



United Way of Tucson
and Southern Arizona

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United Way Accepting Applications for grant funds totaling \$200,000

Tucson, AZ- United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona is accepting applications from faith and community based organizations and neighborhood groups to receive training, technical assistance as part of the Arizona Compassion Initiative. Awardees' must be organizations or congregations serving seniors in need **or** families transitioning from welfare to work, with operating budgets under \$500,000. Tribes are exempt from this operating budget restriction. These grants are available statewide and funds must be used to build an organization's capacity, not to fund direct services.

Awards totaling \$200,000 in grant funds will be given to 30 to 40 grass roots, faith-based, community and tribal organizations in distressed areas of the state. Organizations interested in applying can return a letter of interest form to Angel Lopez at alopez@unitedwaytucson.org no later than February 15, 2007. This electronic form is available on United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona website www.unitedwaytucson.org.

United Way is one of ten organizations in the nation that was awarded a new Compassion Capital Grant through the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The Arizona Compassion Initiative is a partnership between United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Initiatives, Arizona State University, the Arizona Department of Economic Security and LeCroy and Milligan Associates.

For more information call Sharon Gartner, Director of Supporting Seniors at 520.903.9000 ext. 420.

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United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona brings our community together to change the lives of those people who need it most. Through partnerships with agencies, neighborhoods, government and businesses, United Way is ensuring children are ready to succeed, families are self-sufficient, and seniors lead independent, active lives. For more information visit www.unitedwaytucson.org.