



**Economic and Workforce Development
Selection Committee (EWDSC)**

June 8, 2026

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Tucson, AZ

Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Jacquelyne Vega at 2:07 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Mike Czechowski:	Representative, City Manager's Office (Chairperson)
David Godlewski:	Representative, City Manager's Office
Stephanie Healy:	Representative, Ward 3
Lovely Ganthier:	Representative, Ward 5
Eugene Kunde:	Representative, Ward 6
Jacquelyne Vega:	Representative, City Manager's Office (not part of quorum)
Irene Messina:	Representative, City Manager's Office (not part of quorum)

Absent:

Benjamin Galaz:	Representative, Ward 1
Andrea Leisner:	Representative, Ward 2
Bobby Verenna:	Representative, Ward 4

Quorum established.

2. Approval of April 23, 2026 meeting minutes

David Godlewski put forth a motion to approve the minutes. Lovely Ganthier seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

3. Committee Review and Scoring of Proposals

a. Economic and Workforce Development

Jacquelyne Vega began discussing the applications received. There were 76 in total, the most in the history of the grant program. Jacquelyne will send Committee members a historic allocation for each type of grant and an annual performance report.

Questions from Committee:

Q: Does the special events distribution amount have to stay at \$100,000 or can the committee change it? A: Yes, the committee can change it.

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Q: What is the total amount asked for this grant cycle? A: \$3.1 million.

Q: What is the percentage breakdown between workforce development and special events? A: 84% of the \$3.1 million for workforce development programs and 16% for special events.

3b. Funding Recommendations:

The Committee discussed the Small Business Support applications and amounts requested for:

Community Investment Corporation \$40,000
Groundswell Capital \$85,000
International Rescue Committee \$50,000
Local First Arizona Foundation \$24,585
MicroCare Community Development Solutions \$20,000
Pentecostal Blessings Church \$100,000
Startup Tucson \$20,000
YWCA \$75,000

Committee agreed to meet at a future date to revise the applications and provide more criteria. A suggestion was made to ask organizations for success stories. This will help strengthen the presentation to Mayor and Council.

4. Call to Audience

No audience present.

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

The next meetings of the EWDSC will be on June 17 at 2 p.m., and June 23 at 9:30 a.m.

6. Adjournment

David Godlewski put forth a motion to end the meeting. Mike Czechowski seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.