

Faith & Community Initiatives in Arizona: Key Challenges & Opportunities

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Overview

- What is the Faith & Community Initiative ?
- How is it Operationalized in Arizona?
- Challenges and Opportunities to Making it Work for Arizona

What is the Faith & Community Initiative?

Early 20th Century Providers

Charitable choice legislation (Clinton-1996)

- Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act

Bush Administration (2001)

- White House OFBCI - Executive Order 13199
- Federal Agency OFBCI – Executive Order(s)
(HUD, HHS, DOL, DOJ, ED, CNCS, Ag, USAID,
VA, Commerce, SBA)

What is the Faith & Community Initiative?

Federally:

- 11 federal agencies have a Faith and Community Initiatives Center/Liaison and Various Funding Priorities
 - HHS, Education, Justice, Labor, Agriculture
 - Commerce, International Development
 - Small Business Administration, Veterans' Affairs
 - Homeland Security, HUD

What is the Faith & Community Initiative?

- Sample Priority Areas
 - Emergency Response and Recovery
 - Veterans' Affairs
 - Public Health Prevention and Treatment
 - Rural Development
 - At-risk children and youth
 - Ex-offenders
 - Homeless and Housing
 - Substance abusers
 - HIV/AIDS (National and international)
 - Welfare-to-work families
 - Workforce ,Community and Economic Development

How is it Operationalized in Arizona?

Governor established Advisor/Office in 2005

- Faith and Community Advisory Council
- Regional Workshops
- Liaisons in Several state agencies
- Catalyst for Special Projects serving vulnerable populations (*Faith-Based Domestic Violence Funding--FY2007*)
- 2007 White House Conference

How is it Operationalized in Arizona?

- Work with Groups Who Focus on Multiple Policy/Issue Areas
 - Helping Low-Income Arizonans
 - Domestic Violence
 - Workforce & Community Development
 - Emergency Preparedness & Volunteerism
 - Vulnerable Populations (Homeless, SMI, Elderly, CPS)
- Hundreds of faith & community groups across the state quietly working to help those in need

How is it Operationalized in Arizona?

- Select Groups Act as Intermediaries
 - City of Phoenix Human Services
 - Pima County Community Development
 - Collaboration for a New Century
 - United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

How is it Operationalized in Arizona?

- Sample of Philanthropic Funding to Faith-Based Groups
 - St. Luke's Health Initiatives (TAP, Heart & Soul)
 - Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
 - Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust
 - Arizona Community Foundation (Capacity-Building Initiative)
 - Others????

How is it Operationalized in Arizona?

- Sample of Corporate Philanthropic Funding to Faith-Based Groups
 - Arizona Public Service (Capacity-Building)
 - Bank of America (Comm/Econ Devel.)
 - JP Morgan Chase (Comm/Econ Devel.)
 - Wells Fargo (Comm/Econ Devel.; Financial Literacy)
 - Phoenix Suns (Low Income Families)

Challenges & Opportunities

Key Challenges

- *Overcome the fear of "competition"* between faith and community groups by encouraging collaboration and partnership
- Ensure that faith-based groups understand the funder's position on *inherently sectarian delivery of services*

Challenges & Opportunities

Key Challenges

- Develop *Clean Data*
- Understand the *emerging dynamic of the evangelical church* in delivery of social and human services
- Ensure that faith-based & community groups are *leveraging resources in their community to avoid duplication*

Challenges & Opportunities

Key Opportunities

- Develop and strengthen ability for small faith and community groups to successfully compete for grants through *capacity-building and seed funding initiatives*
- Leverage resources in houses of worship to help vulnerable groups *prepare for emergencies*

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Key Opportunities

- Utilize the “heart of compassion” to encourage faith groups to *step up to the plate in supporting foster children and families*

Challenges & Opportunities

Special Opportunity for 2007

- *White House Conference on Faith & Community Initiatives—April 19-20, 2007*
- Special Focus on Arizona
- Opportunity for Arizona Groups to be Highlighted Among National Colleagues
- Special Session on Philanthropic Strategies