

**Community Food Bank's Thriving Communities Grant
2022 Grant Round**

Purpose: The purpose of the Community Food Bank's (CFB) Thriving Communities Grant is to support organizations, collectives, and mutual aid groups in addressing various aspects of food security, community health, social justice, and the root-causes of hunger. The grant can fund a wide array of projects, including infrastructure, supplies, training, community organizing, educational projects, pilot projects, evaluation efforts, and more. The primary goal of this funding is to build community, address disparities with dignity, and change the conditions that cause food insecurity and poverty in line with CFB's mission to build healthy, hunger-free communities.

Eligibility: Funding is open to organizations and groups conducting projects in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, and Santa Cruz Counties, AZ that are either:

- a.)** A 501c3 non-profit, church, school, mutual aid, collective, or tribal organization
- b.)** An organization, mutual aid group, collective, or tribal organization that is fiscally sponsored by a 501c3 non-profit
- c.)** An organization that is not formally incorporated. If an applicant group does not have an EIN/tax ID # or existing fiscal sponsor, they may apply for CFB's Avanzando LLC to be a fiscal sponsor. However, due to limited capacity, fiscal sponsorship through Avanzando is not guaranteed. Fiscal sponsorship requests will be evaluated on the requesting groups' needs and barriers to funding.

Proposed 1-year projects should be completed within one year, with the possibility to apply for an extension if necessary.

Award amounts offered:

- Up to \$5,000: Less extensive application and reporting process.
- Up to \$20,000: For individual organization applicants.
- Up to \$60,000: For collaborations of 2 or more organizations. Collaborative projects bring together various stakeholders as part of the proposed project, and the proposal must include Letters of Commitment from each collaborating organization.

Proposals will be assessed based on the clarity of the project's purpose and desired impact, the extent to which the project is led by or centers the intended beneficiaries, as well as equitable dispersion of funds based on geography and population served. Successful requests will address a specific community need and indicate how the effect of the project will extend beyond the initial investment. One-time expenses for personnel, food, or other consumable supplies will not qualify unless they are part of capacity-building or evaluation that will extend beyond the one year of award.

Timeline:

- Accepting applications on [Grant Interface](#): October 11 - December 12, 2022
- Decisions communicated to applicants no later than March, 2023
- Awarded funds sent out by end of April, 2023

Reporting:

- For proposals \$5,000 and under: Upon project completion, provide photos and short description of project result.
- For proposals greater than \$5,000: Upon end of grant year, provide brief report of project activities, challenges, and impact.
- All awardees are invited to acknowledge CFB funding in project promotion.