

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/16/25	AGENDA ITEM: 4.S. M&C - FY 2026 Non-Profit Community Funding Grant Program sub-committee recommendations.
DATE PREPARED: 09/11/25	DISTRICT NO.:
STAFF LIAISON: Christine Grundy, Assistant to the Mayor, cgrundy@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6949	
DEPARTMENT: City Manager	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on the Non-Profit Community Funding sub-committee's recommendations to award funds to various non-profits that serve City of Buckeye residents.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, \$124,000 was allocated to support non-profit organizations that provide social services to Buckeye residents. Thirty-four applications were received requesting \$384,172.60 in total. After review, the subcommittee recommends awarding the available \$124,000 to 19 non-profit organizations.

The subcommittee members included Vice Mayor Craig Heustis, Councilmember Tony Youngker, Councilmember Clay Goodman, Human Services Manager Krystian Zebrowski, and Permit Technician I Maryellen Madden. The subcommittee recommends funding the following organizations:

Organization Name	Funding Amount
A New Leaf	\$5,000
All Faith Community Services	\$30,000
AZ Community Impact	\$2,500
Buckeye Police Foundation	\$15,000
Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center	\$2,500
Gervonni Cares	\$5,000
Girasol	\$4,000
Helping Families In Need	\$5,000
I Am Hear	\$4,000
Mirna's Place -Site Improvement	\$15,000
Mission of Mercy	\$3,000
R.O.S.E. Resource & Outreach for Safeguarding the Elderly	\$2,000
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.	\$3,000
Sounds of Autism	\$5,000
Southwest Lending Closet	\$6,000
Village Community and Recreation Center	\$4,000
VFW Post 12098	\$5,000

Women4Women	\$3,000
Youth4Youth	\$5,000
Total	\$124,000

BENEFITS:

This program provides local organizations with an opportunity to maintain or expand the services they currently offer to Buckeye residents, delivering meaningful and economically valuable benefits to both the community and the City.

FUTURE ACTION:

Upon Council approval, staff will submit check requests to the Finance Department. Award notifications will be sent by email, with formal award letters and either paper checks or ACH payments (if available) distributed to the funded organizations by October 1, 2025. Award recipients are required to provide a complete financial accounting of the awarded funds by June 30, 2026, in order to remain eligible for future funding opportunities. Organizations not selected for funding will be notified by email.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funds are allocated in the FY 2026 budget.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

\$124,000

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

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Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Grant Summary FY 26.pdf](#)