



**F. New Business**

3. [25-102](#) Interview of applicants for Health and Human Services funding for Fiscal Year 2026: Apache Junction CDC, Boys and Girls Club, Over-Flo Missions, and Superstition Food Bank.

Presentations were shared by the local non-profit organizations that submitted funding applications for FY 2025-2026. Each applicant gave a presentation that showcased their services and answered questions that the Commission had at the February 24, 2025, meeting. Listed is the order in which the organizations presented:

**Apache Junction Community Development Corporation**

Vice Chair Gail Evans explained they help Apache Junction home owners that are elderly, disabled, or are veterans with code violations to clean up their properties. They also participate in the annual Make a Difference Day project for the City and supply dumpsters for clean ups. They do not have any fundraisers planned for 2025-2026 but they are open to it if one comes along. They often request funding from developers. The cost of a clean up job varies as it depends on the size, materials needed, and amount of volunteers. Volunteer costs are calculated using the national figure of \$19.14 per hour. They repurpose all materials they can from each job and even help citizens sign up for benefits if they need assistance. She explained why they are asking for funding for phones, zoom calls and the Chamber of Commerce membership. They have worked 6 jobs this year, and are looking into expanding to smoke detectors, house numbers and adopt a street.

Commission members concerns included how they decide what neighborhoods to place bins for Make a Difference Day, how long the bins are left in each neighborhood and their Chamber of Commerce dues.

Ms. Evans responded to all concerns.

**Boys and Girls Club**

Grants Administrator Maddie Roberti explained the requested amount of \$35,000 is to fund staff for programming at the Superstition Mountain Club. Staff is a critical support for youth and families, leading youth through activities that support all four areas of the Priority Outcomes which include: academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character/leadership and career pathways/workforce readiness. She stated all funding will stay with the local branch. They serve 350 youths, ages 5-18 with after school and summer care. They provide scholarships for any child in need as they never turn anyone away. She spoke about the positive impact attending the club has on academic success.

Vice President of Regional Impact Liz Byrne shared club accomplishments and programs insights. She thanked the City and school district for their continued support.

Commission members concerns included the number of high school graduates, partnerships with local colleges, fire or police departments and if the funding was for new or existing staff.

Ms. Roberti and Ms. Byrne responded to all concerns.

**Over-Flo Missions**

A representative was unable to attend the meeting.

**Superstition Food Bank**

Executive Director Erik Arriola shared the requested amount of \$75,000 will be to assist with purchasing food for the Food Bank and for a Student "Backpack" Food Program to feed children with food insecurities over the weekends. They distribute emergency food on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Holiday meal boxes are offered on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and the 4th of July. The Student "Backpack" program is currently offered at 2 elementary schools serving 250 children. They are hoping with enough funding that they can start this program at 2 additional Apache Junction schools. They also offer a senior commodity supplemental food program but they are not asking for funding towards it. Mr. Arriola explained that funding is not being received from other cities at this time but he is working with Mesa and Queen Creek on this. He stated they do not receive any funding from their parent company and they do fundraising as it becomes available.

Commission members concerns included if the total number served was unique individuals or repetitive, how much food is given per family, food supply being affected by Federal Government changes, if student backpacks are being returned, items in the student backpacks and how the wait list works for the senior list.

Mr. Arriola responded to all concerns.

**G. Information and Reports**

**H. Staff Liaison's Report**

There was no Staff Liaison report.

**I. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose**

**J. Adjournment**

Chairperson Brennan adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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Michael Brennan  
Chair