

The Arizona Constitution doesn't allow cities to give money, subsidies, or loans to private individuals or organizations, including non-profits unless the city gets something valuable in return. The Arizona Supreme Court says cities must receive a direct benefit equal to the money they spend.

Application Requirements for City Funds

The application for city funds must include the following:

1. a clear explanation of how San Luis residents will benefit,
2. the value of those benefits, and
3. how the value was calculated.

If your application is approved, you must sign a contract promising to provide those benefits in exchange for the funding.

Example Proposal

Community Garden and Educational Workshops Project

1. Explanation of Benefits:

The community garden project will:

- Provide a shared space for San Luis residents to grow fresh produce.
- Promote sustainable gardening practices.
- Foster community engagement.
- Serve as an educational tool about healthy eating and environmental stewardship.

2. Value of Benefits:

The benefits include:

Fresh Produce: Access to fresh, locally grown produce for 25 families, improving nutrition and food security.

Educational Workshops: Workshops on gardening for 100 residents.

3. Calculation for Value:

Cost of Produce: Each family gets \$100 worth of produce per year. The garden will benefit 25 families.

- Total Value of Produce: \$100 per family x 25 families = \$2,500.

Educational Workshops: Each workshop participant's value is estimated at \$25. The program aims to reach 100 residents.

- Total Value of Workshops: \$25 per participant x 100 participants = \$2,500.

Total Calculated Value: \$2,500 (produce) + \$2,500 (workshops) = \$5,000.