



ARIZONA COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
OF YAVAPAI COUNTY

## 2021 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 **2021 Worthy Projects** that need additional funding. For more information on the projects please contact Sheri Denny, Regional Philanthropic Advisor by calling 928.583.7816 or emailing [SDenny@azfoundation.org](mailto:SDenny@azfoundation.org).

### Animal Welfare

#### Large Animal Search & Emergency Rescue (LASER)

Funds will support the building of an emergency shelter site for barn animals in Chino Valley, specifically purchasing panels and equipment for more stalls, small animal pens, and supplies.

**Project need:** \$4,600

#### Runnin W Wildlife Center, Inc.

Funds will support the upgrade of existing solar system through the purchase of additional panels, battery storage and inverters, and the accessories required for selling back excess power to the utility company. Additionally, funds will purchase a well water tank for potable water.

**Project need:** \$15,000

#### Yavapai Humane Society

Funds will be used for the Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Program, which provides care for medical needs that animals might otherwise be euthanized for in other shelters.

**Project need:** \$2,000

### Arts & Culture

#### Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering

Funds will be used to support general operating expenses while Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering seeks a new venue since the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center is closed.

**Project need:** \$5,000

#### Prescott Chorale

Funds will pay for 10 local instrumentalists (of 20 total) to perform two Christmas concerts with the Prescott Chorale, including a guest soloist and a Children's Choir. Funds will also pay for a portion of the rental fee to rehearse at the Ruth Street Theater and a portion of the venue rental for the concert.

**Project need:** \$4,000

### Red Earth Theatre

Funds will support *Veterans Speak: Live on Stage*, a performance that will guide veterans through the proven Performing Wellness™ process to develop personal stories which are performed on stage with experienced actors.

**Project need:** \$10,500

### Sedona Conservatory

Funds will help produce a public, outdoor *Jazz on the Green* concert/festival event on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Collective in the Village of Oak Creek.

Performing artists and vendors from throughout Yavapai County and Arizona will be featured.

**Project need:** \$6,500

### The Museum of Indigenous People

Funds will be used for an eight-week summer guest artist series, hosting Native artists. The series, created at the height of the pandemic, was meant to provide a safe, profitable environment for Native artists to sell. The goal is to bring six artists to the campus weekly.

**Project need:** \$12,500

## Children

### Boys & Girls Club of Central Arizona

Funds will support the *Power Hour: Making Minutes Count* project, specifically to go toward staffing wages and supplies. The project's purpose is to provide daily homework tutoring for youth ages six to 18 to help them achieve academic success and develop a sense of competence in accomplishing school tasks.

**Project need:** \$13,525

### Camp Verde Elementary School

Funds will be used to purchase 16, 65 inch to 70 inch Vizio M656 Smart TVs, worth \$570 each.

**Project need:** \$10,000

### Catholic Charities

Funds will provide essential inventory and supplies such as undergarments, clothes, shoes, coats, cleaning supplies, hangers, shelving, and a portion of the *Teen's Closet* Supervisor salary.

**Project need:** \$7,000

### Cottonwood-Oak Creek School District

Funds will support the *Warriors of Hope Literacy Initiative* which will provide literacy interventions in and after-school to 500 elementary students identified as at-risk and measured by a diagnostic literacy screening. Funds will provide 150 teachers and community volunteers with 72 evidence-based literacy intervention kits.

**Project need:** \$20,000

### Girl Scouts Cactus-Pine Council

Funds will support the local program serving 250 girls and 100 adults in Yavapai County.

**Project need:** \$5,000

### **The Launch Pad Teen Center**

Funds will be used to hire a firm to submit for fundraising compliance in states other than Arizona. Funds will also be used to hire a consultant to merge the Client/Donor Relationship Management platform with that of Boys to Men Mentoring, with whom TLP merged with.

**Project need:** \$4,750

### **Law Enforcement Heroes**

Funds will support the *Verde Valley Shop with a Cop* program, which takes children who are less fortunate, experienced a tragic or traumatic event, or who simply would benefit from the program shopping with a police officer during the holiday season.

**Project need:** \$1,100

### **Science Vortex of the Verde Valley**

Funds will benefit Verde Valley preschoolers, their families, and their teachers through STEAM lessons, professional development trainings, ready-to-use learning kits, and free monthly preschool family nights throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

**Project need:** \$12,650

### **Verde Valley Imagination Library**

Funds will provide the gift of books for Verde Valley children from birth to age five through Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Each month a new, quality, age-appropriate book is mailed directly to the family. As family reading time increases, children acquire the basic skills essential for reading. \$30 sponsors a child for one year.

**Project need:** \$5,000

### **West Yavapai Guidance Clinic**

Funds will enhance services for children with autism and their families, including converting two existing offices to fully equipped sensory rooms designed for children with autism and launch a parent/caregiver support group.

**Project need:** \$11,000

### **Yarnell Elementary School District**

Funds will purchase an Interactive Touch Panel to enhance the learning environment, engage students in technology, and provide additional options for curriculum.

**Project need:** \$10,000

### **Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Funds will be used to develop a Staff, Volunteer, and Parent Training Program. This program will build agency capacity and strengthen over 275 youth mentoring relationships by providing staff, volunteers, and parents with evidence-based training in areas such as but not limited to mentoring, physical/mental health, abuse, and education.

**Project need:** \$8,000

### **Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation**

Funds will help create a safe, private shaded playground area in the backyard of the Family Visitation Center, to purchase a washer/dryer for increased sanitation needs due to COVID-19, and to meet staffing needs.

**Project need:** \$1,500

### **Yavapai County Free Library**

On average, school library collections throughout Yavapai County are 30 years old. Funds will be used to update and add to library collections based on the needs identified by Library District staff, school library staff, administrations, and teachers.

**Project need:** \$20,000

## **Emergency Services and Safety**

### **Arizona Crisis Team**

While Arizona Crisis Team typically holds a training session in spring 2021 to fill its volunteer base, it's been unable to get enough people due to COVID-19. Funding will help recruit and train new volunteers.

**Project need:** \$7,500

### **Friends of Yavapai County ARES RACES**

Funds will help support vital emergency infrastructure upgrades that are desperately needed in Yavapai County. The most urgent need is to expand ARES' regional high-speed wireless digital network from Wickenburg into Prescott and the Verde Valley.

**Project need:** \$11,000

### **Southern Yavapai Fire Department**

Funds will support fire department personnel during incidents and training, like purchasing water, food, and supplies that the incident commander indicates are needed.

**Project need:** \$2,000

## **Environment**

### **Highlands Center for Natural History**

Funds will be applied to the cost of materials, construction, and implementation of a Storywalk® in the James Family Discovery Gardens, specifically the display cases and purchase/preparation of books. Funds will also be applied to one-year of programming associated with the Storywalk®, including ongoing program materials and staffing costs.

**Project need:** \$7,448

### **Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund**

Funds will be used to replace 24 outdated large trailhead information maps at 16 RRRD sites in Yavapai County outside of the Sedona city limits. Each new map is approximately 30 inches by 47 inches and will be made of state-of-the-art high-pressure laminate.

**Project need:** \$3,000

### **The Greater Prescott Outdoors Fund**

Funds will be used to install 600 feet of fencing, lay water supply pipe, and a drip system for irrigation; pay a Project Manager and Volunteer Program Coordinator; import materials such as wood chips and manure; rent machinery to aid in building the fence line; and provide soil and water testing.

**Project need:** \$13,000

### **Verde Natural Resource Conservation District Environmental Education Center**

Funds will support ongoing improvements and maintenance of the Native Pollinator Garden, additional help for EEC's Program Manager, development of three VVDC programs, and acquisition of folding tables and chairs for hosting workshops.

**Project need:** \$6,000

### **Verde Valley Cyclist Coalition**

Funds will be used to continue the construction of the 27-mile Blowout Wash Trail System in the Verde District of the Prescott National Forest.

**Project need:** \$17,000

### **Verde Valley Wheel Fun**

Funds will be used to create the Bike Skills Park and Fitness Course, which will have 2,500 feet of track along with skill progression features. The fitness course will consist of a floating balance system, pull-up bars, horizontal ladder, push up bar, hip twister, and sit up bench.

**Project need:** \$10,000

### **Yavapai Trails Association**

Funds will be used to hire a professional videographer to film, edit, and produce a series of professional grade videos to assist in the training of trail maintenance volunteers in a series of requisite categories to properly maintain a multipurpose trail.

**Project need:** \$6,300

## **Food Insecurity**

### **Bread of Life Missions**

Funds will help get a Community Café (soup kitchen) up and running by purchasing equipment and food, revitalizing the space, and more.

**Project need:** \$10,000

### **Manzanita Outreach**

Funds will help implement a new program called MO Packs, which will provide Verde Valley children with access to free, weekly food packs containing an assortment of nutritious and children-focused foods.

**Project need:** \$8,000

## Healthcare

### Arizona SonShine

Funds will pay for dental amalgams, denture plates, glasses and frames, cleaning supplies, etc. that could enable the organization to fully utilize its volunteers and equipment.

**Project need:** \$5,530

### Ronald McDonald House Charities

Funds will provide 93 nights of rest to families from Yavapai County seeking specialized pediatric medical care in the Phoenix area (not available to them in their hometown) for their sick or injured child.

**Project need:** \$5,000

## Housing and Homelessness

### Agape House of Prescott

Funds will go toward a permanent facility to provide interim housing and individualized life skills training for up to 16 homeless families per year that wish to achieve independence.

**Project need:** \$7,415

### Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity

Funds will help purchase building materials for the family that lives in family house #91.

**Project need:** \$8,550

### Prescott Area Shelter Services

Funds will cover the increased resources needed for staff experiencing trauma resulting from COVID-19 restrictions, loss of jobs, and an uncertain future for already stressed individuals.

**Project need:** \$3,570

### Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity

Funds will help expand the Critical Home Repair Program, which is designed to serve senior adults, veterans, and families who own their own home but due to low-income are not able to repair and maintain the safety of their homes.

**Project need:** \$3,550

### Verde Valley Homeless Coalition

Funds will go toward covering the cost of one full-time staff member, paid supervision for the overnight shelter, and lease and utility payments.

**Project need:** \$11,915

## Mental Health/Substance Abuse

### Sedona Arts Academy

Funds will support the *I Am Worthy Suicide Prevention Project*, a program for college, high school, and middle school students combining Live Theatre and Suicide Prevention Education.

**Project need:** \$19,900

### Steps to Recovery

Funds will purchase a 15-passenger van or transit bus to transport clients to job development, required meetings, therapy, interviews, life coaching, medical appointments, food resources, events, and other health and wellness activities.

**Project need:** \$3,500

### Social Services

#### Another Journey

Funds will purchase necessary items to help further resource residents, like six bikes and four lofted beds. Additionally, funds will help secure a part time assistant and respite caregiver.

**Project need:** \$11,000

#### Beaver Creek Adult Center

Funds will be used to replenish Beaver Creek Adult Center funds lost due to COVID-19.

**Project need:** \$6,000

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Immaculate Conception

Funds will purchase a used box truck in good condition to replace an older truck. The truck is needed for pick-up and delivery of donated furniture, household items, and food boxes throughout the Verde Valley for the SVDP Conference Thrift Store and Food Pantry located in Cottonwood.

**Project need:** \$12,500

#### Yarnell Regional Community Center

Funds will support its Thrift Store operations including wages, computer and software, and physical improvements to the store.

**Project need:** \$10,000

### Veterans

#### U.S. Vets

Funds will support the new Day Service Center for veterans experiencing homelessness who are not yet ready to come into one of the housing programs. They will have access to daily meals, showers, clothing, laundry, referrals for services, shelter from inclement weather, employment support, and other basic needs.

**Project need:** \$5,000

#### Visions of Vets

Funds will support two new veteran profiles, including the costs to research and interview, videography, editing, printing, framing, and producing.

**Project need:** \$6,000