



## FAST PITCH

Fast Pitch is an organizational development grant that supports educational activities to strengthen 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.

Fast Pitch grants are for EDUCATION. Activities may include:

Conference or seminar attendance, consultants or professional speakers, specialized staff training, professional development, coaching, leadership training, board development, and focused education on organizational development such as: strategic planning, fund or program development, needs assessment and information management.

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

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Any Arizona 501(c)(3) organization, government entity, and other tax-exempt charitable, educational or relief organization 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.



### Request to Participate / Deadlines:

- Fast Pitch opens July 3<sup>rd</sup> and closes July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- Organizations submit grant application between July 3<sup>rd</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- The grant application is found at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=lfsaz>. If you have never registered on the Foundant grant portal you will need to create a user name and password in the system.
- Organizations submit application no later than 5:00 PM July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- Entries received after 5:00 PM July 21<sup>st</sup>, will not be accepted
- Organizations will be notified if their application has been accepted or denied no later than 4:30 PM July 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. If accepted, a Fast Pitch presentation time will also be arranged at the time of notification.
- All eligible organizations will present Fast Pitches on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 unless otherwise notified

### The Pitch:

Pitchers will have 10 minutes on the timer to throw their best pitch. The pitch will be scored by LFSAZ staff/Board.

The pitch will be scored on these criteria:

- Pitcher's appearance and presentation are professional
- 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

### Evaluation:

- Evaluators will have 5 minutes to ask questions
- Decisions will be made and checks awarded the same day (August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016)

### Fast Pitch Reporting:

Report is due by August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, and should describe how the Fast Pitch grant was used and the impact the grant had on the organization.