




PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Support Form**

Name of Tribal Entity:	Ak-Chin
Due Date:	7/8/2022, received by mail
Name of Nonprofit Organization:	Hope Women's Center
Contact Person:	Tammy Abernethy
Contact Person Title:	CEO
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Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Support Form• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter• Completed application including coversheet
Project Name:	Hope Equips
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	\$15,000
Summary of Project:	Hope Equips is Hope Women's Center's educational program. This program provides all DCS core classes (abuse prevention and parenting), life skills classes, job training, and wellness classes to Pinal County women at no cost
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	By providing free educational programs and classes to women of underserved communities, we address the holistic needs of women in crisis, poverty, and abuse. Our classes teach and promote healthy parenting, emotional health, coping skills
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	 Tammy Abernethy, CEO

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Outline for Narrative



A. Purpose of Grant.

1. Women in low-income, underserved communities have few educational opportunities. Barriers such as transportation, cost, and inaccessibility keep women in poverty from development opportunities, presenting overlapping problems and perpetuating negative cycles of poverty and abuse. Hope Women's Center offers Hope Equips, an education program with a holistic and relational focus to support women in making positive change in their own lives and in the lives of their families. Classes include life skills classes, job training, abuse prevention, parenting and postpartum classes, financial literacy, ESL and reading literacy, faith based studies, cooking, exercise, and classes that encourage creativity, health, and wellness.

2. Hope Women's Center (HWC) is a trauma-informed organization that engages, encourages, and equips women and teen girls in crisis, poverty, and abuse. At HWC, services and programs are available to all women at no cost, with no restrictions or requirements. Hope Women's Center has been meeting the holistic needs of women since 1984, and has a reputation for helping women get back on their feet after crisis. Our three Pinal centers are conveniently located in the underserved communities of Apache Junction, Coolidge, and Maricopa.

3. 77% of HWC's client base is women of color - 9% black, 56% Hispanic, 4% Native American, and 8% mixed race or 'other'. 93% of HWC's client base reports an annual income under the federal poverty line. Wallethub ranked AZ the worst state in regards to the disparity between men and women's unemployment. To help our women and support their financial needs, all Hope Equips program participation earns a woman points she can use toward food, clothing, diapers, household items, toiletries, and utility assistance. Seeking to remove barriers to educational opportunities, HWC also offers free, onsite childcare for mothers in programming.

4. In 2021, nearly 72% of the women who visited HWC also attended Hope Equips classes, for a total of approximately 290 Pinal County women. HWC provided over 11,700 educational opportunities to women in the underserved communities of Apache Junction, Coolidge, and Maricopa. A grant award from the Ak Chin Indian Community would allow HWC to expand the Hope Equips program at our three Pinal County centers, particularly Coolidge and Maricopa, both of which experienced significant growth in client attendance and clients served in 2021.

5. Hope Equips is an established and ongoing program. During the twelve month grant period, weekly classes will continue to be offered, with new classes added monthly. Both Coolidge and Apache Junction are eager to provide the new Hope @ Work classes to their clients.

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B. Resources.

1. As HWC's educational program, Hope Equips is an ongoing, core program, supported by donors, community partners, churches, foundations, and grants. In 2022, grants awards to Hope Equips have been awarded by Washington Federal Bank, Season for Sharing, Target, and State Farm.
2. Volunteers gave 3,550 hours to the Hope Equips program in 2021. Although not directly related to the Hope Equips program, businesses such as Hensel Phelps, AAA Cooling Specialist, and Chas Roberts have contributed toward repairs and updates to our centers, keeping our Hope Equips program going.
3. HWC is dedicated to pursuing additional funding opportunities, and more importantly, to building strong relationships with current funders and within the community. Their work is viewed positively by the community and as HWC's exposure has risen, more funding opportunities and invitations have been extended to HWC. A broad range of financial partners range from local churches, businesses, grantors, and individuals.
4. As of May 2022, no funding has been granted by an Arizona tribe, however, Desert Diamond Casino West Valley, Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise, granted funding in October 2020, January 2022, and April 2022.

C. Reports. HWC has a dedicated grants team that will manage the funding, statistics, and reporting of grant funding from the Ak Chin Indian Community. The progress of Hope Equips will be evaluated and tracked by statistics, client surveys and stories. All grant reporting will be compiled and submitted by the HWC grant writer at the appointed times, whether quarterly or bi-annually.

D. Budget is attached. All funding for Hope Equips will be spent within twelve months from grant award.

E. Hope Women's Center has been a place of hope and help for Arizona women since 1984, when the first center opened in rural Apache Junction. From 2013 until 2021, HWC grew from one center to six, adding a maternity home and thrift store as well. HWC is recognized by government entities and behavioral health clinics across the state as a trauma-informed resource referral for women in crisis, and is a leader within the Arizona Trauma-Informed Faith Community. HWC collaborates with multiple community organizations in an effort to best serve the needs of women in poverty and abuse.



Hope Equips Budget Narrative

(3) Center Manager and (3) Program Support Coordinator (48 wkly hours open x 50% of total programming time = 24 hrs x 2 emp x \$25 x 49 wks open per year)	\$58,800
Executive Administrative costs (8 hours a month x \$100 x 12 months)	\$9,600
Onboarding/Training of volunteer teachers (5 hours volunteer coordinator x 49 weeks x \$25)	\$6,125
Laptops for Zoom classes (3)	\$1,800
Facility costs for 3 centers (\$46,845 facilities, utilities, insurance x 50% of total programming time)	\$23,423
Childcare while moms are in programming (48 weekly hours x 50% of total programming time = 24 hrs x \$22 x 49 weeks)	\$25,872
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	Total program costs \$125,620

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **JAN 14 2011**

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170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
August 1, 2010
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

Sincerely,



Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC