

Fast Pitch Grant Information

No grant workshops

No LOI

Application Available January 27th, 2020

Application Closes at 4:30 PM February 7th, 2020

Participants Selected/Notified by February 14th, 2020

Fast Pitch occurs February 19th, 2020

FAST PITCH

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.

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, 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.

Application Process:

- There is no Letter of Intent (LOI)
- Fast Pitch application opens on January 27th, 2020 and closes at 4:30 PM on February 7th, 2020
- Applications are found in the Grant Portal, accessed through the LFSAZ web page (www.LFSAZ.org) under the OUR GRANTS tab
- Applications must be received no later than 4:30 PM February 7th, 2020
- Entries received after 4:30 PM February 7th, 2020 will not be accepted
- Applicants will be notified by 4:30 PM on February 14th, 2020 if their application is approved or denied
- Approved organizations will **all** be invited to present their Fast Pitch on **February 19th, 2020** unless otherwise notified. Presentation times will be assigned to each organization at the time they are notified of approval

The Pitch:

- Presenters (Pitchers) will have 10 minutes on the timer to throw their best “pitch”
- The pitch is a quick overview of the organization, the amount requested, the purpose and impact of the grant, how their organization’s mission is aligned with the Legacy Foundation mission, and a clear statement about why their organization should be awarded the grant (see Scoring below)
- No electronics may be used. This is a verbal presentation but may include hand-outs
- The Pitch is thrown in front of a panel of evaluators comprised of Legacy Foundation Board members and staff. Immediately following the Pitch the evaluators have 5 minutes to ask questions of the presenter
- Pitches can be done as a team by more than one member of an organization

Evaluation:

- Scoring and decisions will be determined the day of the pitch. Applicants will be notified within 24 hours

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

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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