthy Projects that are in need of additional funding.

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Animal Welfare

AARF Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
 Funds will support two staff members’ salaries who oversee operations, including the daily care of dogs, foster/adoption duties, and ranch/administrative duties. Funding will also defray a portion of operational costs, including utilities.
**Project need:** $17,000

Blue Moon Rescue
 Funds will purchase materials for upgrading facilities with the solar power technology that is available for fencing and other power needs of equines, and purchasing materials that are more sustainable and horse friendly.
**Project need:** $2,000

Central AZ Animal Search & Rescue
 Funds will be used to provide veterinary care for lost and abandoned dogs.
**Project need:** $3,500

Humane Society of Sedona
 Funds will support the Last Hope Project, which gives animals who have been turned away from rescue organizations in Yavapai County the chance to be sheltered and cared for until they find new homes in the Verde Valley or elsewhere.
**Project need:** $15,000

Large Animal Search & Emergency Rescue (LASER)
 Funds will be used to purchase panels for stalls and pens to create a shelter in Chino Valley to serve the communities in the Greater Prescott Basin.
**Project need:** $15,000

Miss Kitty’s Cat House
 Funds will support the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program, which works with low-income families to help spay and neuter their pets.
**Project need:** $1,400
Northern AZ Animal Welfare Coalition
Funds will be used to provide low-cost spay/neuter services, rabies vaccinations, and FVRCP or DH2PP vaccinations for nearly 195 pets at $30 per pet.
Project need $15,000

Petey’s Playground
Funds will be used to renovate a centrally-located building that was recently purchased. This building will make services more accessible to regional clients who have vision, mobility, and transportation challenges.
Project need $5,000

Verde Valley Humane Society
Funds will help purchase PetPoint software, which offers best practices in animal welfare operations that is not available in the current software used. This software will help us save 15,000 pets in the coming decade due to enhanced productivity.
Project need $15,000

Yavapai Humane Society
Funds will be used to soundproof the shelter kennels, which will help reduce the stress of the dogs and make customers’ experiences more enjoyable. Soundproofing installation is shown to increase adoption rates because dogs are better-behaved.
Project need $10,000

Arts & Culture
Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering
Funds will be used for lodging and expenses for cowboy poets, musicians, and artists for the 2020 Gathering, as well as other general expenses.
Project need $5,000

Prescott Chorale
Funds will support the scholarships received by the winners of the Young Artist competition as well as cover a portion of the Tucson Boys Choir’s fee to participate.
Project need $4,950

Prescott Fine Arts Association
Funds will purchase a much-needed sound system upgrade to the Prescott Center for the Arts’ Mainstage Theatre.
Project need $20,000

Town of Prescott Valley Parks & Rec
Funds will support a Community Music and Film Series, where six films and three concerts will be displayed for free outdoor entertainment at the Civic Center Campus.
Project need $4,950
**Economic Development**

**Cosanti Foundation**
Funds will be used to build capacity in education and outreach programs through the human capital provided by an AmeriCorps VISTA member.

**Project need** $6,480

**Prescott Unified School District Education Foundation**
Funds will allow the foundation to secure a three-year AmeriCorps VISTA position to create an Alumni Relations position. This position will build a sustainable alumni network that will engage alumni and ultimately provide financial support.

**Project need** $5,000

**Children**

**Boys & Girls Club of Central Arizona**
Funds will help purchase and maintain technology equipment needed to develop the program’s multimedia projects, like SlingStudio, GoPros, camera mounts, SD cards, cellphones, batteries, microphones, and light kits. Funds will also cover partial staffing costs throughout 2020.

**Project need** $2,000

**Boys to Men Mentoring Network**
Funds will be used to pay for an AmeriCorps person to organize, staff, and run Adventure Groups. This person will also provide ongoing support in improving and increasing the number of mentoring circles.

**Project need** $10,000

**Girl Scouts – AZ Cactus-Pine Council**
Funds will support a staff member who will work to build capacity and collaborate with other community organizations to provide impactful experiences for the 350 girls and 100 adults throughout Yavapai County who the council serves.

**Project need** $3,000

**Launch Pad Teen Center**
Funds will support the Shuttle Explorer Project by purchasing a 15-passenger van and hiring an additional part-time driver.

**Project need** $2,000

**Prescott Valley Police Department**
Funds will support Prescott Valley’s Youth Police Engagement Program, which aims to increase positive interactions between youth and police, reduce juvenile delinquency, and cultivate police as a positive force in the community.

**Project need** $11,540
Prescott YMCA
Funds will support the After School and Preschool Playground Renovation Project. The renovated playground will provide a safe and active place for kids.

Project need $5,000

Verde Valley Imagination Library
Funds will purchase books for children from birth to age five living in the Verde Valley. Each month, a new age-appropriate book is mailed directly to the family.

Project need $10,000

Verde Valley Wheel Fun
Funds will support the Verde Valley Youth Cycling Program, which focuses on giving kids (especially those participating in the National School Lunch Program) access to bicycles, helmets, and active lifestyle encouragement. Funds will also support Verde Valley public schools’ bike clubs and award outstanding students with equipment each spring.

Project need $10,000

Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters
Funds will be used to recruit and match ten Bigs with ten Littles (ages 5 – 17) who have experienced trauma and provide mentors with specialized trauma-informed training.

Project need $5,000

Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation
Funds will support the Supplemental and Emergency Clothing Programs, which help provide clean, well-fitting, and seasonally-appropriate clothing to foster children.

Project need $1,000

Education
Armed to Know
Funds will be allocated to hire two professional keynote speakers, pay venue expenses, cover promotional materials, and provide hospitality needs for two educational events.

Project need $7,300

Camp Verde Unified School District
Funds will increase and expand rural student access to the Friday Camps Program where STEAM-focused curricula is part of the out-of-school learning experience.

Project need $10,000

Humboldt Education Foundation
Funds will provide classroom grants to teachers so they may enhance their students’ learning ability and educational experience.

Project need $10,000
Yarnell Elementary School District
Funds will support Model Creek School’s initiative to improve the school’s culture by helping to meet staffing needs in Behavior Intervention, Counseling, and Grant Consulting with the goal of increasing learning outcomes, decrease discipline referrals, and promote healthy social skills.

Project need $20,000

Yavapai College Foundation
Funds will help award College for Kids scholarships to low-income children.

Project need $5,260

Environment
Highlands Center for Natural History
Funds will cover the costs associated with the First Annual Prescott PleinAir Festival, including purchase of lighting, easels, signage, staff time related to marketing efforts, and advertisements.

Project need $4,000

Verde Natural Resource Conservation District Environmental Education Center
Funds will support the Verde Valley Discovery Center, a place to allow for community engagement, collaboration, and education about the Verde River. Open to the public, visitors can learn about the importance of the Verde River riparian ecosystem and its watershed.

Project need $13,000

Yavapai Trails Association
Funds will support the Chino Valley Rails to Trails project, including the installation of three informational kiosks and signage at trail access points and road crossings, improvements to the sustainability of the trail, and training community members as stewards of the trail.

Project need $10,450

Housing
Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity
Funds will be used to purchase building materials for family house #95.

Project need $15,000

Prescott Area Shelter Services
Funds will support the Transitional Housing Program, a six-month to two-year program with case management that works with those transitioning out of PASS or another local nonprofit to move into a home.

Project need $5,000

Verde Valley Homeless Coalition
Funds will cover utilities and supplies (including food) for the daytime drop-in center and emergency overnight shelter and the cost of supervision of the overnight shelter.

Project need $13,000
Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office
Funds will assist vulnerable individuals in securing safe re-entry housing, temporary emergency housing, and/or transportation to a safe location immediately upon release.
**Project need** $1,600

Mental Health/Substance Abuse
LaTierra Community School
Funds will allow the school to better serve the emotional and social needs of students by hiring a school counselor.
**Project need** $5,000

MATFORCE
Funds will expand the Trauma Lens Care project, which aims to reduce toxic stress in children who have experience adversity or trauma that can extend adulthood.
**Project need** $15,000

Steps to Recovery
Funds will support a significant portion of a Certified House Supervisor position, which is essential to the success for women clients in recovery. Using a peer-to-peer approach proven to work in the field of recovery, the House Supervisor assists clients in learning and using life-transforming habits.
**Project need** $13,600

West Yavapai Guidance Clinic
Funds will overhaul the agency’s intake process by hiring organizational consultants who will increase community access to services.
**Project need** $20,000

Safety and Emergency Services
Arizona Crisis Team
Funds will be utilized for Dispatcher and Volunteer Training. The nine-hour training is necessary for keeping dispatchers current with changes in the 911 system, fire, and law enforcement.
**Project need** $5,600

Desert Star Community School
Funds will purchase a 434 foot chain link security fence and entrance gate to improve campus safety and provide a secure enclosure for students, staff, parents, and community members. The fencing will protect the campus from wandering animals, vandalism, and unauthorized individuals from accessing the Community Hall.
**Project need** $9,600

Dewey-Humboldt Firewise
Funds will purchase reflective signs so emergency responders and the public can more easily navigate the 78 miles of private roadways within Dewey-Humboldt.
**Project need** $7,500
Paulden Volunteer Fire
Funds will help install a HVAC system, upgrade existing indoor fluorescent and add additional LED lights, and install a 20 foot, three-arm Solar LED light pole on the north side of the cell tower for additional security.
Project need $1,000

Yavapai County Sheriff’s Response Team
Funds will purchase safety gear for team members, which is required while on wildland fire incidents. This will also fund bringing three more people into the unit.
Project need $3,900

Social Services
Northern Arizona Restorative Justice
Funds will provide direct services to youth and families, train volunteers to facilitate programs, and train local law enforcement and probation personnel. It will also provide comprehensive training to teachers and school administration on implementing restorative practices in schools.
Project need $11,000

Old Town Mission
Funds will provide the necessary resources to provide food, clothing, and resources to communities across the Verde Valley.
Project need $8,000

Prescott Community Cupboard
Funds will purchase food supplies and cover some costs associated with purchasing and renovation of a larger building, such as building inspections and engineering/architect fees.
Project need $8,000

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona
Funds will support the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center, a program that supports victims in Sedona and the Verde Valley in receiving one-on-one advocacy and crisis financial support.
Project need $10,000

Ronald McDonald House Charities
Funds will pay for temporary housing and support services for Yavapai County families who must travel to metropolitan Phoenix to access pediatric care that is not available near home.
Project need $5,600

Senior Citizens of Camp Verde
Funds will support the replacement of the heating/cooling systems, which haven’t been replaced in the 40 years of operation. Funds will also allow for improvements to security and the kitchen to continue safe service for the seniors.
Project need $12,000
Special Olympics of Arizona
Funds will purchase equipment, uniforms, and renting space to practice sports. Funds will also help the Prescott Unified School District launch and implement Unified Champion Schools programming for the first time ever.

Project need $10,000

Sun Sounds
Funds will purchase tablets for volunteers to access local print content.

Project need $600

Healthcare
Copper Canyon Fire & Medical Authority
Funds will cover half the cost of the tuition to send two paramedic students to the year-long training program to become certified paramedics. Once certified, these employees would be able to deliver advanced life support to critically ill or injured residents and visitors in our area.

Project need $400

Yavapai County Community Health Services
Funds will support the Substance Exposed Newborn Assessment and Education program, specifically to help fund nurses to fully participate in required staffing, family, and collaborator meetings while covering staff time and travel expenses.

Project need $4,650

Transportation
Yavapai Regional Transit
Funds will help pay the majority of the federal matching funds needed to add three additional hours of bus service in Chino Valley. Passengers need the additional hours to help accommodate doctor and government appointments.

Project need $4,000

Veterans
ARTability AZ
Funds will support a free 10-week writer’s workshop taught by an experienced storyteller and local writer for Veterans in the Verde Valley. The workshop will provide veterans the tools to document their war time experiences. An anthology of their work and a reading will be produced in November.

Project need $3,750