ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE (EWDSC)

CREATED BY:

Resolution 21605, adopted August 4, 2010
Resolution 21802, adopted September 20, 2011
Resolution 21937, adopted August 7, 2012
Resolution 22110, adopted August 6, 2013
Resolution 22586, adopted June 21, 2016
Resolution 22922, adopted July 10, 2018
Ordinance 11599, adopted December 4, 2018
Resolution 23191, adopted June 30, 2020
Resolution 23481, adopted July 12, 2022
*Ordinance 12024, Adopted August 8, 2023

MEMBERSHIP / QUALIFICATIONS:

Membership shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

1) Mayor and each Council Member shall appoint one member each.
2) City Manager shall appoint one member.
3) One member from the City Manager's Office will act as a facilitator, chair the committee meetings, and also be permitted to vote.

The membership shall represent diverse sectors of the community such as other government agencies, large companies and small businesses representing various industries, non-profit organizations, workforce development, and education.

All appointees shall be residents of Tucson, or have their primary business address located in Tucson, or both.

The Committee may form subcommittees as may be necessary to carry out its duties and functions.

FUNCTIONS:

a) Establish a process for reviewing submitted proposals;

b) Select proposals that best meet the priorities as stated in the request for proposal and that best achieve the desired performance measures;
c) Recommend proposals to be approved and amounts to be allocated;
d) Request and receive reports from the Independent Audit and Performance Commission on agency performance and utilize those reports when examining future proposals.

QUORUM:

*Pursuant to Tucson Code, § 10A-140(a) this BCC is designated as "Category 1," for which a majority of the members currently *appointed and serving* shall constitute a quorum.

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TERMS OF OFFICE:

Terms of the Committee members are consistent with the term of the Committee, which will automatically terminate on September 1, 2024.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable except 10A-134(c) and (f) and § 10A-139(c) (5). T.C. § 10A-134(c) Appointees, except for advisory members and members of the technical code committees named herein, may not serve on more than two (2) bodies at a time.

The member from within the City Manager's office is authorized to act as a facilitator, chair the committee meetings, and vote

No annual report is required.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

City Manager's Office 791-4204

Historical Notes:

August 4, 2010 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 21605, August 4, 2010, creating the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee.

*** Denotes Change(s)**

September 20, 2011 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 21802; amending Resolution 21605, extending the term of the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) to September 1, 2012.

August 7, 2012 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 21937, amending Resolution 21802, to extend the term of the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) to September 1, 2013.

August 6, 2013 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 22110, amending Resolution 21937, to extend the term of the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) to September 1, 2014.

June 21, 2016 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 22586, approving the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee's (Committee) recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY17) allocations; amending Resolution No. 21605 to extend Committee's term to September 1, 2018.

July 10, 2018 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 22922, amending Resolution 21937, to extend the term of the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) to September 1, 2020.

December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Chapter 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.

January 17, 2020 – Article XIII § 10A-139(b) (5) corrected to Article XIII § 10A-139(c) (5).

June 30, 2020 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 23191, amending Resolution 22922, to extend the term of the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) to September 1, 2022.

July 12, 2022 – Mayor and Council passed and adopted Resolution 23481. Amending Resolution 23191, to extend the term of the Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) to September 1, 2024.

**August 8, 2023 – Ordinance 12024, amended the Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII to add a new Tucson code Section 10A-140, defining different quorum requirements for two specified categories of Boards, Committees, or Commissions.*

ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 5, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 24158

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; APPROVING THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE'S (EWDSC) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (FY27) ALLOCATIONS; EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE'S TERM TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2028; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson's (City's) Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC) has recommended funding, under the FY27 Economic and Workforce Development Grant Program, for various programs supporting small businesses, at-risk adults, at-risk youth, and long-term workforce training, and special events that promote the Tucson community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council considered the recommendations and approve funding in the amounts, to the organizations, and for the programs and special events as listed on the spreadsheet attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, which the Mayor and Council have determined will provide significant public benefits, including by improving the economic welfare of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, City staff, with the assistance of the City Attorney's Office, will develop formal Financial Participation Agreements with the various recipients under which the awarded funds will be distributed and the progress and outcomes of the funded activities will be monitored and evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was formed by the Mayor and Council through its adoption of Resolution No. 21605 on August 4, 2010, and, as that resolution was most recently revised by Resolution No. 23757, adopted May 7, 2024, the Committee's term is scheduled to expire on September 1, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Funding for outside agencies under the FY27 Economic and Workforce Development Grant Program, as set forth in Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute Financial Participation Agreements, approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office, with each of the grantees.

SECTION 3. Section 7 of Resolution No. 21605, as previously amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> SECTION 7. TERM. Tucson Code § 10A-139(b)(1)'s presumptive term of twenty-four months does not apply to the Committee. The Committee shall automatically terminate on September 1, 2028.

SECTION 4. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution.

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SECTION 5. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation for the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become immediately effective,

an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, August 5, 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY:

CITY MANAGER

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07/09/2026

Economic & Workforce Development/Special Events Grant Program
Fiscal Year 26/27 Funding Recommendations

Organization	Program	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
	Small Business Support		
Community Investment Corporation	Tucson Kiva Hub	$40,000	$20,000
Local First Arizona Foundation	Fuerza Local Business Accelerator	$24,585	$15,000
Startup Tucson	Startup Fundamentals	$20,000	$20,000
YWCA of Southern Arizona	YWCA Women's Business Center Business Development for Underserved Entrepreneurs	$75,000	$40,000
MicroCare Community Development Solutions	Tucson Digital & Financial Readiness Initiative	$20,000	-
Pentecostal Blessings Church	Immigrant Community Integration and Workforce Empowerment Program	$100,000	-
Groundswell Capital	Scale Tucson: Growth + Capital Accelerator	$85,000	-
International Rescue Committee	IRC Small Business Program	$50,000	-
	Small Business Support Total	**$414,585**	**$95,000**
	Workforce Development - Youth		
Az Cyber Initiative	AZ Cyber Workforce Parthways for Tucson	$30,000	$15,000
Big Brother Big Sister of Southern Arizona	Mentor 2.0	$20,000	$15,000
Intermountain Centers for Human Development	Work-Based Learning Center for Youth with Autism	$30,000	$20,000
Literacy Connects	Youth Workforce Development Programs	$25,000	$20,000
Youth on their Own	Yoto Program Academic Stipends	$35,000	$20,000
Pipeline AZ	My Future Pima County	$25,000	-
San Miguel High School	Corporate Work Study Program	$30,000	-
Southern Arizona Education Council	Postsecondary Readiness Initiative	$42,000	-
The Pima Foundation	Pima for Youth Workforce Bridge	$159,500	-
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona	Thriving Futures Mentorship	$30,000	-
3rd Decade	3rd Decade Financial Education and Mentoring	$50,000	-
Amistades	Tucson Pathways to STEM Careers	$81,175	-
LATE APPLICATION Tucson Southwest Rams	Sonoran Desert Youth Football and Cheer Program	$10,000	-
	Total Workforce Development - Youth Total	**$567,675**	**$90,000**
	Workforce Development - Adults		
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona	Caridad Culinary Training	$50,000	$25,000
Literacy Connects	Adult and Workforce Education Programs	$35,000	$20,000
Primavera Foundation	Primavera Works - Workforce Mobility & Career Pathways Initiative	$75,000	$30,000
ScholarshipsA-Z	Student Support Programs	$75,000	$20,000
YWCA of Southern Arizona	Yworks Job Readiness & Wellness Program	$100,000	$50,000
Community Partners	El Camino Casitas Workforce Development Program	$20,000	-
Coyote TaskForce	Supported Employment	$160,000	-
International Rescue Committee	IRC's Workforce Readiness Program	$160,000	-
International Women's Empowerment Network	Young Women's Empowerment and Economic Mobility Program	$150,000	-
Keep Tucson Clean	Keep Tucson Clean	$50,000	-
La Frontera Center	Bridges to Education and Employment Program	$77,582	-
Miracle Center	Career Plus	$75,000	-
Tucson Rwandan Community Abroad	Refugee and Immigrant Workforce Empowerment Program	$70,000	-
	Workforce Development - Adults Total	**$1,097,582**	**$145,000**
	Long-Term Training		
Job Path	Job Path Avenues to Economic Mobility Program	$150,000	$100,000
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest	Refugee Career Pathways	$100,000	$45,000
Pascua Yaqui Tribe Charitable Organization	The PYDC Construction Leadership Academy	$36,000	$20,000
Per Scholas	Per Scholas Tucson Satellite Workforce Training Program	$110,000	-
Southern Arizona Film Society	Master Filmaker Academica Workforce Program	$50,000	-
Tucson Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Center	TEJATC Apprenticeship Expansion - Facility Signage Completion	$10,925	-
	Long - Term Training Total	**$456,925**	**$165,000**
	Special Events		
Art State Arizona	Savor Heritage Foods Festival	$10,000	$5,000
Black and Brown Girl Wellness, Inc.	ONYX AI: Summer Innovation Camp & Family Literacy Experience	$7,000	$5,000
Child and Family Resources	Blooming Communities (Block Party)	$20,000	$5,000
Downtown Development Corporation	Downtown Parade of Lights	$15,000	$5,000
Friends of Tucson's Birthplace	Indigenous Knowledge Sharing and Roast at the Agave Heritage Festival	$21,096	$5,000
Living Streets Alliance	Cyclovia Tucson	$15,000	$5,000
The Foundation for Creative Broadcasting	Baila el Pueblo - A Desert Music Festival	$10,000	$5,000
Tucson Bird Alliance	Southeast Arizona Birding Festival	$7,500	$5,000
Tucson Botanical Gardens	Spirit Guides: Fantastical Creatures from the Workshop of Jacobo and Maria Angeles	$15,000	$5,000
Tucson City of Gastronomy	Pueblos del Maiz Festival	$5,000	$5,000
Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association	Tucson Folk Festival	$10,000	$5,000
Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee Inc.	Tucson Rodeo Parade	$25,000	$10,000
Jazz in January	Tucson Jazz Festival	$15,000	$10,000
Southwest Folklife Alliance Inc.	Tucson Meet Yourself Folklife Festival	$20,000	$10,000
The Drawing Studio Inc.	The Drawing Studio 4th Annual Juneteenth Art Exposition	$10,000	$10,000
Tucson Festival of Books	Tucson Festival of Books	$15,000	$10,000
A Better Community	Merchant and Mission Focused Marketplace	$10,000	-
Amistades	Cempohuali: Twenty Years in Roots	$20,000	-
Arizona Technology Council - Optics Valley Committee	Arizona Photonics Days	$15,000	-
Ballet Folklorico Alexa Zozaya	Festival Folklorico del Viejo Pueblo	$15,000	-
Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson	Party with a Purpose	$10,000	-
Children's Museum Tucson	PBS Kids Days	$10,000	-
City High School/City Center for Collaborative Learning	Pennington Street Community Market	$5,000	-
Dusk Charities, Inc.	DUSK Music Festival	$30,000	-
Fluxx Productions	Fluxx Productions Present Desert Pride	$45,500	-
Groundswell Capital	Barrio Viejo First Saturdays	$10,000	-
North Fourth Avenue Merchants Association, Inc.	57th Annual Winter Street Fair	$31,500	-
Pima Community College Foundation	Entrepreneur-SATEC Youth Networking & Connections Summer Summit	$15,000	-
SARSEF	SARSEF Science and Engineering Fair Awards Ceremony	$10,000	-
Southern Arizona Blues Heritage Foundation	Blues Heritage Festival and Blues Weekend	$5,000	-
Southern Arizona Hellenic Association	Tucson Greek Festival	$15,000	-
Startup Tucson	Tenwest Festival	$10,000	-
Sustainable Tucson	Renew Tucson Follow-up Forum	$10,000	-

Tucson Bicycle Classic	Tucson Bicycle Classic		$5,000	-
Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation	Celebration of S-cuk son/Tucson 251+		$5,000	-
Wild Steps	Wild Tucson: Rooted Traditions, Evolving Sounds		$10,000	-
		Special Events Total	**$507,596**	**$105,000**
		Grand Total	**$3,044,363**	**$600,000**