The descriptions below provide a snapshot of each organization and the projects that funds from the Punch Woods Endowment Grant will assist. Descriptions are pulled directly from each organization’s application.

**Primavera Foundation - $3,000**

Primavera has created seven community gardens at organization owned emergency shelter sites, permanent affordable housing rental sites, and in partnering neighborhoods throughout Tucson. Endowment funds will be used to strengthen the social capital of after-school, residential and Emergency shelter garden programs by engaging residents within these garden projects. Specifically, Primavera is working on planting winter gardens and the Garden Coordinator (an AmeriCorps Member) is holding “cafeTitos” (aka coffee klatches) at each of the resident gardens to get to know residents and talk about gardening.

**Cochise County Master Gardeners - $5,000**

For the past two years, the Cochise County Master Gardeners have been developing the Discovery Gardens, the first and only educational demonstration garden in Cochise County. Their goal is to install an 8’ x 20’ greenhouse to be used as part of our educational outreach at the Discovery Gardens at UA Sierra Vista. Greenhouse production will enable growth of starter plants for vegetables, berries, and herbs from seed and cuttings and allows for year-round food crop production. This project will be available to any members or organizations in Cochise County with the potential interest in food production or with a need for knowledge about access to healthy food could benefit.

**Wellness Connections - $5,000**

Wellness Connections’ Growing Well Garden Project is an integral part of our culinary training and meal program and our peer-run microbusiness efforts. The goals of this project are to upgrade and replace gardening and greenhouse equipment and supplies for the local Farmer’s Market(s). Second, train for members and staff who will take leadership in the planning and maintenance of their garden project. And lastly, produce a cookbook created by our program members that will include heart-healthy recipes, promoting healing and recovery. Primary beneficiaries of the project will be adults 18 and over who are living with mental health and/or substance use recovery issues.

**La Frontera - $5,000**

The Community Wellness Project’s goal is to increase the ability of community members living with mental health issues to access and make healthy choices related to diet. La Frontera has three Community Wellness Project garden sites throughout Tucson and the Thornydale Ranch is requesting funds to implement an expansion to their garden with the goal to increase production. The Produce from the Wellness Project will be used in cooking classes and distributed to program participants, employees, and Sonora House. The primary beneficiaries are adult and children living with mental illness.

**TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: $18,000**