



2026 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant Recipients

EMPWR Arizona: \$8,000

Funding from this grant supports EMPWR Arizona's parent-child cooking classes at Madison Elementary School District during the spring and fall of 2026. The program serves Native American students in grades 3-8 who are enrolled in the District's Native American Education Program, together with a parent or caregiver. This project will expand access to culturally relevant nutrition education for Native American families, build practical cooking skills that support long-term health and self-sufficiency, and strengthen cultural pride and community connection through indigenous food traditions.

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA): \$5,600

Last year, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development supported the beginning stages of the Transforming Tomorrow's Youth Program Youth Advisory Council. The summer youth program will build on the Transforming Tomorrow's Youth (TTY) Program foundation, which seeks to impactfully prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian youth. TTY's proposed summer program will utilize NAFFA curricula, teaching youth about their identity and core purpose, connecting them with their culture, and providing a fun and safe place to spend time.

Duet Partners in Health & Aging: \$5,000

Duet's Meaning & Hope Institute (MHI) strengthens the resilience and collective voice of family caregivers, particularly those experiencing stress, isolation, and limited access to formal support. At the heart of MHI is Finding Meaning and Hope, a facilitated, peer-based 10-session workshop series where family caregivers engage in guided reflection and discussion with others navigating similar challenges, explore coping and problem-solving strategies, and build supportive relationships that reduce isolation and strengthen confidence.

Gervonni Cares: \$5,000

The Stuck in the Middle (SIM) Program at Gervonni Cares is designed to prevent homelessness and promote long-term financial stability for individuals and families experiencing economic hardship. The program addresses the root causes of housing instability by combining eviction prevention, workforce development, and financial literacy education to support sustainable outcomes.

Project Roots: \$5,000

The Growing Minds, Growing Gardens project expands hands-on gardening education in Title I schools by providing students with the tools, knowledge, and experiences needed to grow fresh food and learn about sustainability. Through the use of Tower Gardens, students engage in experiential learning that connects food literacy, environmental stewardship, and healthy eating habits within the school setting.

Welcome to America Project: \$5,000

The Welcome to America Project (WTAP) seeks funding to support a combined initiative that strengthens refugee families at two of life's most critical moments, welcoming a new child and establishing economic stability, called New Beginnings: Family Stability & Career Pathways. This project integrates WTAP's Welcome Baby and Career Bridging efforts, recognizing that family well-being and meaningful employment go hand-in-hand.

Hushabye Nursery: \$4,000

Hushabye Nursery's Postpartum Engagement & Family Voice Initiative supports low-income parents during the critical postpartum period, when families are at heightened risk for isolation, return to substance use, and unmet social and economic needs. Funding will support Hushabye's ongoing postpartum engagement efforts, including peer-connected gatherings, support groups, educational workshops, and structured opportunities for parents to provide feedback about barriers they face after leaving the nursery.

Friendly House: \$4,000

Friendly House builds on America's identity as a nation of opportunity by promoting and advancing multiple strategies that enable individuals and families to fully enter and participate in the American way of Life. Funding will provide additional services for clients already receiving utility assistance and food boxes. These services include soft skills training (resume preparation and interview skills), employment referrals, and support with work clothes, tools, transportation assistance, and other resources that will help them eliminate barriers to employment.