

Narrative Budget Document

Organization: Pathways Community Center

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Introduction

This narrative budget provides a story-driven overview of how the Pathways Community Center allocates its financial resources to meet its mission and serve the community. Instead of listing mere figures, this document connects budget lines to goals, people, and programs—clarifying the impact of every dollar spent.

Mission Statement

To empower individuals and families by providing educational resources, food security, and community programs that foster growth, learning, and wellness.

Budget Summary Table

Program Area	Narrative Description	Allocation
Food Pantry	Ensures weekly distribution of food to over 300 households, maintaining inventory and volunteer support.	\$40,000
Educational Workshops	Funds adult literacy, computer training, and after-school tutoring for youths aged 8-18.	\$25,000
Youth Programs	Supports summer camps, leadership programs, and mentorship partnerships.	\$15,000
Administration	Covers facility maintenance, utilities, and part-time staff salaries for daily operations.	\$30,000
Total		\$110,000

Budget Narrative by Program

Food Pantry

With over 20 volunteers and two part-time coordinators, our food pantry serves a vital role in reducing hunger in our community. This year’s budget maintains increased food costs and expanded storage needs due to rising demand.

Educational Workshops

Our free-to-access workshops elevate digital literacy and basic education skills for adults and teens. Funds will be used to provide materials, retain teachers, and cover classroom rentals.

Youth Programs

Summer initiatives and after-school mentorships offer safe spaces and leadership skills. The funds cover activity supplies, field trips, and stipends for youth counselors.

Administration

Administrative overhead ensures ongoing operation, outreach, facility upkeep, insurance, and staff support—all essential to our mission's sustainability.

Impact & Goals

Funding outlined in this narrative budget enables the Community Center to:

- Serve 18,000+ hot meals to those in need annually
- Graduate 60 adults from literacy programs
- Support more than 100 youth through mentorship and summer employment
- Maintain open doors for neighborhood gatherings, support groups, and classes

Important Notes on Narrative Budget Documents

- Links financial information directly to mission and outcomes, telling the story behind the numbers.
- Helps donors, funders, and stakeholders understand the real impact of their support.
- Encourages transparency and accountability by clarifying allocation rationale.
- Simplifies complex financial data, making budgets more accessible to non-financial audiences.
- Should be updated annually to reflect changing goals, needs, and program expansions.