



Human Services Funding

Agency Review FY 2025-26 COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS



Community helping individuals and families move out of crisis, establish stability and maintain self-sufficiency.

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To the Tempe Community:

For the past 40 years, Tempe Community Council (TCC) has had the honor of administering human service funding on behalf of the City of Tempe. Once again, I've had the privilege of chairing the Agency Review process—an established, respected, and citizen-driven grant program.

Agency Review was designed to keep human service funding decisions outside of politics, ensuring a process that is fair, transparent, accountable, and defensible. Tempe City Council relies on this process to make informed decisions without political influence or appeals.

Many nonprofits applying for funding have expressed deep gratitude for the support of Tempe residents—especially now, as they face growing challenges securing consistent and adequate funding. These organizations play a vital role in meeting community needs, yet in today's economic climate, they're facing significant hurdles.

Reductions in government and private funding have created a gap between what nonprofits are committed to providing and the resources available. Government budgets are strained, and individual and corporate donations have become more unpredictable. Meanwhile, the demand for services continues to rise.

This year, the funding landscape grew even more competitive with a 17% increase in programs requesting support—75 in total. With funders prioritizing short-term results, organizations focused on long-term, sustainable change are finding it harder to keep up, even as needs grow in areas such as education, health care, and poverty alleviation.

This funding saves lives—and it matters.

We sincerely thank the Mayor, City Council, and the people of Tempe for supporting this citizen-led process. We also thank the 61 dedicated volunteers who spent more than 1,400 hours over four months reading proposals, evaluating programs, and making thoughtful recommendations.

Agencies requested nearly \$1 million more than the \$1,136,000 available. Ultimately, funds were allocated to 36 agencies and 43 programs serving Tempe clients—supporting youth, older adults, individuals with disabilities, the working poor, survivors of violence, and people experiencing homelessness.

Thank you again to the Mayor and Council, the Community Impact Committee of the TCC Board, and TCC staff. Together, we make an impact. Together, we care.

Because we are Tempe.

Nancy Blevins
Board Chair, Board of Directors
Chair, TCC Community Impact Committee

2025 VOLUNTEER REVIEWERS



The City of Tempe demonstrates its commitment to community involvement by supporting citizen recommendations in the Agency Review human services funding process. Since 1975, past and current Tempe mayors, council members, and leadership have prioritized engaging the Tempe community to share insights, provide input, and suggest future directions through Tempe Community Council and the Agency Review process.

Each year, TCC recruits volunteers for this process. Individuals who are at least 18 years old and reside or work in Tempe are invited to participate. These volunteers generously dedicate their time throughout the year to attend training sessions, familiarize themselves with human service needs and issues in Tempe, evaluate human service funding proposals, conduct interviews with relevant agencies as necessary, and make funding recommendations for final approval by the Tempe City Council.

These individuals are deeply passionate about their community, compassionate, and dedicated to ensuring that as many services as possible are available to address the needs of Tempe residents.

This year 61 volunteers gave approximately 1,400 hours service to Agency Review process. Our thanks to all who gave their time, skills, and knowledge to be the voice for others.

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About Their Experience

"I loved the experience. It was easy and I felt like I had something to contribute."

"I am so proud to live in a city that values community input as Tempe does. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to participate."

"A real eye-opener about what services are available in Tempe and the agencies providing them. Highly recommended."

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AGENCY REVIEW PROCESS & CHANGES

AGENCY REVIEW – A Civic-Engaged Funding Process

Since 1985, Tempe Community Council (TCC) has managed and administered the allocation of designated human service funding on behalf of the City of Tempe (COT) to local nonprofit organizations and service providers.

Funding resources are allocated to agencies through a volunteer-driven, citizen-based process known as 'Agency Review.' Originally conceived in collaboration with the City of Tempe, this process aims to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in the allocation of human service resources. By depoliticizing human service funding decisions, the Agency Review process remains committed to its founding principles, providing reliable recommendations from community members. This approach allows City Council members to approve support for a wide range of essential services for Tempe citizens while ensuring impartiality in the distribution of taxpayer dollars.

The work of Agency Review directly supports the Tempe City Council Strategic Priority 3.10.

BUILDING A TRUST BASED PHILANTHROPY PROCESS

The trust-based philanthropy movement, as outlined by the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project, is an approach to *giving* that addresses the inherent power imbalances that exist between funders, nonprofits, and the communities they serve. At its core, trust-based philanthropy is about redistributing power – systemically, organizationally, and interpersonally – in service of a healthier and more equitable nonprofit ecosystem. On a practical level, this includes **multi-year unrestricted giving, streamlined applications and reporting**, and a **commitment to building relationships** based on transparency, dialogue, and mutual learning.

YEAR TWO OF TESTING A RENEWAL PROCESS

At TCC, we recognize the importance of honoring the valuable work of our nonprofit service providers and reviewers. Each year TCC's Community Impact Committee identifies areas for growth, refinement and change to this process. Changes to the process are always meant to further support excellent stewardship of citizen tax dollars and to match non-profit provider programs and services to vital human service needs in Tempe.

To achieve this, we have revamped our grant process to be more engaging, participatory, and community driven in 2024. Inspired by post-COVID discussions with volunteers and partner agencies, as well as by studying successful philanthropic practices and ongoing research on community needs, we implemented significant changes to ensure our grant process was increasingly effective and meaningful.

We tested a renewal process for trusted proven agencies and programs. This is year two of the renewal testing process.

Providing an option for agencies to apply for renewal funding has many benefits both for the agencies and for funding oversight.

By adding a renewal process option, two funding application categories were developed:

1. **Renewal/Multiyear Application** – for funded programs who met a set criteria and opted to accept a renewal of the current year's funding.

Benefits of a Renewal Funding Process

- Allows agencies to build capacity and assists agencies with budget forecasting
- Allows agencies to leverage funding
- Allows priority programs to be funded
- Allows high performers to be rewarded
- Provides more efficient and less paperwork for the agency
- Provides less administration and inefficiency for the Grant process
- Allows time for more meaningful collaboration and partner building
- Allows for increased monitoring and accountability efforts
- Supports short/mid/long-term outcomes

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2. **New/Yearly Application** – for those new programs, currently-funded programs not meeting renewal criteria, or those programs eligible for renewal but elected to apply for remaining available funding instead.

These two categories of applications included different questions and different scoring criteria.

The renewal process evaluated current funded programs using, but not limited to, the following criteria for renewal consideration:

- Continuously funded for five or more years
- Consistent (same) program
- Trusted by community
- Strong track record for delivering outcomes
- Clear mission that aligns with vision
- Fiscally sound
- Collaborative

Renewal/multiyear applicants meeting the criteria above, were invited to reapply for continued funding and evaluated based upon how well the program had served the intended human service need in the previous year. The renewal application was streamlined with a reduction in collecting repeated information obtained the prior year.

Invited applicants were aware that choosing the renewal option meant that, if selected, their program would be awarded level funding (the same amount they received for FY 2024-25).

A program/agency could also choose NOT to apply for renewal through this renewal process and elect to compete for the possibility of increased funding. They were then to complete the new/yearly application and join the full competitive process for the remaining funds available after distribution to renewal agencies.

New/Yearly applicants followed the more extensive application and scoring process that has been proven and in place for years.

THREE-YEAR FUNDING CYCLE

The renewal process was piloted with the intention of instituting a three-year funding cycle. This process was developed to be aligned with Tempe Community Council's three-year schedule of conducting a community needs assessment of human services in Tempe.

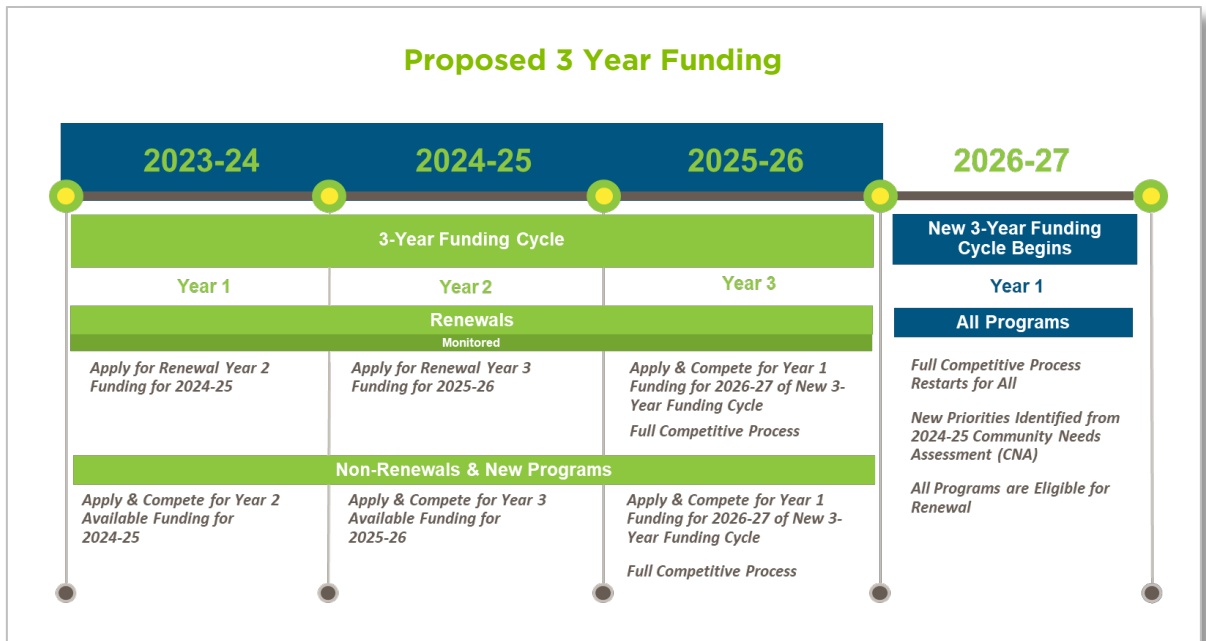
With the success of the new renewal process and changes this year, along with the positive feedback from agencies, volunteers, and TCC Board and staff, next year's Agency Review will begin the funding request process for Year 1 of the new three-year funding cycle for 2026-27. All applying agencies/programs at that time will be asked to complete the full competitive application process, competing for all available funding.

Those agencies funded in Year 1 (2026-27) will then begin a cycle that would allow them to apply to renew their funding for Year 2 and again in Year 3 if they meet the renewal criteria.

New applications (agencies never funded before) will also be able to apply for funding each year for the remaining available funds not utilized by programs in the renewal process.

The results of TCC's 2025 community needs assessment (to be completed in August 2025) will inform the human service priorities for the new three-year funding cycle.

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FUNDING SOURCES & FOCUS

FUNDING SOURCES FOR 2025-26

The City of Tempe is generous in their support of human services. For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the City of Tempe will contribute \$1,100,000 in unrestricted funds to provide human service funding to be distributed through the Agency Review process. Tempe Community Council (TCC) engages citizens living and working in Tempe to provide recommendations for these funds to Tempe City Council.

In addition to City of Tempe General Funds budgeted each year, additional funds are included by outside donations through the Together Tempe community contribution program.

City of Tempe General Fund	\$ 1,100,000
Together Tempe Utility Bill Donations	\$ 30,000
Together Tempe TCC Donations	\$ 3,500
Together Tempe Healthy Giving Campaign	\$ 2,500
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,136,000

TOGETHER TEMPE FUNDS

Tempe Community Council, in conjunction with the City of Tempe, work together to offer the community an opportunity to donate and help neighbors in need. Every dollar collected is added as a funding source along with the City of Tempe general funds to be included in the Agency Review process. There are several ways to contribute to this cause.



City of Tempe Utility Bill

Throughout the year, the City of Tempe offers residents and business the opportunity to support *Together Tempe* through their utility bill payments. Those who receive a utility bill can add a \$1 voluntary donation if paying by check or contribute any amount through the online payment system. Automated payment customers can also opt to include a monthly donation of their choice. Thanks to the generosity of our community, *Together Tempe* received \$30,000 this past year and is being included as a funding source for the City’s human services distribution for FY 2025-26.

Tempe Community Council

In addition to donations made through City of Tempe utility bill payments, Tempe Community Council receives direct contributions to support *Together Tempe* year-round. This giving option is ideal for individuals who do not receive a utility bill, as well as businesses, groups, or those making large one-time gifts. Donors can also set up and manage recurring monthly contributions. This year, \$3,500 in direct donations will be added to the *Together Tempe* funding source, further expanding support for vital human services in FY 2025-26.

Healthy Giving Campaign

Launched in 2023 in partnership with the City of Tempe, the Healthy Giving Campaign encourages community members to “make a real change, rather than give spare change” to better support those experiencing homelessness. These contributions are received through Tempe Community Council. This past year, the Healthy Giving Campaign raised \$2,500, designated specifically for homelessness-related services. These Healthy Giving Campaign donations will specifically fund agencies helping people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with shelter, housing and resources.

Thanks to the dedicated utility customers of Tempe who have given each month over the year and the individuals donating to Together Tempe directly to TCC and the Healthy Giving Campaign. Collectively,

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their dollar donations provided a significant contribution of \$36,000 to this year's funding availability and will have a positive impact on the programs and services being offered to Tempe residents through the Agency Review process.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Each year funding requests from agencies exceeds available funds. After reviewing and scoring applications and recommending funding, the volunteers have the difficult task to determine as part of their review process how to best distribute funds.

Agency Requests	\$2,200,046
Volunteer Final Recommendations / Available Funds	\$1,136,000
Difference Between Available Funds & Volunteer Recommendations	\$ 1,064,046

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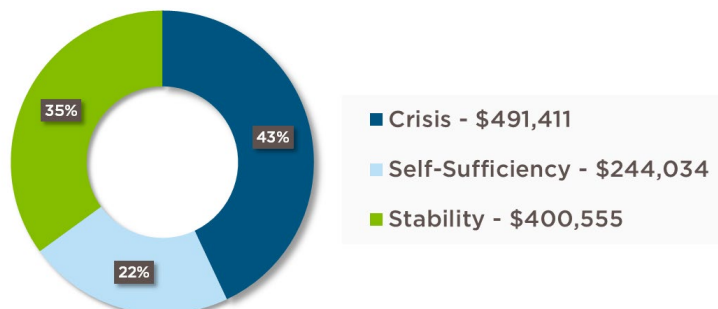
The overall target focus of Agency Review human services funding is to address needs of six priority populations with the goal to provide resources to enhance quality of life.

Priority Populations

Funds are identified to help individuals and families within three categories of service need: crisis, stability, and self-sufficiency. With support to all populations and services – there is an impact to stabilizing those in crisis and assisting those who are stabilized to move towards and remain self-sufficient.



Funding Categories



SCORING & ALLOCATION PROCESS

SCORING PROCESS

To determine a final score each program application was evaluated and rated as listed below. All applications were given a financial review and scored accordingly to the rubric based on if a renewal/multi-year application or new/yearly application. The written application included a mental health and wellness outcome requirement that was worth 10 points for new/yearly applicants. Renewal applications had already met this requirement in prior year application.

Mental Health Outcome

Describe how the proposed program addresses positive mental health, wellness, and or behavioral outcomes.
AND
How will these outcomes be measured?

Renewal/Multi-year Applicants

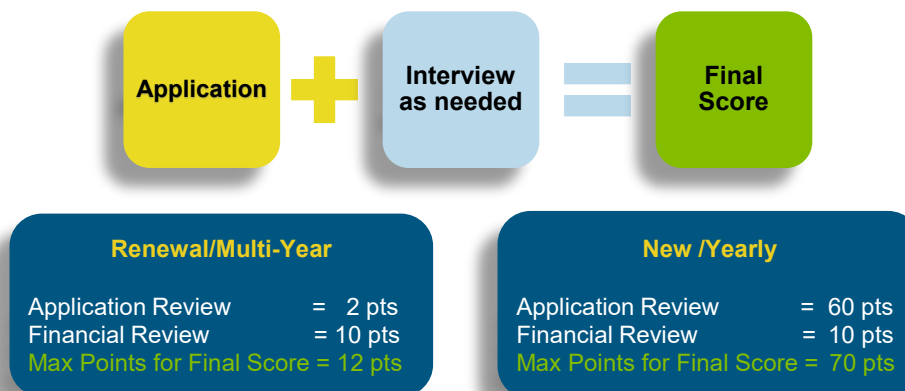
With the new application offered to programs who met the criteria for renewal at level funding, the scoring process was streamlined and shortened compared to the standard, extensive evaluation for new and non-renewal programs. A smaller portion of the scoring rubric below was used to evaluate renewal programs. Maximum points available to receive was 12 points.

New/Yearly Applicants

The full scoring rubric below was utilized to evaluate applications of programs that were new, received prior year funding but did not meet the renewal/multiyear criteria, or may have met renewal criteria but elected to apply for additional funds above level funding. Maximum points a new/yearly applicant could receive was 70 points.

Interviews were held as needed and were not scored. Instead, if reviewers had questions about the application responses, they questions were directed back to the agency for a written response. The reviewer received the responses and completed their final score.

SCORING METHODOLOGY



SCORING RUBRIC

The sample rubric below shows the breakdown reviewers used in the scoring process. Volunteers were provided training and a scoring guidance manual to assist with their evaluation.

Areas in red (1-11) were for new/yearly applicants only, areas in green (12-16) were for all applicants and related to financial review, and the blue area (17) is the streamlined scoring portion for renewal/multi-year applicants only. Maximum points possible for scoring new/yearly applications was 70, and maximum points possible for renewal/multi-year applicants was 12.

SCORING & ALLOCATION PROCESS

SCORING RUBRIC – Agency Review 2025-26

Please rank the following scoring questions using the scale as indicated below.

Question #	Description	Scoring
1-11	New/Yearly Application Questions	On a scale of 1 to 5 where ...
1	Rank to what extent this program's design is described with clarity around what the program does, how the design is implemented, and what changes occur in people's lives because of the program.	1 is "Does Not" and 5 is "Significantly"
2	Rank to what extent this program currently collaborates with other stakeholders to meet the needs of their program participants.	1 is "Does Not" and 5 is "Extensively"
3	Rank the extent to which the agency provides well-trained and qualified staff to execute the program.	1 is "Does Not" and 5 is "Strongly Provides"
4	Rank to what extent this application makes a case for program need in Tempe.	1 is "Does Not" and 5 is "Extensively"
5	Rank to what extent this program is accessible to Tempe residents.	1 is "Is Not Accessible" and 5 is "Is Accessible in Tempe"
6	Rank to what extent this program serves a reasonable number of Tempe clients respective to the service offered.	1 is "A Minimal Number" and 5 is "A Significant Number"
7	Rank to what extent this program is addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion in their program design and implementation. Does the program use an "equity lens?"	1 is "Poor" and 5 is "Superior"
8	Rank to what extent this program's Outcomes is clearly stated and measurable.	1 is "Are Not" and 5 is "All Are"
9	Rank to what extent the indicators are specific and quantifiable.	1 is "Poor" and 5 is "Superior"
10	Rank the quality of this application, based on: agency provided all required documents, answered all questions clearly and completely; made a case for need using statistics and citing sources; and explained their ability to provide quality services.	1 is "Poor" and 5 is "Superior"
11	Relative to the mental health service outcome measure and indicators, how likely is the individual/family to have the intended positive outcome that is stated?	10 points is "Very Likely" and 1 is "Not Likely"
12	Discretionary Points are additional points that can be awarded at the discretion of the reviewer, beyond the standard criteria, allowing you to recognize exceptional performance, unique contributions, collaborations, or specific circumstances not fully captured by the established scoring system, giving the scorer flexibility to reward aspects that go beyond the basic requirements based on their judgment.	0 to 5 points may be allowed
13-17	Financial Reviewer Questions	Score
13	Relative to the agency's current financial operating status, were revenues greater than expenses?	0 points - Significantly less than expenses 1 point - At or break-even 2 pts. - Greater than expenses
14	Was there a significant change year-over-year in the agency's net assets?	0 points – Yes, less than prior year without reasonable explanation 1 point – About the same or reasonable explanation provided 2 points – Yes, greater than prior year
15	By reviewing the Statement of Functional Expenses (Part IX of 990 form), what is the ratio of management and fundraising expenses to total expenses?	0 points – Greater than 25% 1 point – Between 16-24% 2 point – Less than 16%
16	Relative to the agency's risk profile and the diversity of funding sources, review Part VIII of the 990 (as well as other available documentation) to try and ascertain various sources of revenue.	0 points – 2 sources or less 1 point – 3-4 sources 2 points – 5+ sources
17	Relative to the agency's internal controls and financial oversight, including providing audited financial statements, does the agency demonstrate appropriate oversight?	0 points – No, or qualified audit provided 1 point – Moderate controls – no audit, but demonstrated oversight 2 points – Yes, unqualified audit and/or multiple sources of oversight provided
18	Renewal/Multiyear Questions	Score
18	5 Narrative Application Questions and Program Budget (Each renewal application evaluated based upon how well the program has served intended human service need following eight methods provided in the Training Guidance Manual to determine renewal points.)	0 points - Do Not Renew 1 point - Conditional Renewal 2 points - Renewal

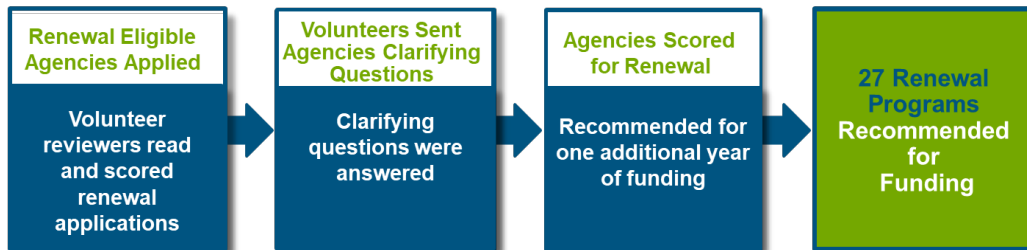
SCORING & ALLOCATION PROCESS

DETERMINING 2025-26 FUNDING ALLOCATION

Following the completion of the application scoring and initial funding recommendations by volunteer reviewers, two final consensus meetings were held to review final scores and determine a fair distribution of available funding.

Renewal Eligible Programs

Level funding totaling \$813,375 was recommended for 27 renewal-identified programs for one additional year.



New and Returning Programs

A reduction formula was determined by consensus to allocate the remaining \$322,625 of funding. Programs with a final score greater than 56 received 80% of the funding requested, with the top score receiving 100% of requested funding. A total of 16 new/returning programs were recommended for funding; 31 were not funded.



FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION



Fund 43 programs from 36 agencies

Includes 4 new agencies

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - Overview

AGENCIES & PROGRAMS BY FINAL SCORE				
Agency Name	Program	FY 25/26 Request	Final Score	Final Rec
A New Leaf	Shelter Svcs	\$ 57,536	2.00	\$ 57,536
Aster Aging	Tempe Older Adult Support Svcs	\$ 11,549	2.00	\$ 11,549
Best Buddies International	Best Buddies Inclusion Project	\$ 11,464	2.00	\$ 11,464
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona	Tempe Mentoring Program	\$ 20,924	2.00	\$ 20,924
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley	Social & Emotional Wellness for Tempe Youth in Boys & Girls Clubs	\$ 30,336	2.00	\$ 30,336
Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS)	Emergency Shelter for Tempe Residents, Children, Families, & Seniors Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 111,736	2.00	\$ 111,736
Child Crisis Arizona	Foster Care and Adoption Svcs in Tempe	\$ 11,736	2.00	\$ 11,736
Circle the City	East Valley Neighborhood Partnership	\$ 14,400	2.00	\$ 14,400
Community Legal Services	Legal Advocacy and Education for Low-Income Tempe Residents	\$ 5,742	2.00	\$ 5,742
EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center / LaFrontera	Building Resiliency in Youth	\$ 4,874	2.00	\$ 4,874
EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center / LaFrontera	Survivors of Suicide Program	\$ 9,030	2.00	\$ 9,030
Maggie's Place	Shelter Svcs (The Elizabeth House)	\$ 31,212	2.00	\$ 31,212
Mountain Park Health Center (withdrew application)	Medical Legal Partnership	\$ 40,362	2.00	\$ -
notMYkid	Teen Mental Health First Aid	\$ 10,746	2.00	\$ 10,746
Paz de Cristo Community Center	Relief Svcs to Empower Individuals	\$ 10,524	2.00	\$ 10,524
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona	Family, Adult and Children Empowerment Svcs	\$ 18,025	2.00	\$ 18,025
Sojourner Center	Overcoming the Impact of Domestic Violence: Community Outreach Svcs for Tempe Survivors	\$ 14,547	2.00	\$ 14,547
Solari	Solari 211 for Tempe	\$ 40,420	2.00	\$ 40,420
TCH - The Centers for Habilitation	Earning a Paycheck	\$ 13,650	2.00	\$ 13,650
Teen Lifeline	Crisis Svcs	\$ 15,336	2.00	\$ 15,336
Tempe Community Action Agency	IHELP Emergency Shelter Program	\$ 57,410	2.00	\$ 57,410
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Community Action Program	\$ 112,856	2.00	\$ 112,856
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Food Pantry	\$ 34,153	2.00	\$ 34,153
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$ 39,561	2.00	\$ 39,561
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Senior Nutrition Program	\$ 51,836	2.00	\$ 51,836
Tempe Community Council	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	\$ 5,171	2.00	\$ 5,171
UMOM New Day Centers	Emergency Shelter and Svcs for Tempe Families Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 54,360	2.00	\$ 54,360
United Food Bank	Emergency Food Assistance	\$ 14,241	2.00	\$ 14,241
Encircle Families (formerly Raising Special Kids)	Mentoring and Parent Support Program for Families with Children Who Have Disabilities	\$ 40,000	65.67	\$ 28,883
H.A.P.I	The H.A.P.I School	\$ 110,000	61.67	\$ 22,614
The Salvation Army	Tempe Eviction Prevention	\$ 30,000	61.67	\$ 53,848
A New Leaf	REACH Sexual Violence Svcs	\$ 50,000	61.33	\$ 31,983
Junior Achievement of Arizona	Preparing Tempe Kids to Succeed in Work and Life	\$ 10,000	61.00	\$ 6,361
ACCEL	Improving the Lives of Adults with Disabilities in Tempe	\$ 25,000	60.50	\$ 18,845
Azura / Mesa United Way	Serving Tempe Military Veterans and Families	\$ 15,000	59.50	\$ 7,161
Catholic Charities Community Services	Safe Haven: Enhancing Svcs for Victims of Domestic Violence in Tempe	\$ 25,000	58.67	\$ 11,117
Homeless Youth Connection	Empowering Youth For The Future	\$ 10,000	58.33	\$ 6,185
Tempe Chamber of Commerce	Career Ready Tempe	\$ 25,000	57.83	\$ 18,845
Duet: Partners in Health and Aging	Strengthening Kinship Families in Tempe	\$ 30,000	57.75	\$ 22,614
Peer Solutions	Trauma Informed Primary Prevention	\$ 30,000	57.67	\$ 15,374
TCH - The Centers for Habilitation	Arts and Culture	\$ 10,000	57.67	\$ 7,538
Matthew's Crossing	Meals To Grow Program	\$ 40,000	57.00	\$ 22,614
Sonoran University of Health Sciences	Tempe Elementary Community Clinic	\$ 14,530	56.50	\$ 10,953
AllThrive365 / FSL - Foundation for Senior Living	Tempe Adult Day Health Svcs	\$ 50,000	56.00	\$ 37,690
National Council of Jewish Women - AZ	Support for Ruth Place: Helping Sexual Violence Survivors Heal	\$ 15,000	55.83	\$ -
Justa Center	Path to Housing: Direct Assistance for Tempe Seniors	\$ 25,000	55.25	\$ -
Ability360	Tempe Accessible Wellness Program	\$ 25,000	55.00	\$ -
Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona	Empowering Wellness through Haircare for Tempe's Underserved Communities	\$ 25,000	55.00	\$ -
Higher Octave Healing	Start With Music	\$ 30,000	54.67	\$ -
Jewish Family and Children's Service	Health & Wellness Navigation Program - East Valley Healthcare Center	\$ 20,000	54.67	\$ -
Assistance League of East Valley	Operation School Bell	\$ 30,000	54.33	\$ -
Care 4 the Caregivers	Care 4 the Caregivers	\$ 30,000	54.33	\$ -
Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix	Empower Together: Envisioning a Brighter Tempe	\$ 20,000	54.00	\$ -
Future for KIDS	2025-26 Discover Your Future: Mentoring Program for Underserved Tempe Youth	\$ 30,000	54.00	\$ -
Bike Saviours Bicycle Collective	Serving Transportation Needs of Tempe Residents and Beyond	\$ 10,000	52.83	\$ -
one-n-ten	Tempe Satellite Program for LGBTQ+ Youth	\$ 22,293	52.67	\$ -
St. Joseph the Worker	Employment Without Barriers	\$ 15,000	52.67	\$ -
Phoenix Gospel Mission dba Phoenix Rescue Mission	Homeless Outreach & Navigation Program	\$ 104,766	52.00	\$ -
Kids in Focus	After School Mentoring Program	\$ 10,000	51.00	\$ -
Arizona Career Development Center	Building Pathways to Employment: Workforce Development for Tempe's Underserved Communities	\$ 30,000	50.00	\$ -
BLOOM365	School-Based Violence Intervention Programs in Tempe	\$ 29,720	49.67	\$ -
The Arizona Pet Project	Removing Pet-Related Barriers to Human Svcs	\$ 20,000	48.67	\$ -
Valley of the Sun YMCA	Early Learning & Childcare Financial Assist for Low Income, Underserved Tempe Children/Families	\$ 25,000	48.33	\$ -
Dress for Success Phoenix	Mobile Career Center: Career Svcs for Tempe Women and Youth	\$ 30,000	48.00	\$ -
Million Dollar Teacher Project	Million Dollar Teacher Project - Teacher Resource Center	\$ 30,000	44.83	\$ -
Lights Camera Discover	Substance Use Prevention Program Using Digital Arts for Kids	\$ 30,000	43.33	\$ -
Mesa United Way/Foster360	Trauma-Informed Programming	\$ 30,000	43.25	\$ -
Make Way for Books	Story School	\$ 30,000	42.33	\$ -
Making Dreams Reality	Dream Transit: Unlocking Academic and Personal Growth	\$ 25,000	41.33	\$ -
Veterans 5-9	Veterans 5-9	\$ 30,000	41.00	\$ -
Just Sass-e Foundation	Sass-e Big Sisters	\$ 30,000	40.83	\$ -
Becoming Grace Foundation Nonprofit Corp	Becoming Whole: Healing & Educational Workshops	\$ 10,000	37.00	\$ -
Princen Sammy Eduluf & Herty Foundation	Bridging Gaps Access to Human Svcs for Underserved Populations in Tempe	\$ 25,000	32.00	\$ -
Melabiz Community Hub	Melabiz Community Hub Holistic Mental Health Care	\$ 30,000	25.17	\$ -
Colby Love Can	Colby Love Can	\$ 15,000	24.00	\$ -
		\$ 2,200,046		\$ 1,136,000

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - Crisis

CRISIS				
Agency	Program	FY 25/26 Request	Final Score	Final Rec
CHILDREN & YOUTH				
Child Crisis Arizona	Foster Care and Adoption Svcs in Tempe	\$ 11,736	2.00	\$ 11,736
Lights Camera Discover	Substance Use Prevention Program Using Digital Arts for Kids	\$ 30,000	43.33	\$ -
Matthew's Crossing	Meals To Grow Program	\$ 40,000	57.00	\$ 22,614
Melabiz Community Hub	Melabiz Community Hub Holistic Mental Health Care	\$ 30,000	25.17	\$ -
Teen Lifeline	Crisis Svcs	\$ 15,336	2.00	\$ 15,336
UMOM New Day Centers	Emergency Shelter and Svcs for Tempe Families Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 54,360	2.00	\$ 54,360
Subtotal				\$ 104,046
DISABILITIES				
EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center / La Frontera	Survivors of Suicide Program	\$ 9,030	2.00	\$ 9,030
Subtotal				\$ 9,030
HOMELESSNESS				
A New Leaf	Shelter Svcs	\$ 57,536	2.00	\$ 57,536
Central Arizona Shelter Services	Emergency Shelter for Tempe Residents, Children, Families, & Seniors Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 111,736	2.00	\$ 111,736
Circle the City	East Valley Neighborhood Partnership	\$ 14,400	2.00	\$ 14,400
Maggie's Place	Shelter Svcs (The Elizabeth House)	\$ 31,212	2.00	\$ 31,212
Phoenix Gospel Mission dba Phoenix Rescue Mission	Homeless Outreach & Navigation Program	\$ 104,766	52.00	\$ -
Tempe Community Action Agency	IHELP Emergency Shelter Program	\$ 57,410	2.00	\$ 57,410
Veterans 5-9	Veterans 5-9	\$ 30,000	41.00	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ 272,294
OLDER ADULTS				
Subtotal				\$ -
SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE				
A New Leaf	REACH Sexual Violence Svcs	\$ 50,000	61.33	\$ 31,983
Catholic Charities Community Services	Safe Haven: Enhancing Svcs for Victims of Domestic Violence in Tempe	\$ 25,000	58.67	\$ 11,117
Colby Love Can	Colby Love Can	\$ 15,000	24.00	\$ -
Sojourner Center	Overcoming the Impact of Domestic Violence: Community Outreach Svcs for Tempe Survivors	\$ 14,547	2.00	\$ 14,547
Subtotal				\$ 57,647
WORKING POOR				
Princen Sammy Edful & Herty Foundation	Bridging Gaps Access to Human Svcs for Underserved Populations in Tempe	\$ 25,000	32.00	\$ -
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Food Pantry	\$ 34,153	2.00	\$ 34,153
United Food Bank	Emergency Food Assistance	\$ 14,241	2.00	\$ 14,241
Subtotal				\$ 48,394
TOTAL - Crisis				\$ 491,411

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - Stability

STABILITY				
Agency	Program	FY 25/26 Request	Final Score	Final Rec
CHILDREN & YOUTH				
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley	Social & Emotional Wellness for Tempe Youth in Boys & Girls Clubs	\$ 30,336	2.00	\$ 30,336
Duet: Partners in Health and Aging	Strengthening Kinship Families in Tempe	\$ 30,000	57.75	\$ 22,614
Homeless Youth Connection	Empow ering Youth For The Future	\$ 10,000	58.33	\$ 6,185
Jewish Family and Children's Service	Health & Wellness Navigation Program - East Valley Healthcare Center	\$ 20,000	54.67	\$ -
Making Dreams Reality	Dream Transit: Unlocking Academic and Personal Grow th	\$ 25,000	41.33	\$ -
Valley of the Sun YMCA	Early Learning & Childcare Financial Assist for Low Income, Underserved Tempe Children/Families	\$ 25,000	48.33	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ 59,135
DISABILITIES				
ACCEL	Improving the Lives of Adults w ith Disabilities in Tempe	\$ 25,000	60.50	\$ 18,845
Care 4 the Caregivers	Care 4 the Caregivers	\$ 30,000	54.33	\$ -
Encircle Families (formerly Raising Special Kids)	Mentoring and Parent Support Program for Families with Children Who Have Disabilities	\$ 40,000	65.67	\$ 28,883
Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona	Empow ering Wellness through Haircare for Tempe's Underserved Communities	\$ 25,000	55.00	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ 47,728
HOMELESSNESS				
Azura / Mesa United Way	Serving Tempe Military Veterans and Families	\$ 15,000	59.50	\$ 7,161
Make Way for Books	Story School	\$ 30,000	42.33	\$ -
Paz de Cristo Community Center	Relief Svcs to Empow er Individuals	\$ 10,524	2.00	\$ 10,524
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona	Family, Adult and Children Empow erment Svcs	\$ 18,025	2.00	\$ 18,025
Subtotal				\$ 35,710
OLDER ADULTS				
Aster Aging	Tempe Older Adult Support Svcs	\$ 11,549	2.00	\$ 11,549
Justa Center	Path to Housing Direct Assistance for Tempe Seniors	\$ 25,000	55.25	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ 11,549
SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE				
Becoming Grace Foundation Nonprofit Corp	Becoming Whole: Healing & Educational Workshops	\$ 10,000	37.00	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ -
WORKING POOR				
Bike Saviours Bicycle Collective	Serving Transportation Needs of Tempe Residents and Beyond	\$ 10,000	52.83	\$ -
Community Legal Services	Legal Advocacy and Education for Low -Income Tempe Residents	\$ 5,742	2.00	\$ 5,742
HA.P.I	The HA.P.I School	\$ 110,000	61.67	\$ 53,848
Solari	Solari 211 for Tempe	\$ 40,420	2.00	\$ 40,420
Sonoran University of Health Sciences	Tempe Elementary Community Clinic	\$ 14,530	56.50	\$ 10,953
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Community Action Program	\$ 112,856	2.00	\$ 112,856
The Arizona Pet Project	Removing Pet-Related Barriers to Human Svcs	\$ 20,000	48.67	\$ -
The Salvation Army	Tempe Eviction Prevention	\$ 30,000	61.67	\$ 22,614
Subtotal				\$ 246,433
TOTAL - Stability				\$ 400,555

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - Self-Sufficiency

SELF-SUFFICIENCY				
Agency	Program	FY 25/26 Request	Final Score	Final Rec
CHILDREN & YOUTH				
Assistance League of East Valley	Operation School Bell	\$ 30,000	54.33	\$ -
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona	Tempe Mentoring Program	\$ 20,924	2.00	\$ 20,924
EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center / LaFrontera	Building Resiliency in Youth	\$ 4,874	2.00	\$ 4,874
Future for KIDS	2025-26 Discover Your Future: Mentoring Program for Underserved Tempe Youth	\$ 30,000	54.00	\$ -
Higher Octave Healing	Start With Music	\$ 30,000	54.67	\$ -
Junior Achievement of Arizona	Preparing Tempe Kids to Succeed in Work and Life	\$ 10,000	61.00	\$ 6,361
Just Sass-e Foundation	Sass-e Big Sisters	\$ 30,000	40.83	\$ -
Kids in Focus	After School Mentoring Program	\$ 10,000	51.00	\$ -
notMYkid	Teen Mental Health First Aid	\$ 10,746	2.00	\$ 10,746
one n ten	Tempe Satellite Program for LGBTQ+ Youth	\$ 22,293	52.67	\$ -
Peer Solutions	Trauma Informed Primary Prevention	\$ 30,000	57.67	\$ 15,374
Tempe Chamber of Commerce	Career Ready Tempe	\$ 25,000	57.83	\$ 18,845
Subtotal				\$ 77,124
DISABILITIES				
Ability360	Tempe Accessible Wellness Program	\$ 25,000	55.00	\$ -
AllThrive365 / FSL - Foundation for Senior Living	Tempe Adult Day Health Svcs	\$ 50,000	56.00	\$ 37,690
Best Buddies International	Best Buddies Inclusion Project	\$ 11,464	2.00	\$ 11,464
TCH - The Centers for Habilitation	Arts and Culture	\$ 10,000	57.67	\$ 7,538
TCH - The Centers for Habilitation	Earning a Paycheck	\$ 13,650	2.00	\$ 13,650
Subtotal				\$ 70,342
HOMELESSNESS				
Mesa United Way/Foster360	Trauma-Informed Programming	\$ 30,000	43.25	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ -
OLDER ADULTS				
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$ 39,561	2.00	\$ 39,561
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Senior Nutrition Program	\$ 51,836	2.00	\$ 51,836
Subtotal				\$ 91,397
SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE				
BLOOM365	School-Based Violence Intervention Programs in Tempe	\$ 29,720	49.67	\$ -
National Council of Jewish Women - AZ	Support for Ruth Place: Helping Sexual Violence Survivors Heal	\$ 15,000	55.83	\$ -
Subtotal				\$ -
WORKING POOR				
Arizona Career Development Center	Building Pathways to Employment: Workforce Development for Tempe's Underserved Communities	\$ 30,000	50.00	\$ -
Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix	Empower Together: Envisioning a Brighter Tempe	\$ 20,000	54.00	\$ -
Dress for Success Phoenix	Mobile Career Center: Career Svcs for Tempe Women and Youth	\$ 30,000	48.00	\$ -
Million Dollar Teacher Project	Million Dollar Teacher Project - Teacher Resource Center	\$ 30,000	44.83	\$ -
Mountain Park Health Center (withdrew application)	Medical Legal Partnership	\$ 40,362	2.00	\$ -
St. Joseph the Worker	Employment Without Barriers	\$ 15,000	52.67	\$ -
Tempe Community Council	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	\$ 5,171	2.00	\$ 5,171
Subtotal				\$ 5,171
TOTAL - Self-Sufficiency				\$ 244,034

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - Target Populations

RECOMMENDATIONS BY TARGET POPULATIONS				
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CHILDREN & YOUTH				
Assistance League of East Valley	Operation School Bell	\$ 30,000	54.33	\$ -
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona	Tempe Mentoring Program	\$ 20,924	47.17	\$ 20,924
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley	Social & Emotional Wellness for Tempe Youth in Boys & Girls Clubs	\$ 30,336	2.00	\$ 30,336
Child Crisis Arizona	Foster Care and Adoption Svcs in Tempe	\$ 11,736	2.00	\$ 11,736
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Higher Octave Healing	Start With Music	\$ 30,000	54.67	\$ -
Homeless Youth Connection	Empowering Youth For The Future	\$ 10,000	58.33	\$ 6,185
Jewish Family and Children's Service	Health & Wellness Navigation Program - East Valley Healthcare Center	\$ 20,000	54.67	\$ -
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UMOM New Day Centers	Emergency Shelter and Svcs for Tempe Families Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 54,360	2.00	\$ 54,360
Valley of the Sun YMCA	Early Learning & Childcare Financial Assist for Low Income, Underserved Tempe Children/Families	\$ 25,000	48.33	\$ -
TOTAL - Children & Youth				\$ 240,305
DISABILITIES				
Ability360	Tempe Accessible Wellness Program	\$ 25,000	55.00	\$ -
ACCEL	Improving the Lives of Adults with Disabilities in Tempe	\$ 25,000	60.50	\$ 18,845
AllThrive365 / FSL - Foundation for Senior Living	Tempe Adult Day Health Svcs	\$ 50,000	56.00	\$ 37,690
Best Buddies International	Best Buddies Inclusion Project	\$ 11,464	2.00	\$ 11,464
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TCH - The Centers for Habilitation	Earning a Paycheck	\$ 13,650	2.00	\$ 13,650
Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona	Empowering Wellness through Haircare for Tempe's Underserved Communities	\$ 25,000	55.00	\$ -
TOTAL - Disabilities				\$ 127,100

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - Target Populations

RECOMMENDATIONS BY TARGET POPULATIONS				
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HOMELESSNESS				
A New Leaf	Shelter Svcs	\$ 57,536	2.00	\$ 57,536
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Tempe Community Action Agency	IHELP Emergency Shelter Program	\$ 57,410	2.00	\$ 57,410
Veterans 5-9	Veterans 5-9	\$ 30,000	41.00	\$ -
TOTAL - Homelessness				\$ 308,004
OLDER ADULTS				
Aster Aging	Tempe Older Adult Support Svcs	\$ 11,549	2.00	\$ 11,549
Justa Center	Path to Housing Direct Assistance for Tempe Seniors	\$ 25,000	55.25	\$ -
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$ 39,561	2.00	\$ 39,561
Tempe Community Action Agency	TCAA Senior Nutrition Program	\$ 51,836	2.00	\$ 51,836
TOTAL - Older Adults				\$ 102,946
SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE				
A New Leaf	REACH Sexual Violence Svcs	\$ 50,000	61.33	\$ 31,983
Catholic Charities Community Services	Safe Haven: Enhancing Svcs for Victims of Domestic Violence in Tempe	\$ 25,000	58.67	\$ 11,117
Colby Love Can	Colby Love Can	\$ 15,000	24.00	\$ -
Sojourner Center	Overcoming the Impact of Domestic Violence: Community Outreach Svcs for Tempe Survivors	\$ 14,547	2.00	\$ 14,547
Becoming Grace Foundation Nonprofit Corp	Becoming Whole: Healing & Educational Workshops	\$ 10,000	37.00	\$ -
TOTAL - Sexual and Domestic Violence				\$ 57,647
WORKING POOR				
Arizona Career Development Center	Building Pathways to Employment: Workforce Development for Tempe's Underserved Communities	\$ 30,000	50.00	\$ -
Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix	Empower Together: Envisioning a Brighter Tempe	\$ 20,000	54.00	\$ -
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The Arizona Pet Project	Removing Pet-Related Barriers to Human Svcs	\$ 20,000	48.67	\$ -
The Salvation Army	Tempe Eviction Prevention	\$ 30,000	61.67	\$ 22,614
United Food Bank	Emergency Food Assistance	\$ 14,241	2.00	\$ 14,241
TOTAL - Working Poor				\$ 299,998
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 1,136,000

APPENDIX – Agency and Program Information

2025-2026 CITY OF TEMPE HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING Agency & Programs Information Guide

The following appended document provides a summary of each program recommended for funding in this year's Agency Review process along with basic information on their agency and funded program.

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A New Leaf



REACH SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides crisis intervention, personal advocacy, safety planning, support groups, therapeutic services and connection to resources for victims of past or present sexual violence. REACH serves victims in Maricopa County, including the city of Tempe.

PROGRAM GOALS

Support the rights of victims of sexual violence through coordination and promotion of community services and to promote the healing and empowerment of survivors of sexual violence.

AGENCY INFORMATION

A New Leaf has pursued its mission of “Helping Families... Changing Lives” for more than 50 years, now operating more than 30 programs under seven social service pillars: housing & shelters, domestic violence, mental & physical health, education, financial empowerment, family preservation and foster care. As a non-profit and Joint Commission accredited organization, A New Leaf is working to address the Phoenix Metro community’s most challenging issues, making a positive impact in the lives of nearly 25,000 people annually.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Medical and law enforcement accompaniment
- Sexual violence services counselor
- Identification of triggers and healthy coping mechanisms
- Ongoing support and advocacy
- Safety planning
- Long-term trauma-informed care
- Counseling and support groups
- Therapeutic options
- Systems navigations

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A New Leaf



SHELTER SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Offers emergency shelters, basic needs, and essential services for single men at the East Valley Men's Center (EVMC) (110 beds) and families with minor children at La Mesita Family Shelter (16 family units) for up to 120 days.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide safe housing and support services to homeless men and families to improve housing stability and self-sustainability
- Support children and youth through an after school program and youth activities staff
- Provide access to medical and behavioral health care for residents at both facilities

AGENCY INFORMATION

A New Leaf, Inc. is a Joint Commission accredited, 501(c)(3) organization committed to its mission of "Helping Families...Changing Lives." Since 1971, the agency has provided vital behavioral health and social services in Maricopa County. A New Leaf collaborates with Tempe's Homeless Outreach Program Effort (HOPE), CARE 7 Crisis Intervention Team, and other Tempe agencies to prioritize referrals and reserve the intake of homeless Tempe residents for up to 10 beds at the EVMC. La Mesita helps homeless families with minor aged children become self-reliant. A New Leaf is working to address most challenging issues, related to homelessness, underlying mental and physical chronic health conditions, and lack of resources due to financial instability.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Housing and shelter
- Domestic violence
- Mental and physical health
- Education and employment development
- Financial empowerment
- Family preservation
- Foster care

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ACCEL



IMPROVING LIVES OF ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To provide exceptional educational, behavioral, therapeutic, and vocational programs to individuals with special needs and developmental disabilities, to give them the necessary skills to learn, to work, and to live successfully with dignity and independence.

PROGRAM GOAL

- A life of dignity and self-worth
- Offer a day program that aims to bring a sense of community to adults with disabilities, where they can be safe, develop friendships, learn social, communication and vocational skills, and reach goals of independence and autonomy
- Improve independent living skills and autonomy by participating in outings such as grocery shopping, ordering at a restaurant, and riding the city bus to a specific destination
- Improved behavioral health

AGENCY INFORMATION

ACCEL provides comprehensive instructional programming for children and adults who have developmental disabilities. ACCEL is the only private special education school in Arizona nationally accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES). ACCEL's adult day and vocational programs are designed to ensure the adults served have every opportunity to develop meaningful, independent lives.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Adult day program
- Vocational opportunities and skills
- Life skills
- Trained staff

SUCCESS STORY

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AllThrive365 (FSL—Foundation for Senior Living)



TEMPE ADULT DAY HEALTH SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To provide home and community-based services and develop energy-efficient, affordable housing, to promote health, independence and dignity for all. Valuing “home,” FSL’s programs and services promote and support safe aging in place for adults with physical and cognitive conditions that might otherwise require admission to long-term care facilities. Our vision is “A caring community that promotes the health and well-being of all.”

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide an alternative to long-term institutional placement and enable participants to safely age in place. This is accomplished by helping participants maintain or improve their ability to perform activities of daily living and providing the support and respite families and caregivers desperately need.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Since 1974, FSL has offered a robust menu of services to older adults, adults with disabilities, and other vulnerable individuals such as adults with severe mental illnesses. FSL partners with mission-aligned organizations, such as the Area Agency on Aging and Dignity Health, to promote its services. FSL also coordinates with senior centers and other nonprofit organizations to promote our services. In 2025, FSL has been utilizing a new name and logo—AllThrive365.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Adult Day Health Services program
- Resource navigation
- Music therapy
- Caregiver support

SUCCESS STORY

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Aster Aging



OLDER ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Helps Tempe seniors remain independent by providing: individualized in-home assessments to identify strengths and needs; resource navigation to connect seniors and their families with benefits, health care, housing alternatives, transportation options, and other community services; chronic disease self-management education; and, in-home support services including respite, housekeeping, and personal care.

PROGRAM GOAL

To ensure Tempe older and disabled adults remain independent through in-home resource navigation and benefits enrollment coupled with the availability of home care provided by certified aides to offer critical assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) as needed.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1979 with the mission to empower and support East Valley older adults and their families to remain independent and engaged in their communities, Aster Aging offers a comprehensive range of community-based and in-home programs and services aimed at “independence with dignity as vulnerable older adults navigate the sometimes-challenging journey of aging.” Their vision is to be a leader in providing direct services and mobilizing resources that support the changing needs of our older adult population.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Senior nutrition congregate meals
- Health and wellness support
- Education programs
- Social activities
- Meals on Wheels
- In-home support
- Home care
- Outreach and social services

SUCCESS STORY

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Azura (Mesa United Way)



SERVING TEMPE MILITARY VETERANS & FAMILIES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides a centralized location for military veterans and families, offering comprehensive resources to access services and personal assistance such as employment assistance, housing and rental assistance. Also provided is extensive case management from a trauma-informed care approach guided by peers. Staff works one-on-one with client to get to know their capacity, identify root cause of any issues and set plans to achieve goals. Veteran's are linked to extensive list of partners and resources for success.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Utilize a six-step case management system to identify veteran needs and support them or their family members who seek support, or has unique requests and concerns
- Ensure no veteran or veteran family is left homeless, financially troubled, unemployed, or living through a crisis alone

AGENCY INFORMATION

Mesa United Way has operated in Mesa and the Greater Phoenix area for 100 years, creating solutions and innovated program to find gaps in service and solve unresolved problems. Their mission is to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in the community. They have four program areas: foster children and the needs of youth aging out of the foster system; veterans through holistic case management at the Mesa Veterans Resource Center (aka Azura Veterans Coalition); literacy programs; and poverty alleviation.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Veteran-focused support groups
- Case management, navigation for housing and rental assistance
- Mental health, addiction and benefits counseling
- Health care, employment, resume and transportation assistance
- Soft skills training, interactive classes
- Mobile preventive and wellness care
- Pet intake and adoption services for those in crisis

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Best Buddies



BEST BUDDIES INCLUSION PROJECT

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Serves children, youth, and adults with and without intellectual and development disabilities (IDD) in elementary, middle, high school, and college chapters in Tempe. The school-based inclusion programs operate as school clubs that provide opportunities for meaningful social interactions between students with IDD and their typical peers, hosting inclusive group activities, and training student leaders with and without IDD to successfully lead inclusion programs at their school.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Promote one-to-one friendship opportunities between participants with and without IDD
- Develop leadership skills among participants with IDD and typical peers so that they can lead the inclusion movement
- Transform attitudes about the needs and abilities of people with IDD through program participation
- Develop social skills among participants with IDD that aid in their employment, independence, and community integration.
- Empower those with IDD special disabilities by creating meaningful friendships secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society

AGENCY INFORMATION

A nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with IDD.

SERVICES OFFERED

- One-to-one friendships
- Integrated employment
- Leadership development
- Inclusive living

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona



MENTORING PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of Tempe youth. The program guides high-risk, low-income children to become productive members of the community by learning from the positive examples set by professionally-trained mentors.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase one-to-one mentoring services for at-risk youth in Tempe
- Increase self-confidence, academic outcomes, and school retention rates among at-risk Tempe youth
- Decrease high-risk behaviors such as drug and alcohol use among Tempe youth as compared to their non-participating peer groups

AGENCY INFORMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters' of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. BBBSAZ focuses on facilitating mentoring relationships between adults and at-risk youth in the community. They match children ("Littles"), ages 6-18, with caring, responsible adult mentors ("Bigs") who guide youth to become contributing members of society by helping them avoid risky behaviors, poor school performance, and by inspiring them through acceptance and encouragement to define and achieve their personal goals.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Specialized training
- Education
- Guidance & support
- National standards for mentoring youth
- Trauma-informed approach
- "Tried and True" - program that is divided into three main phases : enrollment of youth, matching mentors, and support through case management

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS FOR TEMPE YOUTH

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides programming for thousands of Tempe youth and teens each year, offering daily after-school programs, summer day camps, and dedicated teen centers that provide Tempe youth with a safe, positive place to spend their out-of-school-time.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve the academic achievement, self-confidence, life skills, and health of at-risk and other youth
- Ensure youth served stay in school through graduation
- Prepare high school seniors for post-secondary education
- Empower young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community

AGENCY INFORMATION

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCAZ) is to empower all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community. For 75 years, BGCAZ has been creating equity and opportunity for youth through academic, social, and workforce opportunities. They help young people make healthy decisions and focus on social and emotional development to build resilient young adults. Most importantly, they work to develop strong character and leadership skills by creating positive connections to caring adults and their community.

SERVICES OFFERED

- High-yield learning activities and targeted programs
- Dedicated time and assistance with homework
- Education programs
- Daily academic enrichment activities
- Career Pathways
- Leadership and Good Character education
- Health and wellness activities
- Social emotional development and coping skills

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Catholic Charities Community Services



SAFE HAVEN: ENHANCING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A 30-bed shelter offering safety and healing for women, men, and children fleeing domestic violence. Each year, MSP offers over 10,000 nights of shelter, more than 30,000 meals and a range of services that promote clients' independence, well-being, and successful achievement of their goals.

PROGRAM GOAL

Protect and nurture children, strengthen families, shelter the homeless and abused, support survivors of sex-trafficking, welcome and assist refugees, aid those in crisis, empower veterans and help the impoverished.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Catholic Charities Community Services' (CCCS) mission is to help the community's most vulnerable with solutions that permanently improve lives. People of all faiths, backgrounds and abilities are served through 22 programs in seven counties across central and northern Arizona. CCCS is held to the highest standard of service through the Council on Accreditation and leverages partner agencies and resources to create the greatest impact possible in an effective, efficient manner.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Safety and after-care planning
- Case management and skill/resource building
- Foster care, adoption, pregnancy counseling and early childhood education
- Employment assistance
- Information and referral to transitional programs
- Affordable housing and furniture
- Counseling
- Financial education

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Central Arizona Shelter Services



EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR TEMPE RESIDENTS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Offers safe shelter, diverse case management services, educational programs, life skills training, and a comprehensive range of housing services to Tempe residents. Services are provided for single adult, family, and older adults.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness
- Address client barriers to help an individual get housing-ready
- Help get people back into housing quickly, using Housing First principles
- Commitment to ending homelessness among individuals and families in Tempe, while advancing compassionate community solutions

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1984 to address the homelessness crisis in Phoenix, CASS is Arizona's largest, longest serving, and most experienced emergency shelter provider. CASS annually serves thousands of adults and families with shelter, case management, an array of housing services as well as extensive wraparound services in coordination with other agencies. Adult and family shelters operate at full capacity 24/7, 365 days a year. CASS also provides specialty services for older adults at the Senior Haven hotel shelter.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Temporary housing/shelter
- Three meals daily
- Recreational and therapeutic programming
- Dining rooms
- Laundry facilities
- Clothing closet
- Outdoor spaces with activities
- Case management
- Housing services

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Child Crisis Arizona



FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SERVICES IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recruits, trains, licenses/certifies, and monitors foster and adoptive homes (resource homes) for foster children from Maricopa County. Provides best-practice congregate facilities and longer-term care and stabilization with support for foster children and foster parents.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Children served in will show improvement in medical health
- Children placed in foster homes will experience stability of placement
- Ensure children/youth are safe, have needs met, and are supported in addressing early trauma to be able to move forward into a thriving life

AGENCY INFORMATION

Child Crisis Arizona exists to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families. Their vision for the community is "Safe Kids. Strong Families." Their work falls into three general areas: child abuse prevention, intervention when child abuse or neglect has occurred, and early childhood education.

Prevention services include the Family Education Program designed to increase parenting skills, build strong families, and reduce the possibility of child abuse or neglect. Intervention services are Emergency Children's Placement Services comprised of the Emergency Children's Shelter and Foster Care and Adoption. Early Education services includes two Early Head Start programs (Phoenix and Mesa) and a preschool located on their Phoenix campus.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency children's shelter
- Foster care and adoption
- Group home
- Independent living
- Counseling program
- Early education services

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Child Crisis Arizona
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Circle the City



EAST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides mobile medical services in Tempe and Mesa to bridge care to the hardest to reach and most-marginalized homeless populations. The East Valley Neighborhood Partnership (EVNP) mobile medical clinic strives to reduce economic, geographic, and psychosocial barriers to care in an accessible and welcoming way for those who are either unable or unwilling to access fixed-site clinics. The EVNP program strives to offer a temporary medical home and comprehensive services until clients can be linked with a fixed-site clinic where care can be delivered more efficiently.

PROGRAM GOAL

Improve patient health outcomes and provide Integrated primary healthcare services to an under-served/homeless population of patients who would otherwise rely on hospital emergency department visits for routine or non-emergent medical care. This includes case management services, connecting clients with community resources such as AHCCCS, SSI, SSDI, and housing; and outreach services addressing behavioral health and substance abuse issues.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Circle the City was established to create and deliver innovative healthcare solutions that compassionately address the needs of men, women, and children facing homelessness. Through ENVP, Circle the City fulfills its mission by providing compassionate, culturally competent outreach; helping with transportation to clinics; supplying other incentives to promote engagement in a therapeutic relationship and offering a consistent mobile service schedule as well as assistance in applying for public benefits.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Temporary medical home
- Transportation
- Hygiene kits
- Clothing
- Case management services

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Community Legal Services



LEGAL ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION FOR LOW-INCOME TEMPE RESIDENTS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provide no-cost legal services to the residents of Tempe including legal education and advocacy, brief advice, and direct representation.

PROGRAM GOAL

Increase access to the civil justice system for low-income Tempe residents who cannot afford an attorney. Community Legal Services (CLS) attorneys will help resolve legal issues impacting basic human survival needs in which positive changes will be made to a clients' personal safety, living and housing and economic conditions. Living conditions will be improved and the number of Tempe resident facing homelessness will be reduced.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Community Legal Services ("CLS"), a non-profit, civil law firm in the Arizona counties of La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma. CLS is committed to increasing fairness in the civil justice system by advocating, litigating, and educating on behalf of Arizona's most underserved communities.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Virtual workshops
- Assistance with employment cases
- Preventing homelessness
- Reducing evictions
- Addressing fair housing complaints
- Consumer issues
- Other civil legal aid to families and individuals

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Duet: Partners in Health and Aging



STRENGTHENING KINSHIP FAMILIES IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides services that serve and engage children and support and equip their grandparents. These services empower grandparents and kinship caregivers with the tools they need to build healthy self-sufficient families and improve the health, wellbeing, and lives of Tempe grandfamilies.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Kinship caregivers will reduce their stress levels of/towards supporting the mental well-being of children in their care, while benefiting from long-term supports that will increase their self-sufficiency and improve their and the children's mental well-being.
- Increase social connections by participating in support groups, educational workshops, and social events, leading to stronger peer support networks and reduced feelings of loneliness and isolation.
- Increase confidence of caregivers through educational workshops, access to resources, and support services, leading to enhanced caregiving abilities.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Duet's mission is to promote health and wellbeing through vitally needed services for grandparents raising grandchildren due to parental abuse or neglect, low-income homebound adults, and family caregivers. Duet's vision is, "A community where every person ages with compassion, dignity, and hope."

SERVICES OFFERED

- Conducting Grandkin Cafés
- Conducting educational workshops
- Offering legal assistance
- Conducting grandfamily social outings
- Ongoing family support

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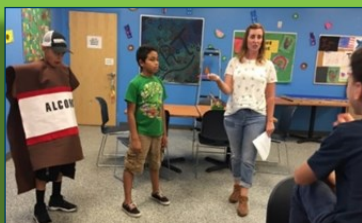
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EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center (LaFrontera)



BUILDING RESILIENCY IN YOUTH

PROGRAM INFORMATION

School-based primary prevention program which utilizes the “I Can Problem Solve” curriculum which offers practical skills for helping children learn how to think through and resolve everyday conflicts. Children learn interpersonal cognitive problem-solving skills including the ability to identify a problem; recognize thoughts, feelings and motives that generate interpersonal problem situations; generate alternative solutions to problems; and consider the consequences for these solutions.

PROGRAM GOAL

To increase children’s resiliency by promoting skills that decrease inhibited classroom behavior, increase problem solving, and improve positive, pro-social behaviors and healthy relationships with peers.

AGENCY INFORMATION

La Frontera EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center (EMPACT-SPC) is a nonprofit behavioral health agency that provides a comprehensive, crisis-focused continuum of care. With roots in suicide prevention, EMPACT-SPC runs numerous programs dedicated to supporting people in crisis, including several 24/7/365 telephone hotlines, outpatient behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment, and prevention services in the community that serve youth, families, adults, and older adults.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Adult programs
- Child and family program
- Crisis services
- Rally Point AZ (military service, veterans & families)
- Suicide prevention
- Trauma healing services
- Mobile crisis intervention
- Crisis hotline
- Individual counseling for youth and adults

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EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center (LaFrontera)



SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A community-based program intended for those whose common bond is the loss of a loved one to suicide. The program offers participants assistance in dealing with survivor grief.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Decrease stigma associated with being a Survivor of Suicide by providing educational materials and counseling resources/support to friends and family members after a suicide occurs so they are better prepared to deal with the loss of their loved one.
- Decrease the risk of suicidal behavior by providing Survivors of Suicide the counseling and support resources needed to develop healthy coping skills.

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Weekly support groups to provide a safe place where survivors can share experiences and support each other in their healing journey
- Individual support to help clients who are new in their grief and not yet able to join one of the support groups due to their current emotional state
- LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) Team who provides immediate support to new survivors, at the scene of a suicide or within 24-72 hours after the suicide
- Annual SOS Walk and SOS Conference to further support survivors in their healing journey

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Encircle Families (formerly Raising Special Kids)



MENTORING & PARENT SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE DISABILITIES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Helps families navigate the complex education and health care systems and resources that are needed to ensure the health and success of their child with a disability or suspected disability.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Achieve Improved parental knowledge of how to access various specialty care and services by navigating health care and insurance systems
- Gain individualized intervention, support, and/or special education services for their child through learned advocacy skills
- Long-term - families will gain better physical and mental health outcomes, positive post-secondary education, employment, and successful living outcomes for their child(ren)

AGENCY INFORMATION

Established in 1979, Raising Special Kids' (RSK) mission is to strengthen families and systems of care to improve outcomes for children who have disabilities and special health care needs. Their vision is to ensure families of children with disabilities and special health care needs have the support, information, training, and hope they need to raise their child to reach their highest potential. Programs are offered in English and Spanish at an not cost to families. Each year they receive more than 11,000 calls and touch the lives of more than 9,000 families and 2,000 professionals throughout Arizona. In May 2025, Raising Special Kids formally changed their organization name to Encircle Families.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Individual consultation
- Problem resolution for special education
- Parent education on rights and responsibilities
- Parent-parent support
- Parent workshops and advocacy training
- Assistance navigating health care systems
- Referrals

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THE HAPI SCHOOL

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides intensive training in the English language, digital literacy and civic engagement. This program is specifically designed to transition Latino families out of poverty and into stability by increasing their preparation for a living wage job.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Empower men and women to breakthrough the language barrier and achieve stability for themselves and their families
- Boost employability, increase likelihood of stable income, and transition out of poverty

AGENCY INFORMATION

Created in 2013 and located in Tempe, Arizona, the HAPI school is a women-led educational organization with a vision to foster an inclusive and diverse community where everyone feels they belong and are empowered to reach their highest potential. HAPI stands for "Hablar Para Integrar," which in English means "Speak to Integrate." Their mission is to enable underserved members of the community to attain their personal and professional goals for themselves and their families, hence directly contributing to Arizona's diversity and economic growth,.

SERVICES OFFERED

- English language education
- Critical thinking
- Social and professional codes of conduct
- Digital literacy
- American civics

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Homeless Youth Connection



EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Engages high school-aged and transition-aged youth experiencing homelessness in trauma-informed, client-led, strengths-based interventions to provide basic needs and educational resources at no cost. Youth coaches use a life skills curriculum to help youth identify and achieve a series of short-term goals that assist them in attaining the longer-term goal of self-sufficiency and remove barriers to help them achieve academic success and graduation.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Increase the number of youth who complete their school year courses.
- Increase independent living skills of youth.
- Ensure youth have an established a plan after high school that includes a healthy support network.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 2009, Homeless Youth Connection's mission is to eliminate barriers to graduation for homeless youth and create lasting solutions for a successful future through community support and increased awareness. Their vision is that homelessness will not limit a youth's opportunity for a successful future.

SERVICES OFFERED

Comprehensive social services program assessment to assist with:

- Case management
- Housing assistance and referrals
- Educational resources, school supplies and post-graduation assistance
- Basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene items, transportation)
- Employment resources
- Vital documents
- Health insurance enrollment, medical co-pays and prescriptions
- Youth coaches
- Social-emotional wellness support

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Junior Achievement of Arizona



PREPARING TEMPE KIDS TO SUCCESS IN WORK AND LIFE READINESS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Teaches students through age-based and grade-based lessons that are developed at a national level by leading education experts in partnership with Junior Achievement USA. Students are taught basic financial concepts and money management skills such as budgeting, saving, and the responsible use of credit.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Improved student confidence in new situations
- Increases number of new businesses started by students
- Increased money management skills
- Increased confidence in students' ability to meet goals
- Increased earnings
- Increased higher critical-thinking skills

AGENCY INFORMATION

Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 by New England visionaries Theodore Vale, President of American Telephone & Telegraph; Horace Moses, president of Strathmore Paper Co.; and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts. They wanted to teach kids about business and how the US economy functioned. The first JA program, The Company Program, was offered to high school students after school. Under the guidance of business mentors, students set up their own businesses and then manufactured and sold products and services. In 1957, Junior Achievement came to Arizona, launching its first office in Tucson. Many of Arizona's top executives and leaders today experienced the JA Company Program as students.

SERVICES OFFERED

- K-12 financial literacy classes
- Workforce readiness classes

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Maggie's Place



SHELTER SERVICES AT THE ELIZABETH HOUSE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A family-centered service for pregnant and parenting women and their children by offering a warm and welcoming community, a safe place to live and learn, and ongoing services to help them become self-sufficient.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Provide for the immediate physical and emotional needs of women in crisis, including shelter, food, clothing, transportation, and a supporting community
- Assist women in crisis transition to self-sufficiency and independence by connecting them to community resources, including health insurance, affordable housing, and education/job training/workforce development opportunities

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 2000 on Mother's Day, Maggie's Place has gifted healing and hope to hundreds of homeless pregnant women and their babies over the years, helping them become independent and contributing members of the community. The mission of Maggie's Place is to provide houses of hospitality and ongoing support to help pregnant and parenting women in need reach their goals, and welcome them into a community filled with love and dignity. Maggie's Place's model program for homeless pregnant women has been operating successfully for 21 years, and continues to meet the needs of the community by building more homes and serving more women and infants.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation
- Community resource referrals
- Medical/dental care
- Counseling and family coaching
- Maggie's Place Family Success Center
- Life skills/job training
- GED prep course

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Matthew's Crossing



MEALS TO GROW

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides hungry students with access to food, through food closets and weekend backpacks. We know that children who are well nourished will be emotionally and physically healthier and will do better in school.

PROGRAM GOAL

To reduce food insecurity among vulnerable students throughout the East Valley and neighboring communities including students served at Scales, Thew, Arredondo and Curry elementary schools and Corona del Sol, McClintock, and Tempe high schools as well as Tempe Elementary Native Program on an as needed basis.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Serving the working poor through their food bank, the agency and program help to reduce food insecurity among elementary, junior high and high school students through weekend backpacks, on campus food closets and a summer snack program. Under Meals to Grow, there were 38 weeks of distribution for the 2023/24 school year. On average 909 weekend backpacks are distributed each week. Backpacks include canned meats, ravioli, chili and beans, canned vegetables, cereal, mac and cheese, snack crackers and fruit cups.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Food distribution
- Emergency food boxes
- Weekend backpacks
- Senior food boxes
- Mobile marketplace
- Holiday food boxes
- Homebound deliveries
- Food closets

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TEEN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides evidence-based and trauma-informed programs designed to improve the quality of life for children in Tempe. The array of programs and trainings focus on substance use, vaping, bullying, relationships, trauma, body image, mental health, and internet safety for youth, adults, and the community at-large.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Build knowledge and social/emotional competencies to enhance resiliency, confidence, and character
- Educate youth and adults on where to go and how to ask for help if they or someone they know is struggling with a mental or behavioral issues

AGENCY INFORMATION

For more than 20 years, notMYkid has been providing youth, families, schools, and community partners with high impact prevention education and early intervention programs. notMYkid has successfully served over 3 million individuals and continues to reach over 100,000 youth and adults each year. Their team of prevention and behavioral health experts are dedicated to helping youth overcome challenges during their most vulnerable years. Programs are traditionally delivered in schools, community organizations, at the workplace, and direct to devices via our Podcast and webinars.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Youth presentations (in-person or online)
- Professional training for parents/caregivers and schools with up-to-date informational 60-minute training on suicide alertness; depression and mental health issues affecting children; understanding trauma and adverse childhood experiences; teen substance use trends, creating a bully-free environment, and helping youth navigate the internet safely.

SUCCESS STORY

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Paz de Cristo Community Center



RELIEF SERVICES TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Long term solution to help reduce poverty conditions that includes offering meals and food assistance, rent and utility assistance, weekly showers, haircare, clothing, assistance with obtaining Arizona identification and birth certificates, a jobs program and one-on-one support.

PROGRAM GOAL

Address the needs of those who are struggling with hunger, poverty, and homelessness through:

- Food Assistance - Provide safe and nutritious meals with an emphasis on quality food, respect for guests and a welcoming environment for guests and volunteers.
- Clothing - Provide clean clothes, new shoes and new underwear to offer a level of basic dignity and self-respect to guests.
- Empowerment Programs - Empower guests to reach their full potential by removing barriers so they may become more self-sufficient.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1988, Paz de Cristo's mission is to feed, clothe and empower those in need in the Phoenix East Valley. Paz de Cristo serves as a single resource for the homeless, unemployed, working poor and other residents in need. The vision of Paz is to empower clients to reach their full potential by removing barriers so they may become more self-sufficient. An average of 7,000 visits each month are received from those seeking food, clothing, showers, Arizona identification, government benefits and many other programs help achieve this vision.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Food boxes and daily dinner meal
- Clothing, hot showers, clothes laundry, grooming services
- One-on-one job coaching and bus passes
- Navigation assistance to state and federal benefits, shelter placement, housing assistance, rental and utility assistance, substance abuse and mental health services, as well as onsite mobile medical services

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Peer Solutions



TRAUMA INFORMED PRIMARY PREVENTION (TIPP)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides a year-round positive youth development and leadership program designed with evidence-based strategies. Activities are led by trained peer educators at local high schools, middle schools and community centers.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Direct resources toward the health and well-being of Tempe youth
- Address trauma with empathy, kindness, non-judgement and compassion
- Normalize self-advocacy and self-care to cultivate social norms, practices and policies to ensure safety, equity and respect
- Ensure strategies are evidence informed and strive to be inclusive of all identities and abilities
- Build resiliency and protective factors supporting the Social Determinants of Health across the Social Ecological Model

AGENCY INFORMATION

Peer Solutions was founded in 1996 with a mission: peers working with peers to make the world a better place. Their vision is safety, equity, and respect normalized in our hearts, homes, schools, workplaces, communities, governments, and planet. They develop and implement activities with the communities served to establish cultural relevance, retention, and generational, permanent impact. Peer Solutions utilizes the Trauma Informed Primary Prevention (TIPP) model, to redirect resources spent on crisis intervention to investing in the health and well-being of families, schools, workplaces, governments and communities.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Trauma Informed Primary Prevention
- Afterschool and summer education programs
- Community service and projects
- Ongoing training for youth, schools, businesses, etc.
- Weekly youth-led programming

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Save the Family Foundation of Arizona



FAMILIES ADULTS AND CHILDREN EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (FACES)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Enable clients to achieve permanent housing and income to support self-sufficiency through their housing programs: Rapid-Rehousing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Step Up to Independence, and Phoenix Scholar House.

PROGRAM GOAL

Assist Tempe families to overcome homelessness utilizing key objectives:

- Ensure parents secure income and permanent housing, learn and practice positive skills and behaviors, and understand the importance of family physical and mental health
- Strengthen children's connections to school and community, including maintaining regular school attendance, showing improved behavior, participation in extracurricular activities and increasing knowledge of available community resources
- Support low-income homeless families to work their way through crisis situations toward life-long housing stability and self-sufficiency.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona is a leading provider of housing, case management and supportive services to more than 650 homeless and impoverished families annually throughout Maricopa County. Save the Family works to equip families to overcome underlying issues that lead to homelessness – ensuring stable homes, safe children, and strong families.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Housing for families
- Case management
- Youth programs
- Parent support
- Supportive services for homeless families
- Career development services
- Veteran services
- Mental health and substance abuse support

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Sojourner Center



OVERCOMING THE IMPACT OF DV: OUTREACH SERVICES FOR TEMPE SURVIVORS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides services to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence (DV), human trafficking (HT), or sexual assault (SA) who are still residing with an abusive partner, preparing to exit the relations or are currently living in a safe, alternative location such as with family or friends.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Decrease the impacts of domestic violence, one life at a time
- Gain knowledge to plan for continued safety
- Increase knowledge of available services
- Increase feelings of overall well-being
- Achieve clients' goals around safe housing/meaningful employment

AGENCY INFORMATION

Since 1977, Sojourners Center has been a safe haven from domestic violence for women and their children. They were the first domestic violence shelter in Arizona and one of the largest, longest running DV shelters in the U.S. They have expanded programming to include victims of human trafficking and sexual assault, including men. They offer comprehensive and holistic services for the safety, stability, healing, empowerment and self-sufficiency of those served. Sojourner Center has served 1,000+ adults and children.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Crisis shelter
- Basic needs (food, clothing, personal care and hygiene products)
- Case management
- Support in accessing health and on-site child care services
- Community referrals for other health care (traumatic brain injury screening/ and treatment and basic and restorative dental services)
- Goal setting and safety planning
- Behavioral health services (trauma informed) as directed by survivor

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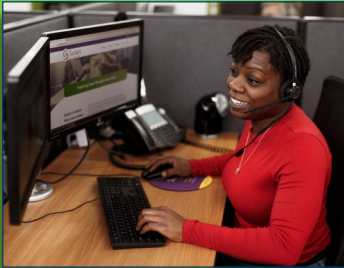
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Solari



2-1-1 FOR TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides health, human, and community information and referral services for the state of Arizona. Arizona 2-1-1 transforms lives by linking individuals and families to vital community services.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Connect individuals to the vital resources they need
- Ensure that Tempe residents are educated about the tools Community Information & Referral Services (CIR) provides to assist those in need

AGENCY INFORMATION

Solari, a trusted, local nonprofit organization that provides access to community resources through Arizona 2-1-1 which links individuals and families to vital health, human, housing, food, employment, and community information and referral services across the state. Solari empowers people to move from hope to health. Their vision is "All Arizonans are easily connected to available health and human services in their communities." Their mission is "to transform lives by linking individuals and families to vital community services throughout Arizona."

SERVICES OFFERED

Referral and information service to access services:

- Food programs
- Basic needs
- Shelters
- Physical and mental health resources
- Crisis intervention services
- Employment support
- Transportation
- Disability services
- Older adult care
- Childcare and youth/family services
- Veteran's assistance

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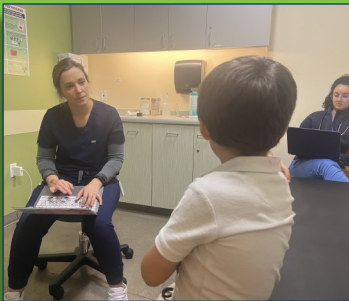
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Sonoran University of Health Sciences



TEMPE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY CLINIC

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sonoran University's Tempe Elementary Clinic offers naturopathic healthcare from pediatrics to geriatrics eight hours a week, free of charge for the Tempe Elementary community. Appointments, supplements, lab tests, imaging, and medications are provided at no cost to patients.

PROGRAM GOAL

Improve personal health awareness of clients to increase their overall health.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Sonoran University of Health Sciences (formerly Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences) is a fully-accredited university dedicated to a comprehensive team approach to health sciences education in the fields of medicine, nutrition, and mental health.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Access to medical care for prevention and early identification of health conditions
- Educational opportunities for children and parents in self-care
- Access to quality care and medicines for children and their families who may have limited transportation

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TCH The Centers for Habilitation



EARNING A PAYCHECK

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Employment Development Center supports adults with special needs who would like to join the workforce and earn an income. Collaboration is conducted with outside businesses to help supported individuals find employment. The program finds creative alternatives for traditional ways of doing things, and provides on-the-job support so every individual who would like to earn a paycheck can do so. Job coaches assist supported individuals explore options and go through the hiring process of filling out an application, face-to-face interviews, and participating in a company's onboarding process. Job coaches also provide support for the employer.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Increase group supported employment
- Place more individuals in individual jobs
- Expand services to reach a broader age demographic
- Continue to seek business partners to provide job placement
- Support goals of clients through their Individualized Service Plan

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Centers for Habilitation (TCH) has been providing services for individuals with disabilities since 1967. The employment program began in the 1970s and has evolved to serve individuals with a variety of disabilities with an array of services designed to meet the unique challenges their clients face.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Job coaches
- Small group employment placement
- Individualized training programs (based on needs)
- Individualized placements
- Partnerships with local business

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TCH The Centers for Habilitation



ARTS AND CULTURE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides music therapy to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to foster continued growth and improvement in areas of communication, social skills, activities of daily living, and job skills. Music therapy supports individuals to expand their minds, increase happiness, feel included, be creative, foster opportunities for socialization, break down barriers, improve/maintain motor skills, and gain control of their life.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Encourage a variety of activities for supported individuals to expand their minds, increase happiness, feel included, be creative, foster opportunities for socialization, be fearless, break down barriers, improve/maintain motor skills, and gain control of their life.
- Finding creative and innovative ways to provide hope and purpose for individuals with disabilities.

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Centers for Habilitation - TCH began as a small, grassroots organization which today has grown into one of Arizona's largest disability service providers. Since 1967 TCH has been creating opportunities for individuals with developmental and physical disabilities through home-based services, group homes, a day program and employment. TCH provides most of their services throughout Maricopa County (primarily in the East Valley), but also have services in Tucson, Sierra Vista, and Yuma. Individuals in their programs range in age from 18-78 years of age and come from all nationalities. Their mission/vision is to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

SERVICES OFFERED

Group or individual music therapy sessions weekly

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Teen Lifeline



CRISIS SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A 24-hour, free, confidential, peer-supported hotline for teens operating 365 days a year.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Troubled teens in Tempe will utilize help seeking behaviors and obtain support.
- Teens will have a better understanding of warning signs of suicide, bullying, depression, build problem solving skills on making healthy decisions and increase their help seeking behavior.
- Tempe teens that complete the Life Skills Development program will develop positive life skills necessary to make healthy decisions and lead successful, productive lives.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Teen Lifeline's mission is to prevent teen suicide in AZ by strengthening the resiliency in youth and foster supportive communities. We envision a world where all youth possess a sense of connectedness and hope for their future. Teen Lifeline is an independent, self-sustaining, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that operates a 24-hour, free, confidential, peer-supported hotline 365 days a year. Founded in 1986, Teen Lifeline has a long history of providing quality services to Arizona's teens. As the only peer-to-peer counseling hotline in Arizona, teens in trouble call the hotline/text line to receive supportive services and develop constructive coping skills as an alternative to suicide and other destructive behaviors. Teen Lifeline provides a "connection of hope" to Arizona teens.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Teen Hotline (24 hour free, confidential, peer-supported Crisis Hotline/text line)
- Life Skills Development
- Community Education and Prevention Services

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Teen Lifeline

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Tempe Chamber of Commerce



CAREER READY TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A workforce readiness program designed to bridge equity gaps by providing underserved high school students with paid internships, skill-building opportunities, and mentorship. By connecting students with local businesses, this program aims to prepare students for post-secondary education and career success while fostering a diverse and skilled workforce pipeline for the community. This program specifically targets low-income students, first-generation college hopefuls, and students of color, ensuring that those most in need benefit from its resources.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Interns will improve their knowledge of workplace readiness skills, including communication, leadership, and professional etiquette, toward gaining meaningful employment opportunities.
- Youth will increase their knowledge of career pathways and post-secondary opportunities toward achieving long-term educational and employment goals.
- Youth will improve their attitudes towards professional development and workplace engagement toward achieving long-term career success.

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Tempe Chamber Foundation carries out the charitable and education objectives of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce that positively impact the quality of life in Tempe through education, economic development, research and community enhancement programs and services. The Tempe Chamber Foundation supports the Chamber's charitable and educational goals, improving Tempe's quality of life through education, economic development, research, and community programs.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Training
- Mentorship
- Stipends for students

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I-HELP EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP) offers nightly shelter and the Oasis Center offers assistance with access to social services, employment assistance, help with recovering identification documents, and medical care from Circle the City. I-HELP is supported by several local faith organizations and community volunteers who provide overnight sleeping space and evening meals for the individuals enrolled in the program.

PROGRAM GOAL

Alleviate homelessness in Tempe by offering shelter and relief services to adults who are experiencing homelessness in Tempe.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) fosters dignity and self-reliance in the economically vulnerable within the communities they serve. Their mission is carried out through five areas of focus: housing security, hunger relief, senior independence, healthy families and economic stability. TCAA operates Tempe's largest hunger relief effort; I-HELP—the city's sole emergency shelter; Community Action Program (emergency rent/utility assistance); senior independence services including in-home support and nutritious, prepared meals; Health Start; Economic Advancement Program using a financial opportunity center model; and two community gardens.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Nightly emergency shelter and meals
- Computer, phone station, mail access
- Emergency food bags, water/heat relief station
- Financial coaching
- On-site washer and dryer
- Identification documents
- Employment assistance and workshops
- Public benefits enrollment such as SNAP, Medicaid, and veteran's services

SUCCESS STORY

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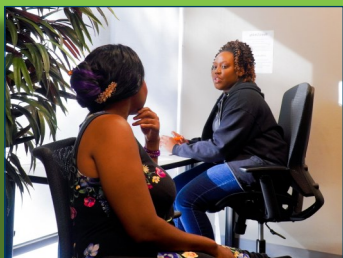
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TCAA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A resource to eligible households facing unexpected loss of income, domestic violence, or an unforeseen event or situation of family member endangerment, causing them to fall behind on rent, mortgage, or utility bills. The full menu of Community Action Program (CAP) services includes financial assistance for rental security deposits and rent/mortgage and utility bills, as well as case management and information/referral services. Clients have access to the Financial Success Center which provides employment and financial coaching to improve their economic security.

PROGRAM GOAL

Reduce the likelihood of homelessness among adults and families experiencing a financial crisis. This will be accomplished by preventing eviction and foreclosure during a time of crisis; preventing utility disconnects during times of crisis; and reducing the likelihood of a repeat crisis in the future.

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Employment and finance coaching
- Case management and referral services

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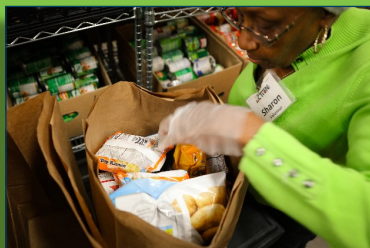
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TCAA FOOD PANTRY

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides emergency food boxes along with supplemental food to households in need. Unique to this program are the various distribution channels used to remove barriers and increase access to emergency food. The program serves as an entry point for access to other social services offered by TCAA.

PROGRAM GOAL

Reduce food insecurity in the Tempe community by increasing access to food for people experiencing a crisis and, engaging the community as a whole in local hunger relief efforts.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Food pantry
- Food Boxes

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TCAA NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Utilizes volunteers to provide light in-home assistance and rides for Tempe seniors who lacked nearby support systems. Seniors obtain case management services and full integration with other TCAA programs including nutrition services, help with housing expenses, and an array of wrap-around support to help stabilize situations, foster health living and independence, and prevent homelessness.

PROGRAM GOAL

To improve the ability of low-income, vulnerable older adults to live independently by assisting vulnerable older adults in Tempe. The program aspires to make the community a better place to live, especially for vulnerable populations. This is accomplished through programs designed to address crises, strengthen self-sufficiency, and ultimately reduce reliance on social services.

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency rent, mortgage and utility assistance.
- Senior independence programs
- In-home services
- Transportation
- Technology assistance
- Senior food boxes

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TCAA SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Offers several choices to alleviate food insecurity including food box delivery, transportation to the grocery store and TCAA's Food Pantry, and prepared meals in the form of a congregate meal at Tempe senior centers or packaged meal delivered to the home of homebound adults. The program serves low-income adults with disabilities (age 18 and older) and older adults ages 50 and up.

PROGRAM GOAL

Increase access to food and improve food security for Tempe adults who are economically disadvantaged. With greater access to the food they need, the program will also improve the ability of participating adults to remain independent.

AGENCY INFORMATION(TCAA)

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Food pantry/food boxes
- Home delivered meals and wellness checks
- Transportation for eligible seniors
- Congregate meal service

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Tempe Community Council



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The IRS sponsored Tempe Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation and asset education resources to low to moderate income individuals and families, the elderly, disabled and veterans, supporting a path to financial self-sufficiency.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Provide free tax preparation services and asset development opportunities to help hard working, low wage-earning taxpayers receive eligible tax credits and maximize their refund.
- Increase ability of individuals and families to become financially stable and self-sufficient by providing assistance to increase income, maintain financial stability, build savings and gain/sustain assets, and connect with public benefits..

AGENCY INFORMATION

Tempe Community Council is a human services nonprofit serving the Tempe community since 1972. Their mission is to “connect those in need with those who care.” They bring the community together, including government, nonprofits, faith groups and residents, to provide support to those in need and to plan for present and future needs. TCC is committed to mobilizing resources to solve immediate and long-term human services problems. TCC works with partners in a continuum of coordinated services to enhance the lives of Tempe residents, particularly those in need.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Free tax preparation and e-file services
- Savings bond purchase incentives
- Asset education resources
- Financial education opportunities
- Public benefits referrals
- Affordable housing referrals
- Education saving and FAFSA support referrals
- Job and other human services referrals

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The Salvation Army



THE SALVATION ARMY TEMPE CORPS EVICTON PREVENTION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides emergency/crisis-based assistance and services for low-income Tempe resident's needing short-term case management and direct financial assistance to alleviate an unforeseen crisis that has left them facing eviction and ensure their ongoing housing stability. This year, the Tempe Corps started a mobile street outreach team. The street outreach team goes out into the Tempe community and meets unhoused individuals and families where they are within the city of Tempe.

PROGRAM GOAL

Address the immediate and diverse needs of vulnerable Tempe community members and those experiencing Tempe-based homelessness to increase their well-being and self-sufficiency.

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Salvation Army has been serving the Tempe community for almost fifty years. Their goal is to provide clients with case-management, material/financial assistance, support, and resources to help them transition from crisis and toward greater stability and increased well-being.

SERVICES OFFERED

Emergency assistance program with food, housing, utility, and other material assistances.

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UMOM New Day Centers



EMERGENCY SHELTER & SERVICES FOR TEMPE FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides a safe temporary shelter for the most vulnerable and at-risk households with children experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County, including Tempe. The target population for this program is families with dependent children experiencing homelessness. Average length of stay in shelter is 120 days or less.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Emergency shelter clients will exit to permanent housing
- Adult clients will be connected to mainstream benefits in their community at program exit
- Adult clients will maintain or increase total income at program exit (earned income plus other income sources)

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1964, UMOM is Arizona's largest provider of services for families experiencing homelessness. Their mission is to prevent and end homelessness with innovative strategies and housing solutions that meet the unique needs of each family and individual. UMOM serves approximately 75% of all families experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County in their shelter program, and nearly 15,000 individuals across all their services annually, including those families receiving support at the Family Housing Hub, Maricopa County's family coordinated entry system. Of those 15,000 clients, approximately 7,000 (or 2,800 households of individuals and families) are served in their shelter, housing, and outreach programs.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Temporary shelter for families
- Family support and assistance to work toward permanent sustainable housing
- Immediate needs (meals, on-site medical care, youth programming, life skills)
- Vocational training
- Employment navigation

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United Food Bank



EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Supports and strengthens United Food Bank's (UFB) food distribution network throughout the city of Tempe. Agency partners use the food to prepare and distribute emergency food boxes, stock food pantries, or prepare and serve health meals and snacks.

PROGRAM GOAL

Alleviate hunger and food-insecurity within Tempe and throughout UFB's five-county service area as well as increase their capacity to accept and distribute more donations resulting in clients receiving more fresh and healthy produce.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1983, United Food Bank (UFB) strives to stabilize the lives of hungry, low-income people within Eastern Maricopa, Gila, Pinal, Southern Navajo and Apache counties of Arizona by actively acquiring, storing, and distributing large quantities of wholesome and nutritious foods to our network of community and strategic partners, combined with advocacy and educational initiatives that enhance lives.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency food boxes
- Food pantry
- Prepare and serve meals
- Emergency and supplemental food assistance
- Food distribution

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