

FY 25/26 Tentative Funding Recommendations

Program Descriptions

CDBG Public Services

Family Promise – Greater Phoenix

Mesa Family Shelter Program

\$80,035

Mesa Family Shelter Program provides a home-like living environment for homeless families with youth under the age of 18, focusing on shelter, food, and social services that move them toward independent housing and self-sufficiency. The Program serves low-income families by meeting basic needs for a bed, hygiene items, and comfort items for kids, then connecting families with childcare/school, supporting employment opportunities, and finally providing financial literacy skills and housing guidance.

Child Crisis Arizona

Early Education Services for Low-Income Mesa Families

\$80,000

Child Crisis Arizona is respectfully seeking funding to support early childhood education programming at our Mesa Early Education Center's Preschool Program. The program goal is to help children be kindergarten ready; therefore, focusing heavily on literacy and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math). To help eliminate barriers to family success and support children's early education better, participating families are assigned a Family Support Specialist who works with them to identify problems and find resources. Support services not only extend to adults, but to siblings, as well.

A New Leaf

Housing Support Services

\$75,000

A New Leaf requests funding to provide Housing Support Services for low-income individuals and families residents at La Mesita and Desert Leaf Apartments, located in Mesa. Assists those who are chronically homeless or homeless with special needs, who are transitioning into permanent housing. Services include case management, basic need assistance, educational and financial coaching, community events, transportation, workforce development, and educational, socialization, and recreational activities for children and youth.

A New Leaf

La Mesita Family Shelter

\$66,087

A New Leaf's La Mesita Family Shelter (LMFS) and Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter provide emergency shelter, basic needs, and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness. Located in Mesa, the primary goal of both shelters is to reduce the number of families experiencing

homelessness who are living on the streets or in other unsafe conditions and support them in their goal to gain housing stability.

City of Mesa – Office of Homeless Solutions (set-aside)

Navigation Services

\$301,120

The Office of Homeless Solutions will contract with a non-profit organization for Homeless Navigation Services. Homeless navigators play a crucial role in helping individuals experiencing homelessness navigate the complex systems and resources available to them. Services will include assessment and prioritization of homeless individuals requiring immediate assistance, finding and securing housing, connecting individuals to essential services, and conducting street outreach.

CDBG Non-Public Services

City of Mesa (Set-Aside)

Emergency Rehabilitation Program

\$2,514,692

The Emergency Rehabilitation Program provides repairs to low-moderate-income homeowners in Mesa. Repairs provide safe and sanitary living conditions, preserve the existing housing stock, and assist in neighborhood revitalization. The primary recipients earn less than 60% of the area median income, and secondary recipients earn less than 80% of the area median income.

HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

City of Mesa (Set-Aside)

Rental and Utility Deposit Program

\$400,000

The City of Mesa Rental and Utility Deposit Program will assist low-income Mesa residents whose only barrier to housing is the upfront cost of moving into a new home to find a stable living situation. Families and individuals will be assisted with rental security deposit assistance and/or utility deposit assistance to assist with move-in costs for stable housing.

Community Bridges, Inc.

CBI Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

\$200,000

CBI's Tenant Based Rental Assistance program will provide rental assistance, up to two years, to low-moderate income individuals. The amount of rental assistance paid on behalf of the program participant is based on the household's gross annual income. CBI will provide also support services and case management.

24/25 HOME Rental Development

A New Leaf

La Mesita Phase IV Construction Project

\$3,000,000

A New Leaf seeks HOME funding to leverage Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funds for the development of Phase IV of La Mesita, located at 2254 W. Main St, 85201. This project will entail the construction of one building which will provide 54 units of affordable housing to serve seniors. The proposed project will consist of 48 studios and 6 one-bedroom units, with a preference for senior veterans (the "Project"). A New Leaf will seek to apply for City of Mesa Project-Based Vouchers for 30% of the units. HOME funding is contingent on successful award of LIHTC funding from the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH.)

COPA Health, Inc.

Beverly Family Housing

\$1,000,000

COPA Health, Inc. seeks HOME funding to leverage Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funds for the development of Beverly Family Housing, located at 120 N. Beverly, 85201. This project will provide a total of 40 affordable rental housing units – 8 one-bedroom, 24 two-bedroom, and 8 three-bedroom units. These units will replace the 12 existing multi-family units that were built in 1960. HOME funding is contingent on successful award of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding from the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH.)

Emergency Solution Grant (ESG)

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona

Rapid Rehousing

\$115,696

Save the Family will provide Rapid Rehousing Services to Mesa households experiencing homelessness in order to stabilize the household, end their homelessness, and help them secure permanent housing. The households will receive housing location services and payment of stepped-down rental subsidies in order to secure their own leased rental housing in the community. In addition to receiving Case Management and access to wrap-around Supportive Services (Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services - FACES) designed to empower them to maintain on-going permanent housing without financial subsidies.

A New Leaf

East Valley Men's Center

\$150,000

A New Leaf provides emergency shelter, basic needs, and supportive services for single men experiencing homelessness at the East Valley Men's Center (EVMC). EVMC provides clients with shelter, basic needs, and supportive services for up to 120 days with a capacity of 110 beds. EVMC provides supportive services and referral resources to enable clients to reach their long-term economic and housing stability goals, while also focusing on improving social determinants of health.

Child Crisis Arizona**Group Home for Homeless Male Youth****\$30,000**

The Child Crisis Arizona Group Home provides around-the-clock emergency shelter for boys, ages 11 – 18, providing basic needs (food, clothing, shelter, education, and comprehensive healthcare). The home can provide care for 10 boys concurrently. Programming includes group counseling, socialization activities, development of life skills, and transportation to/from school and appointments. The program provides long-term care for homeless youth in the child welfare system, offering stability and consistency with a goal of guiding youth to independent adulthood. Referrals for service are made by the entities holding legal custody of youth, the Arizona Department of Child Safety and Tribal Social Services.

Tempe Community Action Agency**I-Help Emergency Shelter****\$33,592**

TCAA is requesting \$40,000 in ESG funds for I-HELP Emergency Shelter services benefiting unsheltered seniors, adults and couples from the City of Mesa. Grant funds will support a portion of the shelter program personnel costs, program supplies, and direct client assistance. The program is closely aligned with the City of Mesa's priorities to respond to the needs of residents experiencing homelessness, poverty, hunger, and domestic violence. I-HELP is a non-traditional mobile shelter model. Rather than using a dedicated shelter facility, a network of faith organizations provides TCAA with free access to their facilities for 40 safe sleeping spaces for adults every night of the year. In addition to the faith partners, TCAA collaborates with EVIT and volunteer groups for evening meals for shelter guests, HOM for Rapid Rehousing placements, Circle the City for onsite healthcare services, and Homeless ID Project for replacement of lost or stolen ID documents.

Human Services Funding**United Food Bank****Emergency Food Assistance****\$60,000**

United Food Bank aims to supplement the diet of low-income Arizonans. The program plays a crucial role in providing wholesome perishable and nonperishable food items to agency partners. Through collaborative efforts and partnerships, United Food Bank ensures the sustainability of its services.

Aster Aging, Inc.**Meals on Wheels****\$60,000**

Aster Meals on Wheels assists homebound older and disabled adults with hot, nutritious meals that are delivered each weekday, coupled with wellness / safety checks. Three critical outcomes are achieved that ultimately enable vulnerable seniors to maintain their independence at home.

Community Legal Services**Legal Advocacy & Education for Low-Income Mesa Residents****\$42,075**

Community Legal Services (“CLS”), a non-profit, civil law firm in the Arizona provides Legal Advocacy for Low-Income Mesa Residents at no-cost legal services to the residents of the City of Mesa. Services that CLS will provide include legal education and advocacy, brief advice, and direct representation. The goals of this program include assisting with employment cases, setting asides, preventing homelessness, reducing evictions, addressing Fair Housing complaints, consumer issues, and other civil legal aid to families and individuals in Mesa.

Oakwood Creative Care, Inc.**Respite & Nursing Care for Low-Income Mesa Seniors with Cognitive & Physical Impairments****\$45,000**

Oakwood Creative Care (OCC) respectfully requests 24/25 support from the City of Mesa to support Respite and Nursing Care for Low-Income Mesa Seniors with Cognitive and Physical Impairments at our Day Clubs located in OCC’s Downtown and Red Mountain Mesa Day Clubs, which are cost-effective, vital, community-based solutions for senior care and licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services. This grant will provide low-income seniors living with cognitive and physical impairments with adult day respite care. The individuals we serve through our Day Clubs receive 16,640 hours of adult day respite through daily engagement activities, nursing oversight, nutritious meals and snacks, one-to-one counseling, group counseling, advanced care planning, support groups, and dementia education.

Matthew’s Crossing**Meals to Grow Program****\$35,000**

Matthew's Crossing Food Banks' Meals to Grow Program is designed to provide hunger relief to students through weekend backpacks, on-campus food closets, summer snack packs, and pop-up marketplaces. Backpacks contain meals (easy mac, canned pasta, tuna, beans, etc.), not just snacks. Food closets provide meal items for the entire family, not just for the individual student and are designed for weekday/weeknight hunger relief, often serving families in crisis. Meals to Grow is currently serving 11 elementary, junior and high schools in Mesa, as well as 2 campuses of Mesa Community College and the Chandler Gilbert Community College Williams campus.

Oakwood Creative Care, Inc.**Dementia Hub Community Engagement Services for Low-income Seniors****\$15,000**

Oakwood Creative Care (OCC) respectfully requests 24/25 support to fund the Family Support Navigator position at our Dementia Hub in East Mesa. Through City of Mesa grant funding our Dementia Hub will provide family support navigation sessions, which include resource navigation, education, and advanced care planning for individuals experiencing Alzheimer’s and other dementia related disorders (also referred to as person living with dementia, PLWD) and their families or caregivers.

**Arizona Brainfood
Weekend Food Bags
\$50,000**

Arizona Brainfood provides weekend backpacks of child-friendly, user-friendly food for children in the East Valley who have been identified by school health offices, teachers, and other personnel as being at risk for having no food or insufficient food on weekends. We provide each of these children with a bag of food that has sufficient food for at least 7 meals. The bags are filled and delivered to children at 56 schools in Mesa (125+ schools in the East Valley) by volunteers from all areas of the community. We have many community groups who collaborate with us and make our work possible.

**Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
My Sister's Place (MSP) - Family Based Healing for Survivors of Domestic Violence
\$60,000**

My Sister's Place (MSP) is a 30-bed shelter providing safe, confidential housing and comprehensive support services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. The program offers trauma-informed care, including crisis intervention, case management, counseling, legal advocacy, and job readiness programs, to help survivors rebuild their lives and achieve long-term stability. MSP works in close collaboration with local law enforcement, legal aid organizations, and community partners such as the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) to ensure survivors receive holistic support. Additionally, we partner with local municipalities like Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, and Tempe, leveraging resources to expand our impact and serve a broader community in need.

**East Valley Institute of Technology
Hope Tech
\$52,000**

Hope Tech provides safe, transitional housing for disadvantaged youth aging out of the foster care system offering them a stable environment to focus on education and career development. Participants work toward earning their high school diploma or GED/HSE and receive career technical education (CTE) training, giving them essential skills for achieving a livable wage. Along with academic and vocational training, the program emphasizes life skills, financial literacy, and engagement, helping these young individuals grow into productive, responsible citizens.

**Maggie's Place, Inc.
Shelter Services at The Hannah House and Bunkhouse
\$60,000**

Maggie's Place respectfully requests funding to provide homeless pregnant and parenting women and their child(ren) in Mesa, AZ with critical shelter/housing, basic needs (food/supplies /clothing), and wraparound supportive services at The Hannah House & Bunkhouse. Services include nutritious food; access to prenatal medical/dental care; maternity/infant clothes and supplies; group and individual counseling; transportation/bus passes; parenting classes; job training; life skills; financial literacy classes; education programs; child education and enrichment activities; and referrals to local programs for low-cost housing, health insurance, day care subsidies, benefits, and homeless prevention services for Mesa's housing-vulnerable and/or homeless pregnant/parenting women.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ)

Big Futures Youth Mentoring

\$30,000

This program creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Evidence-based programs foster relationships between caring adults and at-risk youth. Children and teens (Littles) are matched with trained adult mentors (Bigs) who provide friendship, support, guidance, tutoring, and a fundamental basis of trust and compassion.

House of Refuge, Inc.

Transitional Housing for Homeless Families

\$60,000

The House of Refuge transitional housing program provides homeless families with a dignified place to live in a peaceful neighborhood setting for up to 12 months. By focusing on education and employment, we help homeless families rebuild their lives and work toward self-sufficiency, with the goal of graduating into stable housing in the community. Crucial wrap around supportive services includes case management, job-readiness & employment assistance, adult life-skills classes, and special teen and children's programming.

A New Leaf

Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter

\$60,000

Autumn House provides 4 individual apartments for clients and their children in a home-like environment, including adolescent and adult male victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. Safety planning and other DV-related services are offered through a trauma-informed, healing-centered lens. The requested funding will be pay for 17 individuals (12 households.)

Mesa United Way

Mesa United Way VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program

\$40,000

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families in the City of Mesa. The program focuses on serving taxpayers whose maximum income is \$67,000, which is the maximum income for which a family of four can receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC.)

Homeless Youth Connection, Inc.

Empowering Youth for the Future

\$20,925

Homeless Youth Connection, Inc. (HYC) Empowering Youth for The Future (EYFTF) program is a comprehensive social services program that engages high-school-aged youth experiencing homelessness in trauma-informed, client-led, strengths-based interventions. Youth coaches work with youth to identify needs related to academics, health, housing, hygiene, employment, and independent living skills. HYC believes youth will succeed and reach their highest potential through authentic youth engagement and positive youth development. Program success is measured by the number of youths who complete the school year, increase independent living skills, establish a plan for after high school, and have a healthy support network.