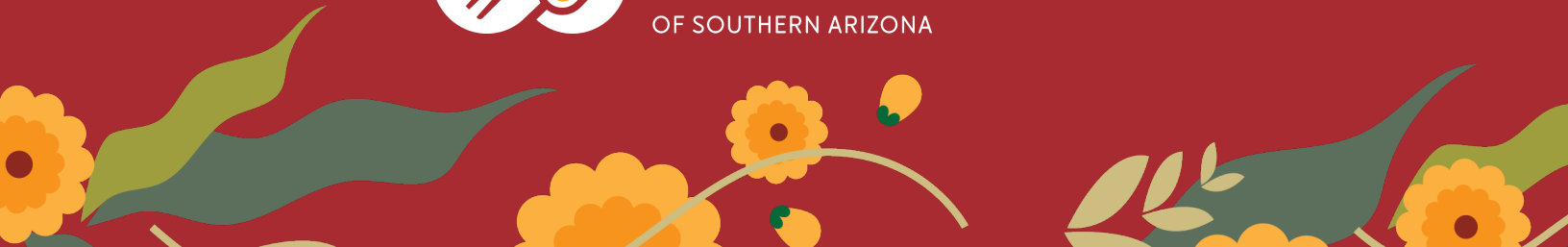


# THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT 2024 AWARDS

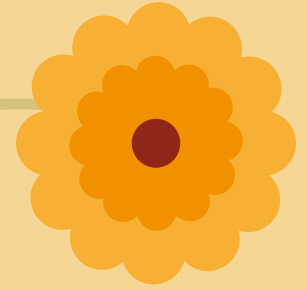
Supporting organizations, collectives, and mutual aid groups in addressing various aspects of food security, community health, social justice, and the root causes of hunger.



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA



# \$1,703,519 in awards!



The Partner Grants Team is thrilled to share that throughout our 5-county service area, the **Thriving Communities Grant** awarded 49 projects totaling over \$1.7 million! These diverse and inspiring projects focus on addressing a variety of community needs, including improvements to food distribution services; farm and food systems development; community-based mutual aid; youth and adult educational opportunities; rural community development, and more!

Notably, over 60% of awards are for collaborative projects involving two or more organizations or groups, highlighting how folks are increasingly joining forces to address immediate needs and work on long-term solutions to ending hunger and other systemic injustices. A summary of each project awarded can be found below.

*\*Note: The city and county listed next to the project name indicate the main location of the organization or group and do not necessarily reflect the project's reach. Some projects will have an impact within multiple counties in southern Arizona, and all projects contribute to collaborative progress made by CFB's network of partners.*

Land Acknowledgement: We are gathering on the ancestral and occupied lands of the Tohono O'odham, Pascua Yaqui, Ak-Chin, Hohokam, Akimel O'odham, Hia-Ced O'odham, and many more who may call this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today.

## **Amistades, Inc.**

**\$49,926**

*In collaboration with Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation (PPEP) High School and The Mayahuel Prevention Consortium-II*

### **Mayahuel Edible Garden Project-II – Douglas, Cochise County**

Amistades, Inc. seeks to expand its highly successful, culturally tailored school-based youth prevention education efforts in Douglas, Arizona by addressing the longstanding inequity in fresh food access and disappearing knowledge and appreciation of cultural, indigenous farming practices. The proposed Mayahuel Edible Garden Project-II will begin addressing food inequity in Douglas by planning, implementing, and evaluating a food production operation that integrates locally grown products into the meal program of a local high school.

## **Artist Residency Cooperative (ARC)**

**\$20,000**

### **Artist Residency Cooperative (ARC) Tucson, AZ Dept. of Corrections Pima County Reentry Center**

For the past 5 years, ARC has run weekly workshops with the AZ Department of Corrections and has focused on the Pima Reentry Center (PRC) for the past 2.5 years. Previous grants have supported their efforts to develop strong and trusting partnerships and build extensive and thriving gardens with the over 500 PRC residents and staff members. This project will allow ARC to create public art installations to expand and amplify this meaningful work.

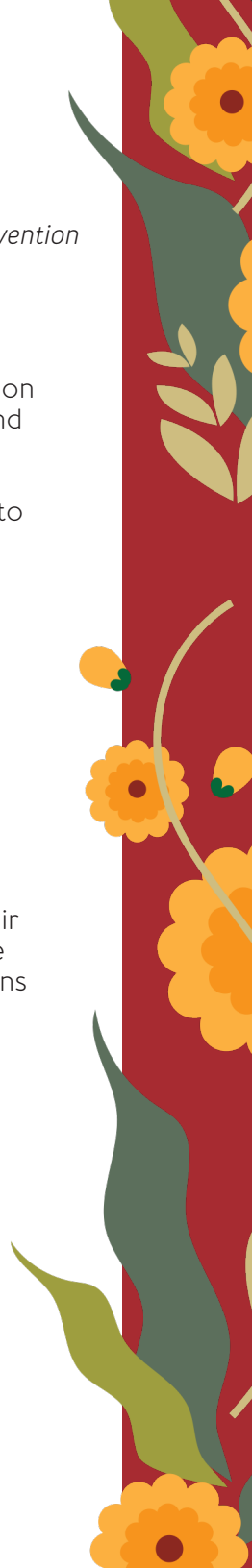
## **Barrio Restoration**

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Barrios Unidos Land Trust*

### **Barrio Restoration (The Barrio is Our Garden) – Tucson, Pima County**

“The Barrio is Our Garden” project will continue Barrio Restoration’s vision of revitalizing neglected spaces in Southside Tucson with landscaping & traditional earthwork. Together with housed and unhoused neighbors, this project will transform alleyways into edible garden spaces, providing locally grown food alongside educational and community-building opportunities.





## **Barrios Unidos Land Trust**

### **\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Flowers and Bullets and Barrio Restoration*

**South Tucson Community Space – Tucson, Pima County**

This project aims to defend the City of South Tucson from gentrification through the renovation of the unused Arizona Motel. They plan to activate the abandoned buildings into a community cafe, garden, lounge, and playground for the benefit of the public with the intention of creating public spaces that will instill a mutual sense of pride and ownership among the South Tucson community.

# **Blacklidge Community Collective**

**\$20,000**

BCC Fiscal Sponsorship Program—Tucson, Pima County

The BCC is working to expand its fiscal sponsorship program to better meet the needs of the rapidly growing number of grassroots projects in Tucson and Southern Arizona. The Fiscal Sponsorship Program will build up necessary administrative, legal, and organizational capacity to aid regional projects that would not otherwise have access to grant funding that is limited to officially tax-exempt organizations.

# **Border Youth Tennis Exchange Inc.**

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with La Linea Art Studio, USTA Southwest Section, and City of Nogales Parks and Recreation*

**BYTE Sport for Healing, Health, and Community Exchange—  
Nogales, Santa Cruz County**

BYTE will provide free, year-round, trauma-informed sports and art classes to over 500 student-athletes at four program sites in Nogales AZ. Funds will also support first employment of Nogales High School youth, and phase 2 of a multiyear mural initiative to complete a 1,200 square foot piece highlighting young people and positive cross-border exchange in Anza park.

# **Centro Comunitario Los Nogales**

**\$20,000**

Acting and Educating Our Communities, Los Nogales – Nogales, Santa Cruz County

With the overall goal of growing community participation in Nogales for the betterment of family life and society, Centro Comunitario provides personal development and skill-building opportunities for people of all ages through educational, recreational, and cultural workshops and programs that promote working together and cultural integration.

# Clifton Social Club

**\$20,000**

*In collaboration with Eastern Arizona College*

## Clifton Social Club Improvements for Civic Engagement – Clifton, Greenlee County

Funding will increase the central hub capabilities of the Clifton Social Club through increased educational opportunities, expanded services, and acquisition of capital assets such as audio and interactive video equipment. Providing a civic space for the citizens of Greenlee County will foster participation in initiatives that improve and strengthen the community as well as stimulate the local economy by providing entrepreneurs a space and educational opportunities to start their businesses.

# Cochise Harm Reduction

**\$34,000**

*In collaboration with City of Bisbee*

## Old Bisbee Resource Center (OBRC) – Bisbee, Cochise County

Cochise Harm Reduction, in collaboration with the City of Bisbee, will open the Old Bisbee Resource Center, aiming to increase access to food, housing, peer support, and other social service resources in the area. Funds will support center equipment and personnel, particularly the important role of Peer Support Specialist, who will be trained in a harm reduction framework and able to provide on-site peer support to individuals.

# Cody's Friends

**\$20,000**

## TOPS (Targeted Outreach Pet Support)—Tucson, Pima County

The Targeted Outreach Pet Support project will enable Cody's Friends to establish an organized and efficient pet food distribution program to serve their 48 nonprofit community partners including food banks, soup kitchens, community organizations, churches, and faith-based agencies across Southern Arizona. Funding will support Cody's Friends in hiring a part-time liaison and purchasing a food pantry software program to streamline communication, set distribution guidelines, and collect pet food data, helping to ensure that pet parent clients served in Southern Arizona are fully supported.





## **Community Care Tucson**

**\$35,000**

*In Collaboration with Community on Wheels, After School Anarchy, and Community Care Tucson*

**Tucson Alliance for Mutual Aid, New Horizons: Expanding on a Thriving Mutual Aid Partnership– Tucson, Pima County**

This project builds on the highly successful mutual aid partnership made in 2023, offering expanded community care, education, and organizing to address the needs of unsheltered people or those experiencing housing and financial instability in and around Downtown and South Tucson. Funding will support personnel, distribution of seasonal items to survive weather extremes, and the pilot of new outreach efforts to engage different areas and populations in the city.

## **Community Gardens of Tucson**

**\$50,952**

*In collaboration with The Primavera Foundation*

**Community Gardens Project – Tucson, Pima County**

The Community Gardens Project aims to enhance community cohesion and food security for low-income families in South Tucson, the Flowing Wells, Keeling, and Barrio Anita neighborhoods. The key focus of this project is to provide stipends for garden site coordinators in order to promote diversity, inclusion, and community participation in the community gardens through leadership development training, peer mentorship, and financial compensation for garden leadership.

## **Dragonfly Community Alliance**

**\$20,000**

**H'Epi's Harvest Food Pantry – San Simon, Eastern Cochise County**

H'Epi's Harvest Pantry serves more than 500 people every month and recently had to move its operations. Funds will support purchasing pantry equipment, enacting necessary building restorations for the new food pantry and community space, and expanding hours of service.

# Favor Celestial Community Economic Development Initiative

**\$30,000**

*In collaboration with Tucson Community Land Trust*

The Cultural and Environmental Preservation of Barrio Kroger Lane – Tucson, Pima County

Funding will continue to support the rehabilitation of a community garden and the installation of infrastructure to increase community green spaces in the Barrio Kroger Lane neighborhood, located in the heart of Tucson's birthplace at the base of the Black Mountain. Additionally, the project is transforming a historic home in the neighborhood into a cultural museum, preserving the O'odham and Mexican American farm heritage that has defined the area for centuries.



# Flowers and Bullets

**\$30,000**

Flowers and Bullets Midtown Farm – Tucson, Pima County

Flowers and Bullets has been transforming and reanimating a closed public elementary school campus into a bountiful, 9.5-acre neighborhood resource. Midtown Farm acts as a regional model of community-driven drylands agriculture that can help feed, educate, employ, and empower local residents toward a more resilient, sustainable, and hopeful future. Funds will continue to support farm operations, community workshops, professional development opportunities, and more.



# Fluxx Productions / Southern Arizona Gender Alliance

**\$17,500**

*In collaboration with Pride Law at the University of Arizona*

## Most Trans-Affirming Region by 2050—Tucson, Pima County

This work seeks to uplift gender euphoria, create a safe and affirming culture, and help empower transgender and gender non-conforming BIPOC artists. Funds will continue to support care-intensive focus groups, staff capacity and development, gender-affirming supplies, and stipends for legal name changes.

# Friends of Tucson's Birthplace - Mission Garden

**\$59,950**

*In collaboration with Iskashitaa Refugee Network*

## Local Food History: Cultivating Food Security Through Local Heritage and Knowledge Exchange – Tucson, Pima County

This educational food and seed distribution project will enhance food security through multicultural knowledge exchange about locally adapted and grown foods. This project will include international refugees, local communities, and under-served neighborhoods surrounding Mission Garden. The Local Food History project aims to support resilient communities by sharing and preserving traditional knowledge, intercultural learning events, workshops, and hands-on knowledge-sharing activities. This work seeks to increase local food security by sharing heritage seeds, fresh produce grown and gleaned in the wider Southern Arizona region, and local food resources.



# Graham County Health Department

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Duncan and Clifton Food Pantries, Our Neighbor's Farm & Pantry, St. Vincent De Paul Safford Food Pantry, and Southeast Arizona Health Education Center*

## Project Nourish/ Proyecto Nutrirse – Safford, Graham County

Community Health Workers (CHW's) provide trusted and informed connections to health and social services that may not otherwise be known or accessible. This project is doubling the number of visits by CHW's to the Gila Valley, assisting several rural food pantries in providing a variety of resources in addition to food, such as healthcare and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment, connection to other social services, and more.

# Greater Vail Community Resources

**\$20,000**

## Expanding Access to Emergency Food – Vail, Rural Pima County

Greater Vail Community ReSources seeks to expand client access to emergency food through expanded hours and increasing equitable allocation of food by launching a mobile food bank. Funds will support hiring a part-time Volunteer Coordinator which will allow ReSources to recruit, train, and retain needed volunteers to service shifts that are later in the day and in the mobile food bank.

# Haven Totes, Inc.

**\$20,000**

## Commercial Freezer – Tucson, Pima County

Haven Totes provides food choice items to over 500 families each month in the Tucson Metropolitan area. With grant funds, Haven Totes will increase its service capacity by purchasing a large walk-in freezer to store frozen items rescued from local grocery stores.

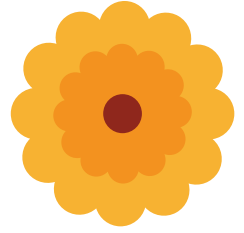


# His Presence Church Arizona

**\$3,000**

HPCAZ CY 2024 TCG—Tucson, Pima County

Stemming from an increased need in the community, His Presence Church food pantry will purchase additional storage for their food pantry. Funds will help buy cold storage units for frozen foods, storage containers for emergency pantry shelving, and mobile dunnage racks to maximize storage space in the pantry and aid in the distribution of food to over 300 families per week.



## International Rescue Committee

**\$5,000**

Literacy Garden Improvement Project— Tucson, Pima County

This project will improve the safety, functionality, and aesthetic quality of the Literacy Garden, in the Amphi neighborhood. Funds will be used to install a new, secure fence at the entrance of the community garden creating a safer environment for families with children, increasing ease of getting in and out of the garden with tools and loads of produce, and helping ensure farmers' ability to maintain food safety by keeping animals out .

# International Sonoran Desert Alliance

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Ajo Chamber of Commerce and Kickstart Ajo*

Ajo Community Kitchen Collaborative Resiliency Project – Ajo, Rural Pima County

As a Kickstart Ajo program collaboration, this project will support the resiliency of the Ajo Community Kitchen as an affordable small business incubation and community gathering space. Funding will support the program evaluation and improvement of this existing shared-space commercial kitchen for local food entrepreneurs, culinary skill building, heritage gastronomy, and social gatherings. The Ajo Community Kitchen offers a mix of entrepreneurial and social resources to the community.

# Kindred Connections Collective

**\$37,090**

*In collaboration with Galeria Mitotera*

## Seeds of Wellness [SOW] –Tucson, Pima County

Seeds of Wellness [SOW] is a collaborative pilot project that aims to increase holistic wellness in Queer and Transgender BIPOC communities, prioritizing those 25 years and older and BIPOC elders in South Tucson and District 2. Funds will support programming such as the Garden Group, which will take a sustainable, ancestral-based approach to hosting knowledge-sharing opportunities, building and distributing planters, giving out native seeds, and sharing garden harvests through community meals.

# Local First Arizona Foundation

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Social Services Division [PYSSD]*

## Pascua Yaqui Community Food Sovereignty –Pascua Yaqui Nation, Pima County

Together, LFAF and PYSSD will work to bring food network-building resources to the region surrounding the Pascua Yaqui Reservation (New Pascua Pueblo, Old Pascua, Guadalupe, Penjamo, High Town, Yoem Pueblo and Barrio Libre). The process will include collecting information about perceptions, concerns, and challenges the communities face around food security. That will guide the creation of a plan for collaboration between the for-profit and non-profit food sectors. LFAF and PYSSD see long-term economic opportunities to build a sustainable, community-driven workforce system that will feed those in need.





## **MicroCare Community Development Solutions**

### **\$20,000**

*In collaboration with Tucson Refugee Ministry's Arrive and Thrive Program*

#### **Bridge the Entrepreneurial Gap and Empower Women Refugees – Tucson, Pima County**

MicroCare, in collaboration with Tucson Refugee Ministry's Arrive and Thrive Program, is dedicated to empowering women refugees and immigrants who often arrive in the US with limited knowledge in financial education and marketing. The project's goal is to establish workshops that provide essential knowledge in financial education, digital literacy, and marketing to nurture participants' entrepreneurial spirit and offer practical knowledge. MicroCare aims to inspire women to turn their handicraft skills into thriving businesses and achieve financial independence.

## **Mind, Body & Spirit Co-op**

### **\$10,000**

*In collaboration with the Willcox Community Food Pantry*

#### **The Mesquite Patch Community Garden –Willcox, Cochise County**

Funds will continue to support the development and implementation of community gardens in the Willcox area with the Gardens to Go outreach program, which brings free seeds, seedlings, soil, compost, and growing containers to member homes. The existing community garden will also provide eggs, herbs, and vegetables to the Willcox Community Food Pantry.



# Nalwoodi Denzhone: Strength and Beauty Community

## \$60,000

*In collaboration with San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation, San Carlos Education Department,  
and The University of Arizona Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Programs*

**San Carlos Apache Healthy Food Systems – San Carlos Apache Nation, Graham County**

Nalwoodi Denzhone will be accelerating healthy food production and soil rejuvenation through the expansion of regenerative agriculture operations while educating future farmers through paid internships, youth education, and a new edible community garden at the local hospital. Additionally, they will build healthier soil and increase local protein food sources by growing their pasture-raised egg production by over 150%, with 80% or more distributed through community partnerships.

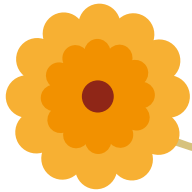
# Native American Advancement Foundation

**\$198,000** from 2022 award round through 2024 award round

*In collaboration with Ali Chugk Community Council, Tohono O'odham Nation and GuVo District Council, Tohono O'odham Nation*

**O'odham Nenok: O'odham Children Speak, GuVo District, Tohono O'odham Nation—Tucson, Pima County**

Funding is supporting the building of a preschool and holistic health family center with a learning kitchen and rainwater garden. The center will be the heart of early education, the Tohono O'odham language, and indigenous health for the western region of T.O. Nation. Classes for preschoolers, K-12, and families in the Ali Chugk community of GuVo District will support multi-generational mental and physical health and focus on wellness and nutrition through hands-on lessons in the outdoor kitchen and food and medicinal gardens. Such courses will teach the O'odham language, stories, traditional ecological knowledge based in himdag [cultural values], and indigenous health models.



**Nogales Community  
Development**  
**\$60,000**



*In collaboration with OS3 (Cero Estres/Zero Stress Movement – Community Cycling Group) and Nogales Mercado*

**Youth Power [Poder Jóven] – Nogales, Santa Cruz County**

Youth Power will enhance healthy eating and cooking among youth cyclists to energize their active lifestyles. Leveraging NCD's commercial kitchen and partnering with OS3 Movement and the Nogales Mercado, funds will be used to hire a half-time kitchen manager to oversee operations of the commercial kitchen while youth program participants learn to prepare power foods to fuel their health and athletic performance.

## **ORO House**

**\$30,000**

*In collaboration with Flowers and Bullets, Las Milpitas Community Farm, and The Seed Library*

### **BIPOC Seed Saving and Produce Processing Education—Tucson, Pima County**

This project focuses on food security by providing BIPOC communities with the skills and basic equipment to both harvest seeds and properly process produce and grains from desert-adapted plants from their own backyard and community gardens. Funding will continue to support train-the-trainer style workdays, educational workshops, and seed-saving infrastructure at the Midtown Farm and Las Milpitas.

## **OS3 Movement**

**\$20,000**

*In collaboration with We Love Nogales*

### **Border Youth on Bikes Podcast and OS3 Youth Center – Nogales, Santa Cruz County**

The OS3 Youth Center will be a space dedicated to empowering youth through the transformative power of bicycles. Funding will help support comprehensive after-school programs designed to foster the growth and development of essential life skills in youth, regardless of their socioeconomic background. Youth participants will also engage in the podcast program, becoming leaders and promoters of physical and mental health by sharing their testimonials and inviting other youth to join one of the many outdoor or indoor weekly activities.

## **Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center**

**\$20,000**

### **Healthy Youth Thrive! – Patagonia, Santa Cruz County**



Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center brings youth together every weekday, year-round, while promoting healthy foods, exercise, camaraderie, and mental health through gardening and cooking classes in their commercial kitchen. The Healthy Youth Thrive project will engage approximately 100 youth in planning, growing, creating, and sharing free meals.



# Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc.



**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Sahuarita Unified School District Sopori Elementary School, D-WIMcGarrity, Inc., and Outdoors Maritza Lynn, L.L.C.*

## La Fuerza de Amado (The Strength of Amado) –Amado, Santa Cruz County

La Fuerza De Amado supports a community collective of residents who want to expand their knowledge on topics that promote healthy living and share that knowledge with others in the local community through the creation and distribution of a local newsletter. This project seeks to empower local youth and adults as peer-to-peer health leaders in the community while promoting health awareness—including nutrition— and healthy living, teaching the basics of health research, and interviewing and writing skills.

## Robles Ranch

**\$20,000**

### New Building Equipment—Three Points, Rural Pima County

In 2022 the Friends of Robles Ranch oversight group obtained a grant for a new facility that will house the existing Robles Ranch Food Bank and My Friend’s Closet Thrift Store starting midyear 2024. Funding will support the purchase of commercial furnishings for the new facility’s interior enabling Robles Ranch to better serve the Three Points community.

## Sagrado Wellness

**\$20,000**

### Trauma-informed Care for Migrant Women and Children Project—Tucson, Pima County

Funding will support licensed, trauma-informed mental health therapy and trauma alleviation for migrant women and children impacted by various forms of oppression. This project includes individual therapy for youth and their families, group sessions, and community workshops about systemic trauma and tools for healing.



## **Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank**

**\$2,589**

Telephone and Computer Hardware Upgrades—Sierra Vista, Cochise County

Funds will be used for telephone and computer equipment upgrades to increase efficiency and eliminate delays and interruptions of services, thus improving the experience and resources for both caseworkers and clients.

## **Sharing Opportunity with Infrastructure and Land (SOIL)**

**\$30,000**

*In collaboration with Luna de Sonora Farm and CaraCrest*

SOIL Farm Project—Tucson, Pima County

This project will help to further establish the SOIL Farm, supporting beginning and newer farmers through an on-site peer network and shared use infrastructure and equipment to increase local food production and agricultural opportunities in Southern Arizona.

## **Sister José Women's Center**

**\$20,000**

Building Organizational Capacity so Women Can Thrive – Tucson, Pima County

Sister José Women's Center will develop several aspects of its organizational capacity to prepare for long-term and continuous growth in response to increased demand for its services by unhoused women in the Tucson community. Funding will help advance equitable access to critical services and housing while the center works to build a dynamic and innovative organizational culture that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion as an integral part of its growth and in the best interests of its beneficiaries, staff, and leadership.

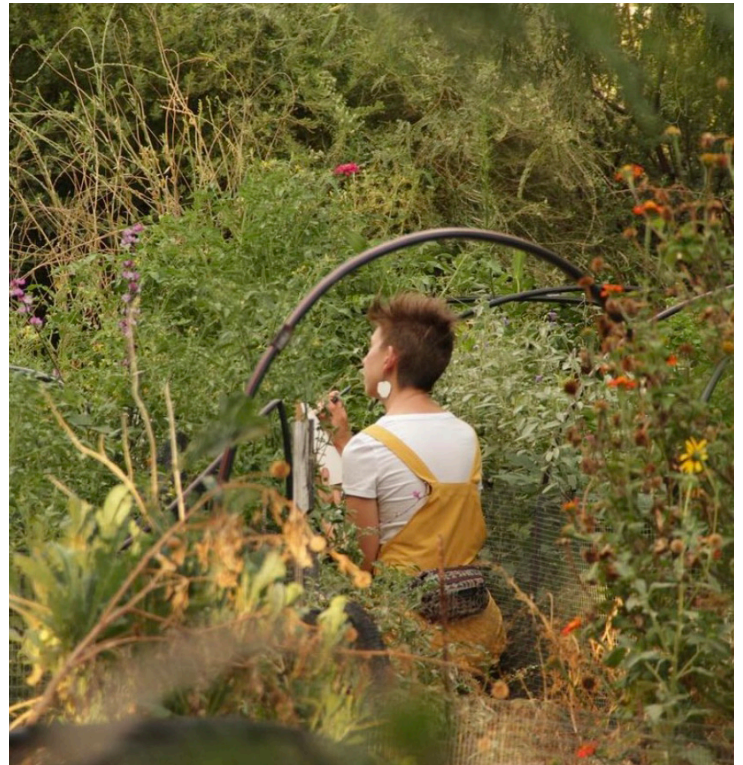
# Sketching the Senses

## \$24,000

*In collaboration with Las Milpitas Community Farm, Valencia Library Seed Library, Peace Garden Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, and Tucson Language Justice Collective*

### Sketching the Senses: The Sonoran Series— Tucson, Pima County

Sketching the Senses invites community members to programmed sketch sessions grounded in land to celebrate the visceral and cultural characteristics of Sonoran seasons through an immersive drawing and storytelling experience. With goals of collaboration, access, and connection, they bring together diverse, multigenerational, and traditionally underserved communities around a shared purpose: to focus attention on the rare beauty, diversity, food, and possibilities of the Sonoran Desert.



# South Tucson Community Outreach

## \$18,293

*In collaboration with the University of Arizona Garden Kitchen, Galeria Mitotera, and South Tucson Housing Authority*

### Increasing Food Accessibility in the City of South Tucson & Southside Tucson Communities— Tucson, Pima County

South Tucson Community Outreach hosts emergency weekly and holiday food box operations and senior resident pop-up market operations. Funding will help to increase sustainability through fundraising development, infrastructure for capacity and data collection with food distribution, and personnel.

# Splinter Art and Community Fund

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with The RePurpose Project & ReUse Planet and Building Out Safer Spaces*

**Lost and found Thrift Store and Resource Center: Job Creation, Creative Reuse and Climate Resilience – Tucson, Pima County**

Lost and Found is a radical expansion of the traditional thrift store that provides services specifically to LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and allied communities. It will generate income, job training, skill-building, upcycling, and many more community resources. Rather than send unwanted items to the landfill, this free store will redistribute them in a space by and for the community.

# Sulphur Springs Valley Produce Cooperative

**\$60,000**

*In collaboration with Potlikker Capital*

**Farmers Organizing and Creating Opportunities (FOCO) – McNeal, Cochise County and Regional**

This project will enable the development of a farmer-led nonprofit, Farmers Organizing and Creating Opportunities (FOCO), that is dedicated to creating a space for marginalized farmers' voices, market opportunities, technical resources, and advocacy capacity to ensure their future in Arizona. It will also help with planning, coordinating, and implementing the organization's first annual FOCO Farmers' Summit, held in Douglas, AZ.

# Survivor Shield Foundation

**\$10,000**

**Grow Back Program—Tucson, Pima County**

The Grow Back Program from Survivor Shield provides survivors of sexual assault and Domestic Violence with access to vital, low-barrier, and rapid emergency relief financial assistance. Oftentimes, survivors of sexual assault are left unable to provide essentials for themselves and their families, unable to afford prescriptions, or unable to stay housed. The Grow Back Program aims to work with survivors to alleviate some of the harsh financial burdens felt after an assault.



# SUSD 12 Teenage Parent Program \$60,000

*In collaboration with Student Groups: Eco-Action Team, Teenage Parent Program, Green STEM Club, Tucson Clean and Beautiful, and Native American Education Program Native Voices Club*

## Sunnyside Thriving—Tucson, Pima County

Sunnyside Thriving frames systems of food, culture, and education for responsive action in youth on climate and food justice. The project mixes modern sustainability practices—such as combining land used for solar panels with garden plots—with ancient indigenous traditions—such as water harvesting and cultivating food in extreme desert conditions. Students identified the need for an Outdoor Education Center of which funds will support the building, native landscaping, and student and teacher labor. The learning space will host many educational opportunities, including ones where students will teach the larger community about topics related to climate action.



# The Local Co-op \$57,347

*In collaboration with Eat Local Cochise, Arevalos Farm, Double Adobe Farm, Desert Sky Produce, Ravina Arizona, Allred Family Fungi, and Likha's Veggies*

## Infrastructure Expansion Project 2024: Reaching More of Our Community – McNeal, Cochise County

The Local Co-op facilitates efficient movement of food, capital, and labor throughout the community and creates a link from growers to consumers. This project aims to provide Cochise County residents with affordable, and accessible fresh, healthy food through the cooperative purchasing of seed and equipment by local small farmers. The Local Co-op will foster localized cooperation to create a more secure food supply, increase the availability of healthy food to the community, and act as a stabilizing mechanism to keep the local market in equilibrium.

# **Tucson Alliance for Housing Justice**

**\$20,000**

Tucson Alliance for Housing Justice (ongoing support) & Manufactured Housing Justice Campaign—Tucson, Pima County

The Tucson Alliance for Housing Justice convenes local organizations and individuals—housed and unhoused— and provides research, strategic planning, and power mapping to make a larger collective impact on the affordable housing crisis. The Manufactured Housing Justice Campaign works to empower residents of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities to reduce the displacement of these residents and to surmount barriers to the broader use of manufactured housing.

# **Tucson for Everyone**

**\$30,000**

*In collaboration with Amplifying Voices, Justice Movement, and The FEEL Art Collective*

Housing Justice Education Project—Tucson, Pima County

This project activates people in Southern Arizona to be drivers of housing justice by building the collective power and capacity of community members and organizers directly impacted by the affordable housing crisis. Funding will continue to support housing injustice awareness and solutions, leadership and capacity-building workshops, and initiatives for Indigenous-led land justice.

# **Willcox Community Food Pantry**

**\$19,869**

Increase in Storage Capacity, Walk-in Freezer—Willcox, Cochise County

Funds will be used to purchase a new walk-in freezer that will increase the food pantry's storage capacity to meet the growing needs of the Willcox, Sunsites, Bowie, and Cochise communities.

