

Innovative Grant Information

Letter of Interest Opens: June 1, 2026

Letter of Interest Closes: July 31, 2026 by 4:30 PM

Application Opens: August 24, 2026

Application Closes: September 25, 2026 by 4:30 PM

Innovative Grant Cycle Description

All organizations requesting grants must provide services that directly benefit populations residing in Cochise County and eastern Santa Cruz Counties.

The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona is seeking applications for Innovative grants.

Grant Cycle – June 1, 2026 through September 25, 2026. Awards will be announced by mid-December 2026.

Grants will be awarded January 2027.

Every year the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona funds Innovation Grants for projects up to \$50,000 that are aligned with the Foundation Mission of Promoting Population Health and Community Wellness.

Collaboration and forging partnerships with other community organizations are key determinants in funding decisions.

The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona will kick off the Innovative Grant Cycle with a workshop that will provide full information regarding the goals of the cycle.

Funding Request Range

The Legacy Foundation offers Innovative Grants up to \$50,000 (one year project).

An organization cannot apply for funding if reports required for previous awards are past due.

Grant Making Timeline

- **Grant Workshop is MANDATORY for first time applicants.**
- **A virtual workshop will be available.**
- LOI Open June 1, 2026 and closes July 31, 2026.
- APPLICATION Opens: August 24, 2026.
- APPLICATION Closes: Applications are due September 25, 2026 by 4:30 PM.
- Decisions will be announced by mid-December 2026.

Types of Requests

The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona encourages proposals that:

- Convene organizations and collaborate on how best to address the Innovative project.
- Engage innovative, mission-driven collaborations/partnerships.
- Increase community capacity by identifying and addressing issues affecting community health and wellbeing.
- Consider how you might design systems and policies to improve health where we live, learn, work, worship and play.
- Consider not only issues affecting basic physical needs, community outreach, and access to services, but consider them in terms of incorporating how you might improve the environmental, social, intellectual, occupational, spiritual, and emotional (behavioral and health infrastructure) conditions that impact determinants of health and enable community members to be healthy and resilient.
- Create a solution to the problem being addressed that can be sustained beyond the term of the grant funding.

Innovative Projects must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- New and innovative way to perform existing program
- New idea that's never been tried
- Project creates new collaborative partnerships
- New program for your organization
- New project for your organization

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