

Fast Pitch Grant Information

No grant workshops

No LOI

Application Available January 12, 2026

Application Closes at 4:30 PM January 30, 2026

Organization will be notified if they are invited to “pitch” by February 6, 2026

Fast Pitch Event will be on February 24, 2026

FAST PITCH

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

Fast Pitch is an organizational development grant that supports an organization’s ability to function effectively and efficiently. Fast Pitch focuses on the inner workings of an organization, rather than programs and services.

Fast Pitch upholds our commitment to build the capacity of nonprofits in Cochise and Eastern Santa Cruz Counties.

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

Fast Pitch grants are for ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Activities may include:

- conference or seminar attendance
- consultants or professional speakers
- specialized staff training/certification
- professional development: coaching, leadership training, board development
- focused education on organizational development such as: strategic planning, fund or program development, needs assessment and information management
- software support such as volunteer scheduling or grant management software, database management such as Excel or Access, or other software pertinent to the development of your organization
- technology support such as a new computer, printer, or copier, used to enhance the development of your organization

Grant amount: Up to \$2,500. One Fast Pitch grant per nonprofit organization

Scope and Characteristics:

- Grant addresses the internal workings and effectiveness of a nonprofit organization rather than programs

- One-time organizational development grant that will make a positive impact in the way the organization works
- Organizations can demonstrate readiness and a solid plan to use the grant within twelve months of grant award
- Grant is intended to build capacity of the organization

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any Arizona 501(c)(3) organization, and certain government entities having a clear and evident relation to promoting population health and community wellness in Southeast Arizona.
- Organizations must demonstrate a non-discrimination policy regarding staff, employment, governing board and volunteers based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, national origin or other characteristic protected by law. If requested, organizations must provide evidence of the policy.
- All other Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona general grant requirements apply.
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Application Process:

- There is no Letter of Intent (LOI)
- Fast Pitch application opens on January 12, 2026 and closes at 4:30 PM on January 30, 2026. Entries received after 4:30 PM will not be accepted.
- Applications are found in the Grant Portal, accessed through the LFSAZ web page (www.LFSAZ.org) under the OUR GRANTS tab.
- Organizations will be notified by 4:30 PM on February 6, 2026 if their application is approved or denied.
- Fast Pitch event will be on February 24, 2026.

The Pitch:

Approved applicants will be invited to do a 10-minute presentation (the Pitch).

The Pitch should provide a quick overview of:

- the organization
- the amount requested
- how the funds will be used
- the anticipated impact of the grant on the organization
- how the organization's mission is aligned with the Legacy Foundation's mission
- a clear statement about why the organization should be awarded the grant

The Pitch can be done by an individual or a team from the organization.

If done by video, the video should be clear with good sound quality and not exceed 10 minutes. Video upload information will be provided at a later date.

Scoring:

The pitch will be scored by Legacy Foundation staff/Board evaluators.

The pitch will be scored on the following criteria:

- Pitcher’s appearance and presentation professionally represents their organization
- Pitcher provides clear overview of organization including: mission, vision, values, programs, and population served
- Pitcher articulates detailed purpose for grant
- Pitcher describes the anticipated impact of grant
- Pitcher describes how the grant will help support own organization’s mission
- Pitcher articulates how their organization is aligned with LFSAZ’s mission
- Pitcher describes why their organization should be selected

AWARDS: Organizations will be notified by February 27, 2026.

Fast Pitch Reporting:

A final report is due within one year of funding. In the report organizations will describe how the Fast Pitch grant was used including a budget and the impact the grant had on the organization. The report is accessed through the grant portal.

Any funds not used within the project year will be returned to the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona

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