Tucson Non-Governmental Organizations

Non-government organizations (NGOs) include non-profits, charities, and Political Action Committees (PACs). These entities are neither government units nor businesses.

- Non-profits are organizations that do not make a profit. These organizations are denoted as non-profit in their mission statements and classified by the government as 501(c)3 categorized funding. Contributors to the organization can deduct funds from their taxes.
- Charities are set up to provide and help people in need, usually through financial support.
- PACs raise funds for political campaigns and political expenditures. PAC money is regulated and monitored, and PACs are classified as a 501(c)4. There are lobbying limits to the amount of funds that can be contributed, and contributors cannot deduct fund from their taxes.

Below is a list of some, but not all, of the NGOs in Tucson that work on sustainability and the environment. Look for organizations that have missions similar to yours. Use these organizations as resources to get feedback on ideas and help gain support for your project. Sometimes you can even receive funding from an NGO. See the Meeting with a Decision Maker Guide if you want to learn more about setting up your first meeting with an NGO.

**Environmental NGOs in Tucson**

- Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protect
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Environmental Educational Exchange
- FreeCycle
- Friends of Sabino Canyon
- Friends of Saguaro National Park
- Friends of Ironwood National Forest
- The Nature Conservancy
- Saguaro National Park
- Sierra Club
- Sky Island Alliance
- Slow Food SoAZ
- Sonoran Desert Weedwackers
- Sonoran Institute
- Southwest Monarch Study
- Sustainable Tucson
Chambers of Commerce

Sustainability is part of the triple bottom line (people, planet, profit), which means commerce is exceptionally important to consider. If you are looking to engage a community, be sure to include the local chamber(s) of commerce at the table to get a business perspective.

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Tucson Chamber of Commerce
- The Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce
- The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce