



ARIZONA COMMUNITY
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2022 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 **2022 Worthy Projects**. For more information on the projects please contact Sheri Denny, Regional Philanthropic Advisor by calling 928.583.7816 or emailing SDenny@azfoundation.org.

Animal Welfare

Humane Society of Sedona

Funds will help support Verde Valley families who are unable to pay for the total cost of lifesaving or quality of life veterinary care for their companion animal. Preference will be given to seniors who are clients of Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition. Families in need of financial support will be identified by local veterinarians.

Project need: \$5,000

Arts & Culture

Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering

Funds will support quality, authentic entertainers at the newly-remodeled Yavapai College Performing Arts Center in 2022. Renovation of the performing arts center and a new contract with Yavapai College will require some flexibility and additional funding as space requirements have been altered from previous years.

Project need: \$5,000

Arizona Philharmonic

Arizona Philharmonic has benefited since the beginning from the incredible generosity and commitment of our Executive Director, Henry Flurry. As a co-founder, Henry has worked many hours, going above and beyond his duties. Now, the Arizona Philharmonic is looking to hire a part-time executive director so Henry can put his sole focus on the artistic direction of the organization.

Project need: \$7,481

Natural History Institute

Funding will go toward general operating costs, exhibitions, speakers, workshops, citizen science activities, advanced scientific research, and supplies. A new computer station, software upgrades, and new display cases will greatly enhance productivity and promote on site community use.

Project need: \$10,000

Prescott Chorale, Inc.

Funds will help pay for local instrumentalists, choral and orchestral sheet music, accompanist, and soloists for, "Music, the Fusion of History and Passion, and Native Americans to Aaron Copland."

Project need: \$4,000

Red Rocks Music Festival

Residents of Yavapai County, including greater Sedona, Verde Valley, Clarkdale, and Prescott, will participate in the festival offerings, including concerts and educational outreach.

Project need: \$6,043

Sharlot Hall Historical Society (Sharlot Hall Museum)

Funds will be part of the Future Building platform centered on expanding and developing a more comprehensive outreach, making the museum more accessible with reimagining access points: Membership, programming, events, and exhibitions. These expanded platforms shape the inclusive positioning for both residents and visitors in the region.

Project need: \$26,000

Yavapai College Foundation

Funds will help offer scholarships for teens to attend a Filmmaker Boot Camp at Yavapai College (10 overnight campers plus 15-day campers). A minimum of five enrollments will be reserved for local Native American students, and priority will be given to offering full scholarships for these students to attend the overnight camp.

Project need: \$6,250

Children

Firefighter Angel Foundation

Funds will help purchase supplies and backpacks for students in need to assist in a successful beginning of the 2022 school year. The supplies and backpacks will be grade-appropriate for students. Any leftover supplies and backpacks will be distributed to area schools and districts to be used throughout the year.

Project need: \$2,198

Girl Scouts – Arizona Cactus-Pine Council

Funds will support the local Girl Scout program serving 250 girls and 105 adults in Yavapai County. Local staff will work to build capacity and collaborate with other community organizations. This will provide impactful experiences for girls to help them build courage, confidence, and character as they work to make the world a better place.

Project need: \$5,000

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: \$5,700

Low Income Student Aid, Inc. (LISA)

Funds will support any qualifying low-income student aid requests, including: Clothing, toiletries, school supplies, literacy materials, pay to play athletic fees, after-school care fees, preschool tuition, educational intervention programs, educational trip fees, food, and Internet service for remote learning.

Project need: \$2,000

Sunwest

Funds will help expand the number of children served by the assistance fund, ensuring that no child is excluded from the opportunity to participate.

Project need: \$10,000

Verde Valley Archaeology Center

The Verde Valley Archaeology Center recently purchased an 11,000-square-foot building for an expanded museum and collection center. The new space will feature a "Children's Adventure Room," that includes several archaeology-related activities. Funds will help purchase furniture for the children's area.

Project need: \$5,000

West Yavapai Guidance Clinic dba Polara Health

Funds will help enhance services for children with autism and their families and caregivers, including a library nook with sensory-friendly furniture to house a resource library of books, puzzles, and other items that can be used onsite or signed out.

Project need: \$10,000

Economic Development

Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters

Funds will support a new program for workforce development and college or trade-career readiness. This will help extend the organization's reach to 18- to 25-year-olds, with the support of a caring, stable adult relationship necessary to guide these youth in developing critical life skills and setting goals for post-secondary success and self-sufficiency in adulthood.

Project need: \$15,000

Education

Happy Futures, Inc.

Funds could impact approximately 25 students with enriched classroom environments and extended learning opportunities. Education funding in Arizona ranks one of the lowest in the nation and these funds provide extra opportunities not funded in the regular school budget.

Project need: \$5,000

Prescott Unified School District No. 1

Funds will support a Farm to School Coordinator to lead the F2S Program at all seven schools. This will help make garden-based environmental learning available to 3,900 PUSD students. This capacity-building position will ensure all students have access to an education that inspires them to care for their well-being, as well as the environment.

Project need: \$10,000

Verde Valley Wheel Fun

Funds will be used to implement the Outride Fund's R4F program at Cottonwood Community School in late Spring 2022 and at Oak Creek and Mountain View Preparatory Schools in October 2022. R4F is a middle school-based P.E. program established at more than 230 schools across the USA and Canada.

Project need: \$6,000

Emergency Services and Safety

Arizona Crisis Team

Funds will be used for client personal care kits which include: Personal care items, oral care, and grooming essentials for men, women, and children. These kits are given to victims of trauma by volunteers – especially after a fire. There is also a need for the volunteer program's field supplies and training.

Project need: \$5,000

Verde Search and Rescue

Funds will be utilized to procure a drone with night vision capability, which will be used in search and rescue operations to minimize response and subject location time. VSAR responded to 84 callouts in 2021 and more than 100 in 2020, with 1 out of 3 occurring at night, when conditions mandate quick and efficient response times.

Project need: \$2,500

Verde Valley Sanctuary

Funds will help clear a safe path to freedom and healing for up to 40 sexual and domestic violence victims by alleviating emergency financial burdens and barriers.

Project need: \$5,000

Yarnell Fire District

Funds will be used to procure and install much-needed technology upgrades for the fire administration building and fire station. The upgrades will include two desktop computers for administrative use, two hard cased laptops for field and apparatus use, one fire station laptop for incident reporting and management, and three laser printers.

Project need: \$5,000

Yavapai County Contactors Association

Funds will provide seniors who have experienced family members/income wage earners losing their life and experiencing income challenges due to COVID-19, with critical home repairs to ensure they can remain in their homes.

Project need: \$12,500

Environment

Arizona Serve of Prescott College

Arizona Serve in collaboration with the Community Nature Center will engage nine college-aged environmental AmeriCorps educators to run the 2022 Prescott Creeks and Watershed Program. The initiative will directly impact 90 fifth grade students who will plant 90 trees and clean up 150 pounds of trash from local watersheds.

Project need: \$8,500

AZ Milkweeds for Monarchs

Funds will support interns and the monarch butterfly conservation garden as part of the VOC Community Garden Project with support of The Rotary Club at Big Park Community School. Funds will support the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Internships and part-time landscapers that will install infrastructure (e.g., additional irrigation lines).

Project need: \$6,000

Granite Dells Preservation Foundation

Funds will be used for the design, materials purchase, permitting fees, and installation of a rusted steel screening fence to block unsightly views such as tire storage and other industrial uses at the Prescott Peavine Trailhead. The trailhead and trail are owned by the City of Prescott.

Project need: \$6,973

Prescott Farmers Market, Inc.

Funds will pay for wages, materials, and improvements to the Prescott Community Compost Project. This funding and subsequent changes is anticipated to increase operational capacity by 20 percent.

Project need: \$4,999

Slow Foods Prescott

Funds will be used to continue the Grow Food In Your Backyard project for its second year. Funds will be used to build food gardens and train gardeners- extending to school and community gardens. This program strengthens environmental awareness, personal and community resilience, and builds greater food security.

Project need: \$1,000

Yavapai Trails Association

Funds will be used to restore the Almosta Trail System, which consists of over 30 miles of trail. Much of the trail is overgrown with vegetation making the system difficult to navigate, especially blind switchbacks. A certified trail crew will be hired to brush out the remote trails.

Project need: \$5,000

Food Insecurity

Bread of Life Missions

Funds will provide breakfast and lunch for 150 children each week through the summer. Additionally, funds will support summer classes to teach older children (ages 12+) how to prepare nutritious meals on their own, with food they can get from a food bank. Lastly, funds will support a hosted class on youth community garden to teach self-sufficiency.

Project need: \$10,000

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Funds will be used to purchase food and supplies to prepare meals. The church serves two meals a month on the second and fourth Friday, and have been shopping, prepping, cooking and serving between 135 and 150 folks each meal.

Project need: \$3,500

Old Town Mission

Funds will assist with the costs of purchasing necessary supplies and the operational expenses of the most recent addition of the Mid-Week Market & Meal. They will also assist with expanding community meals and implementing a Monday Evening Dinner and opening the new resource for families in need named, "The KID'S Shop".

Project need: \$7,500

Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank, Inc.

Funds will allow PCCFB, Inc. to add evenings and Saturday hours, which will allow the working poor to access the food bank. Funds will purchase a Refrigerated Merchandiser to store additional produce, and dairy. Funds will also purchase more food for distribution to Yavapai County residents experiencing food insecurity.

Project need: \$5,000

Healthcare

Arizona SonShine

To serve those who, for whatever reason, are unable to access medical, dental, and vision services through traditional channels. No questions are asked, no means test required. The goal is to serve the needs which are before the organization with as little red tape as possible, and thereby, improving their health outcomes, and ultimately their lives.

Project need: \$7,200

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Funds will provide nights of rest to many children and their caregivers from Yavapai County during their child's health crisis. In many cases, these families might otherwise be forced to sleep in their cars, curl up in a chair beside their child's hospital bed, or incur costly hotel and meal expenses.

Project need: \$2,507

Housing and Homelessness

Another Journey

Funds will purchase necessary items to help further resource residents through mentorship and reliable respite caretakers. They would like to be able to continue to hire respite caretakers for the home, as well as provide a small budget for mentors to take residents out and provide a transportation fund for residents.

Project need: \$3,275

Coalition for Compassion and Justice

Funds will support the newest project, Paloma Village. A four-acre, 25-unit manufactured mobile home park with a community center and park, all built in five phases. Rental rates for homes would be less than fair market rate (\$500-950/month) and would serve as low-income housing to working class individuals and families.

Project need: \$2,000

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity

Funds will go toward building supplies, materials, and construction costs for the house located at 5101 E. Sapphire Drive in Diamond Valley. The revenue generated by the ReStore (thrift store) covers all operating expenses, making sure all grants and donations go directly to building homes.

Project need: \$2,000

Prescott Area Shelter Services

Funds will assist with transitional housing case management hours, repairs and updates in the transitional house, and staff hours for the Children's Program.

Project need: \$4,000

Sedona Area Homeless Alliance

Funds will support Project CODE BLUE, an emergency evening shelter, which is active during the cold season on the nights when temperatures drop to freezing. Motel rooms are rented for our most vulnerable in Yavapai County.

Project need: \$5,000

Verde Valley Homeless Coalition

Funds will be used to provide breakfast and dinner to those utilizing the overnight shelter. Beginning Oct. 6, 2021, VVHC has been open overnight, seven days a week. During the month of January 2022, VVHC averaged 17 overnight unsheltered.

Project need: \$4,000

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

Family Involvement Center

The Prescott Valley office will purchase two, eight-person passenger vans to transport children/youth from their homes to: The office for services, appointments and outings, and other destinations as needed. Currently, staff are transporting clients in their own vehicles, limiting the number served and entailing a number of other challenges.

Project need: \$3,000

Steps to Recovery Homes

Funds will support a new Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) designed to address substance use and other co-occurring disorders. This is done by streamlining intake processes and providing considerate, personalized health and support services to diverse adults ages 18-65 in communities who are struggling with drug, alcohol, and/or mental health recovery.

Project need: \$12,506

Social Services

Arizona's Children Association

Funds will provide emergency assistance to current and former foster youth in the process of transitioning to adulthood. Funds will be used to address the immediate needs of those experiencing hardship and help them avoid an impending crisis that could leave them unstable, without critical resources, displaced, or homeless.

Project need: \$2,500

Hope Women's Center

Funds will go toward renovating the center by reconfiguring walls and current space for additional rooms to be used for client programs, classes, mentoring, etc.

Project need: \$10,000

People Who Care

Funds will be used for general program expenses and program implementation. This includes salary and wages for staff, volunteer insurance, office supplies, utilities and rent, and volunteer recruitment. This allows them to continue to organize volunteers, monitor clients' needs and concerns, and attend to day-to-day needs of the organization.

Project need: \$5,000

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona

Funds will increase the capacity of the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center to respond to heightened pandemic-related demand to serve victims of interpersonal violence. By supporting development and outreach efforts, these funds will strengthen the organization's ability to seek and secure expansion opportunities so more can be helped victims countywide.

Project need: \$2,750

Prism Network

Formerly Greater Yavapai County Coalition, funds will be used to rebuild and rebrand the website, social media, and logo to better represent the community and mission statement.

Project need: \$1,500

Special Olympics Arizona

Funds will provide the sports equipment, uniforms, and facilities that allow all to fully participate safely and confidently exceeding, while expectations with every victory.

Project need: \$5,000

Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition

Funds will enable Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition (VVCC) to expand Technology Coaching to a Virtual Care Access program, to improve the health of high-risk, isolated, and mobility challenged seniors. To provide in-home telehealth appointments, VVCC will use grant funds to increase staff, provide internet access, and technology coaching.

Project need: \$7,500

Yarnell Regional Community Center

Funds will be used to assist with YRCC to pay its Thrift Store manager for 12 months. The Thrift Store provides a sustainable revenue source to fund the Center's meals programs and social events. The manager is a crucial role to drive that sustainability.

Project need: \$2,540

Veterans

Ayuda Smiles, Inc.

Funds will help clear the existing waitlist of more than 100 Arizona Veterans in need of critical dental care, including 28 veterans specifically in Yavapai County. Ayuda Smile, Inc. accepts and services the 2-3 new applications received weekly and continue to expand the program statewide.

Project need: \$15,000