



Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee 2023 Annual Report

Committee Members:

Barbra Coffee:	Representative, City Manager's Office (Chairperson)
David Godlewski:	Representative, City Manager's Office
Benjamin Galaz:	Representative, Ward 1
Andrea Leisner:	Representative, Ward 2
Stephanie Healy:	Representative, Ward 3
Bobby Verenna:	Representative, Ward 4
Ben Buehler-Garcia:	Representative, Ward 6

The City of Tucson provides economic and workforce development grants to local qualifying nonprofits that support initiatives that foster economic growth and workforce training programs for residents. The City also provides special events grants to local qualifying nonprofits that hold special events that build community, develop the local economy and tourism industry, and enrich the quality of life of all residents and visitors.

The maximum number of committee members is nine. The committee performs the following: a) Establishes a process for reviewing submitted proposals; b) Selects proposals that best meet the priorities as stated in the RFP and that best achieve the desired performance measures; c) Recommends proposals to be approved and amounts to be allocated; d) Requests and receives reports from the Independent Audit and Performance Commission on agency performance and utilizes those reports when examining future proposals.

The Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee had one meeting in 2023, on December 6. All committee members were present except for Benjamin Galaz. Here is what took place in the meeting:

- The committee approved the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes.
- Jacquelyne Vega from the Office of Economic Initiatives presented highlights of the Fiscal Year 2023 program. For economic and workforce development grants, 12 programs were funded at a total of \$610,000. For special events grants, 13 special events were funded at a total of \$140,000.

- Jacquelyne Vega reviewed the Economic & Workforce Development Grant Request Application and the Special Events Grant Request Application. The committee discussed the wording of some of the questions on the application.
- The committee determined the opening and closing dates for the request for proposals.
- Vega and Barbra Coffee reviewed the various ways the notice of request for proposals will be advertised in English and Spanish.
- The committee discussed the possibilities of requesting more funds from Mayor and Council, and also the possibility of capping individual awards.
- No audience members were present.
- Other than adjournment, no additional motions were put forth or approved.