

Scofield Bequest Proposals - April 2016

1. Name: **Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest**, Julie Kasper, School Coordinator & Center Director 520-623-2106

**Project Summary:** School Readiness & School Success for Refugee Youths, supporting and preparing students of refugee background in their learning. The project provides for the socio-emotional, academic and material needs of refugee youth scholars in Tucson through tutoring, mentoring and role modeling. Financial help is also provided for transportation needs, payment of sports and other extracurricular fees, purchase of shoes, musical instruments, calculators or other specialized learning tools.

Funds requested: **\$8,000**    **Funds Recommended by Rincon UCC Church Council: \$4,000**

2. Name: **ProMex Group**, Bill Holliday 520-977-8537, Jim Benshoof 612-799-5918 (proposed project coordinator)

**Project Summary:** To alleviate poverty and economically forced migration by providing disadvantaged Mexicans with access to capital and education to grow businesses. ProMex Group provides loans, savings, and financial education. Loans are given in the form of village banks, solidarity groups, and small business loans. The relatively low interest charged covers the operating costs, so that the project is sustainable.

Funds requested: **\$5,000**    **Funds Recommended by Rincon UCC Church Council: \$2,500**

3. Name: **Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation - Anti-Violence Project**, Jeana Butler, member AVP case management team, member Justice and Witness Ministry Team 520-547-6162

**Project Summary:** To address the broad range of needs of LGBTQ survivors of violence and the DISH proposal targets one specific aspect of that need. To supply household goods, furniture, and essential commodities to LGBTQ survivors of violence, as needed in each individual case, increase the sense of safety, dignity, and self-worth of survivors by reducing stress and creating a stable environments; to enable survivors to focus on needs beyond mere survival, empowering them to rebuild a safe, stable, fulfilling life; to promote sustainability by providing a jump-start towards self-sufficiency; to foster systemic change towards acknowledging and reducing violence while respecting LGBTQ identities. An estimated 50 individuals will be assisted.

Funds requested: **\$4,500**    **Funds Recommended by Rincon UCC Church Council: \$2,500**

4. Name: **Emergency Financial Assistance Program of Interfaith Community Services (ICS)**.  
Deborah Carr, Philanthropy and Public Relations Director 520-297-2738 x212

**Project Summary:** Support ICS's Emergency Financial Assistance program which targets people in low- and moderate-income households who are experiencing severe financial hardships. Nearly 85 percent of ICS clients have a household income less than 75 percent of the federal poverty level. The program covers essentials such as rent, utilities, prescriptions and employment-related items. The ICS staff also provides case management to help stabilize families and point them on a path toward self-reliance. The requested grant would allow ICS to serve an additional 200 people that would otherwise be turned away.

Funds requested: **\$10,000**    **Funds Recommended by Rincon UCC Church Council: \$1,000**

5. Name: **Labyrinth Ministry Project (LMP)**, Kathe Padilla, member Justice and Witness Ministry Team 520-323-2504.

**Project Summary:** To create a 70' diameter, modified 7-circuit classical labyrinth as an outdoor sacred space for contemplative/meditative walking and worship, open to individuals and groups, intended to bridge various populations. The labyrinth will transform the back acreage from a barren, unused space to a "spiritual pocket park" utilizing extant trees and plants that will serve as an outreach and evangelism function, as well as witness to "creation care" theology.

Funds requested: \$10,000    **Funds Recommended by Rincon UCC Church Council: \$4,380.**

6. Name: **Solar Power Project**, Chris Jones, chair Buildings & Grounds Ministry Team 520-325-5385. Tucson Solar LLC (proposed/bidding Contractor)

**Project Summary:** To improve and maintain the church facility, reduce energy bills and fossil fuel consumption. Solar panels to be installed on the roof overhand on the south side of the south (classroom) wing. Project includes recoating and repairs to roof structure as needed prior to installations. Sizing and connection of panels is designed to offset power consumption at the most-used power meter, at the southeast corner of the kitchen.

Funds requested: \$58,500.    **Funds Recommended by Rincon UCC Church Council: \$53,820**