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**Cox Charities is stepping up to fund youth and education nonprofits in their time of great need due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

*Currently accepting grant applications through May 29*

**PHOENIX** – According to a [report just issued](#) by the ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation surveying 449 nonprofits, operations have simply been decimated by the pandemic. Here's what's happening and how Cox Charities plans to help.

- Nearly 80% of Arizona nonprofits reported a reduction in their normal services.
- 11% of organizations are not operating at all.
- Almost 40% of all arts and culture nonprofits are not currently operating.
- Just under 20% of nonprofits say they won't meet payroll in eight weeks.
- Only 5% of nonprofits say they are operating normally.

Cox Charities understands that now, more than ever, our community's nonprofits rely on giving to provide their lifeblood. Now, Cox Charities is asking Arizona nonprofits that focus on K-12 youth and education programs to submit proposals for grants valued at up to \$10,000. **This year's grant cycle is now open and closes on May 29.** The guidelines and grant application can be found [here](#).

In 2019, Cox Charities distributed nearly \$570,000 to more than 100 youth and education-focused nonprofits across Arizona. Cox Charities funds are raised through employee-driven fundraisers and personal contributions throughout the year, as well as community fundraising partnerships. Since its inception in 1996, Cox has awarded more than \$8 million in grants to nonprofit organizations for youth education programs that help build our next generation of community leaders.



Cox Charities has funded local nonprofits that focus on science and technology, arts and culture, safe and healthy lifestyles, overcoming disabilities, mentoring, literacy, leadership development, social skills development, and other areas benefiting youth in the state.

“Continuing our history of supporting the communities in Arizona where our employees live and work, Cox recognizes how vital our youth and education-focused nonprofit community is to provide vital support for children in our state. At a time when donations are down sharply due to the pandemic, our 3,200 employees are extending a helping hand through Cox Charities,” said Susan Anable, vice president of public affairs for Cox, Southwest Region.

Additional support is given to these communities through volunteerism by Cox employees. Cox Arizona employees have access to nearly 54,000 hours of paid volunteer time each year. In an effort to be the most trusted provider of communication and entertainment services, Cox supports Cox Charities’ grant recipients by encouraging its employees to volunteer time in support of many past grant recipients, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs, Make-a-Wish Arizona, Desert Botanical Gardens, Child Crisis Arizona, Banner Health Foundation, and Childhelp.

Funding will not be awarded for capital expenditures or general operations, or for the provision of health care/therapy services, basic needs, entertainment, or socialization/recreation programs. Funding will also not be awarded to pass-through organizations raising funds on behalf of other agencies.

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