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## **CFSA Awards \$51,879 in Culture of Learning Grants**

*This grant looks to help nonprofits stay relevant and current and achieve more significant community impact*

TUCSON, Ariz., (June 20, 2018) – Staying relevant and current in the nonprofit world requires a desire to learn, improve and evaluate. Creating a culture of learning within an organization takes time and very often financial resources. Recognizing this need, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) announced they awarded \$51,879 in grants to support the building of a culture of learning to 18 nonprofits in Southern Arizona.

“At CFSA, we believe in the importance of ensuring nonprofits have the resources they need- for delivering services and for investing in strengthening their organization,” said Sandra Nathan, SVP of Philanthropic Services and Community Investments at CFSA. “By providing grants for core operating support and learning, we are creating a stronger community.”

Organizations had the opportunity to apply for a grant up to \$3,000 to support their organization with the following: staff training, conference registration, travel costs associated with conference attendance, coursework related to a position, membership into a professional network, strategic planning, consultants, retreats, board training, and certification related to a position. Preference was given to organizations looking to strengthen diversity, equity and inclusion within their organization.

The Culture of Learning grants were awarded to the following organizations:

[Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona](#) | [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson, Inc.](#) | [Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern Arizona](#) | [Casa Libre en la Solana](#) | [Coyote TaskForce](#) | [Culture of Peace Alliance](#) | [Iskashitaa Refugee Network](#) | [JobPath Inc](#) | [Kore Press](#) | [Literacy Connects](#) | [Live Theatre Workshop](#) | [Make Way for Books](#) | [Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson](#) | [Reveille Men's Chorus](#) | [SARSEF](#) | [Southern Arizona Gender Alliance](#) | [The Dunbar Coalition](#) | [University of Arizona Foundation for the benefit of Cooper Center for Environmental Learning](#)

The Culture of Learning grantees were carefully and rigorously evaluated over the past two months by committees of both staff and community representatives who made sure each application upheld one of CFSA’s guiding principles which is to honor the rich diversity of the community and to promote equal opportunities for all people.



“The Culture of learning grants will enable nonprofits in our community to strengthen the professional skills of their staff and to engage their boards in strategic planning to optimize their success,” said Ronald W. Marx, incoming chair of CFSA’s Community Investment Committee and Culture of Learning committee member. “This investment by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona will leverage resources in these nonprofit organizations to help the entire sector. We plan to bring these organizations together to share what they learn from their grant, thus increasing the quality of learning by the entire nonprofit sector.”

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona is committed to supporting nonprofit organizations with capacity building and training and looks forward to lasting partnerships with our donors and the community that will enable us to make this grant program a priority in future years.

For more information regarding the Culture of Learning grants, please click [here](#) or contact is Kelly Huber, Director, Strategic Grants and Initiatives at CFSA.

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