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AZ Complete Health Awards \$285,000 in COVID Relief Grants

Grants to support 22 nonprofits, health-care providers across Arizona

Phoenix, AZ – Arizona Complete Health has awarded 22 nonprofit organizations and health-care providers across the state COVID relief grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 each. This support will assist a wide array of organizations to continue in their mission of serving Arizonans despite the economic fallout brought on by the novel coronavirus.

“Our mission is to transform the health of the community, one person at a time,” said Martha Smith, Arizona Complete Health President/CEO. “The health-care providers, rural community hospitals and nonprofit organizations receiving these grants are all critical partners in fulfilling this mission. Today, the very health of these organizations is in jeopardy as a result of the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is our responsibility to do our part to help see them through this crisis.”

“We are a rural hospital that has been part of the fabric of our small Northern Arizona community for decades,” said Greg Was, CEO of White Mountain Regional Medical Center. “For us, this is about being there for our family and friends to make sure people have access to the care they need, when they need it. We are grateful for partners like Arizona Complete Health whose support allows us to continue in our mission and to make sure our community has access to COVID-19 testing.”

Arizona Complete Health is excited to provide resources that will help the recipient organizations better serve their communities, and we would encourage others that have the financial means to join us in supporting these worthy non-profits and health-care providers across Arizona.

“These challenging times require that we find new ways to provide supports to parents and their children with behavioral health-care needs,” said Jane Kallal, Executive Director of Family Involvement Center. “The struggles our families are experiencing go beyond just the immediate health care issues. We want to be there for our families to help them through these difficult times. We can only do that when organizations like Arizona Complete Health are there for us.”

Grants were awarded to organizations across the state to support various programs aimed at helping Arizonans stay healthy.



“When people think of a health care crisis, they don’t always think about fresh, nutritious food,” said Zoë Anderson, Director of Advancement for Heirloom Farmers Markets. “This crisis impacts all of us, including our local farmers and Arizonans who rely on small farmers markets like ours for access to affordable, fresh and healthy food to be able to get well and stay well. We need partners like Arizona Complete Health as we all come together to take care of our communities.”

Award recipients include rural community hospitals, peer and family run organizations, social service organizations, child welfare nonprofits, suicide prevention programs and others that offer hope and help to Arizonans.

Northern Arizona

- **Northland Hospice and Palliative Care** (Flagstaff) – As the only nonprofit hospice serving their community, they have seen an increased need for charity care, which the grant dollars will help fulfill.
- **The Salvation Army** (Navajo Nation/Navajo County) – Grant funds will allow the Salvation Army to continue providing food, rental/utility bill assistance, material support, shelter and basic needs for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Navajo Nation and Navajo County.
- **White Mountain Regional Medical Center** (Springerville) – Grant funds will assist this 21-bed Critical Access Hospital to support the health of their rural community with 24/7 emergency services and increased COVID-19 testing and treatment capability.

Central Arizona

- **Banner Health Foundation** (Phoenix) – Banner has been on the front lines of the COVID crisis, offering testing locations throughout the state, as well as treatment. Grant dollars will ensure Banner’s capacity to protect front line workers with protective equipment and continue to meet testing needs of Arizonans.
- **Child Crisis Arizona** (Mesa) – These grant dollars will help Child Crisis support the needs of homeless children (birth through 17 years old) in the child welfare system, three residential facilities and a network of affiliated foster families providing care in their homes.
- **EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center** (Tempe) – COVID-19 has impacted their suicide prevention programs. Grant funds will go towards supporting youth and older adults who may be experiencing isolation through distribution of "Hope" resource bags.
- **Family Involvement Center** (Phoenix) – A leader in providing support services to families with children that have behavioral healthcare needs, FIC has created Parent University modules, offering parent education in self-care, child behavior, the health system, and family voice advocacy. Grant dollars will allow FIC to translate Parent University materials into Spanish.
- **Horizon Health and Wellness** (Apache Junction) – Providing primary care and behavioral health services, HHW was the first to offer drive-up COVID-19 testing in Pinal County. Grant dollars will help HHW continue to meet testing needs of Pinal County residents.
- **Phoenix Allies for Community Health** (Phoenix) – A volunteer-led organization providing medical services to the needy, the organization will use the grant dollars to purchase medicine and provide food boxes for their patients.



- **The Opportunity Tree** (Phoenix) – This grant will support enhanced cleaning and sanitation at their day programs that help individuals with intellectual and cognitive disabilities achieve independence to the greatest extent.
- **Valleywise Health Foundation** (Phoenix) – Serving thousands of Arizonans in need across the Phoenix area in their hospitals, urgent cares, and primary care clinics, Valleywise will use the grant dollars to purchase a much needed defibrillator for their COVID unit and provide support for in-house laboratory testing.

Southern Arizona

- **American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter** (Tucson) – Grant funds will contribute to the purchase of a mini bloodmobile and cover the costs associated with mobile drives in Arizona, allowing for adherence to social distancing protocols while expanding their collection geography.
- **Casa de los Niños** (Tucson) – Casa de los Niños not only serves foster children and families in need, but provides resources for caregivers, teachers, and counselors. Grant funding will help expand therapeutic services to allow teachers to help identify issues with children and to alleviate anxiety or depression that they themselves may be experiencing.
- **El Rio Health Center Foundation** (Tucson) – Offering behavioral health and primary care services across Pima County, El Rio has incurred numerous unforeseen COVID-related costs, which includes hosting various testing sites for long-term care facilities and homeless shelters. Grant dollars will go toward hiring added Medical Assistants and Dental Assistants to support telehealth options and conduct patient outreach.
- **Friends of the Food Bank** (Quartzite) – Serving a rural area and seeing the need more than double, Friends of the Food Bank will use this funding to restock their shelves with nutritious food and much-needed toiletries.
- **Heirloom Farmers Markets** (Tucson) – Providing access to locally grown, nutritious food, an alternative to grocery stores, and access for SNAP/EBT customers, Heirloom supports over 30 small family farms that sell their goods directly. Funding will go toward supplies needed to ensure a safe marketplace environment to reduce possibility of spread of the virus.
- **HOPE, Inc.** (Tucson) – A peer-run organization offering critical peer support services to individuals with serious mental illness, the funding will support nutritious food for their clients, as well as enhanced sanitation and safety measures in their offices across Southern AZ.
- **Northern Cochise Community Hospital** (Willcox) – As a Critical Access Hospital serving rural Cochise County, the hospital will use the grant funds to secure needed equipment to ensure reduced transmission of the coronavirus and other infectious disease.
- **Pima County School Superintendent's Office** (Tucson) – To address the cancellation of in-person teacher trainings, grant funds will be used to support Science and Engineering videos and resources for immediate use by teachers, parents, and students for remote learning.
- **Sister Jose Women's Center** (Tucson) – Providing day programs to homeless women and overnight shelter services, grant dollars will be used to convert a storage area into a medical isolation unit to prevent against the spread of coronavirus.



- **Tucson Medical Center – TC3 Program** (Tucson) – The TC3 Program reaches out to clients in need to promote healthy outcomes. Grant dollars will allow them to prepare comfort kits to be distributed to clients to meet day-to-day needs and encourage a healthy lifestyle.
- **UA RISE HWC, Home of Camp Wellness** (Tucson) – With a goal of decreasing hospitalizations and suicides, Camp Wellness works to deliver recovery-oriented skills and education to fight a myriad of physical and mental health challenges including PTSD, obesity and depression. Grant funding will allow expanded reach via telehealth options.

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