



PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Sponsorship/Support Form
Requesting Pinal County serve as the Fiscal Agent/Pass Through Entity**

Name of the Tribal Community:

Due date of the application to the Tribal community:

The following information will be used by Pinal County to 1) send the resolution and grant documents for the applicant to submit to the Tribal community, 2) send the funds, if awarded.

Name of the Non-profit: [Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce](#)

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Project name: [Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce](#)

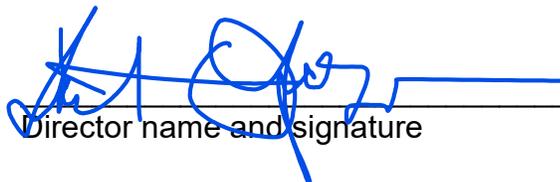
Amount being requested: \$4,000

Project summary: [Purpose of Grant \(brief statement\): The purpose of the Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce is to provide funding for educational workshops concerning Financial Literacy, Investing, Home Ownership, Health and Wellness, Business Startups, applying for Business Loans, Effective promotion and Business Advertising and the promotion of Generational Wealth within the Black American community.](#)

Beneficiaries: [applying for Business Loans, Effective promotion and Business Advertising and the promotion of Generational Wealth within the Black American community.](#)

Supervisor District: [City of Maricopa Pinal County](#)

The undersigns hereby certifies they have read and comply with the responsibilities set forth in the PINAL COUNTY TRIBAL GAMING GRANT PROGRAM Request for fiscal agent/pass through support documentation.



Director name and signature

Ak-Chin Indian Community 2023 Prop 202 – 12% Contribution Grant Narrative

A. Purpose of Grant

1. The need for the grant is to finance our Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, and other financially related workshops for the business members of the Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce. There is a need due to the fact that Black Americans represent the lowest percentage of business owners in the State of Arizona (1.1%). The grant funding will be used to rent workshop venues, provide refreshments, pay business overhead, needed literature and maintaining the BMCC website: www.blackmaricopacc.com.

2. The target population is the Black American Business owner population in Pinal County (specifically the City of Maricopa.) The City of Maricopa is 13% Black American. Of the estimated 9100 Black American residents, 50% of that number is being deducted (Senior Citizens, and underaged youths.) Of 4600 residents, 1.1% are estimated to be business owners. That leaves around 45-46 Black Business Owners. So the target will be 45-46 business owners who are Black American.

3. The objective of proposed workshops is to increase the education level of the Black business owners and thus increase business profitability and decrease unemployment, poverty, and incarceration. The Black Chamber was founded in May 2022. We sponsored a meet and greet on December 10, 2022 to introduce the Chamber to the City Of Maricopa residents. The event was held at the Luxe Lounge at the Ak Chin Theater in Maricopa.

2023- The Chamber is presently sponsoring three events.

EVENT 1 Saturday, (May 13 2023, 9AM-1130AM)

This event is sponsored by Peterson and Klemons Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. Topic 1 is "FUNDAMENTALS OF INVESTING." The speaker is George Henderson, First Vice President of Investments

Topic 2 is UNDERSTANDING AND BUILDING BUSINESS CREDIT TO FUEL YOUR GROWTH. This subject is taught by Roman S. Saldutti (also of Peterson and Klemons)

EVENT 2

This event is also on Saturday, MAY 13 2023 @ 5-630pm. The topic will be HEALTH LITERACY FOR THE LAY PUBLIC AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS. This is a Health and Wellness workshop taught by DR Frederick Johnson of Exceptional Hospital (here in Maricopa.) Dr Johnson is also a board member of the BMCC (Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce.)

EVENT3

This event is on Saturday, JUNE 10, 2023 @ 5-630pm. The topics will be

Speaker 1- Elizabeth Greene (Arizona Realtor/ Elizabeth Greene Homes)
"THE HOME OWNERSHIP JOURNEY"

Speaker 2- Kenya Rivers, (Maricopa Notary and More LLC) "WILLS AND TRUST FUNDS, WHY YOU NEED THEM"

Speaker 3- Erica Jordan "FINANCIAL RETIREMENT PRESENTATION"

Sponsors/Partners

Peterson and Klemons Wealth Management Group

Sponsored 900.00 and provided two expert speakers (the sponsorship is one time.) We are hoping for a long term relationship.

Dr Frederick Johnson

Sponsored 500.00 and volunteered his time as a speaker (Dr Johnson is a board member of the BMCC.) His donation will count as a one time donation. We are hoping for a long term relationship.

Northern Lights Therapy/Brianna Reinhold

Provided meeting room/venue at a discounted cost.

Mrs Reinhold is a member of the BMCC.

Elizabeth Greene/Kenya Rivers/Erica Jordan

MS Greene, and MS Rivers volunteered as speakers and are members of the BMCC.

MS Jordan is a volunteer speaker.

The plan is to provide these events and workshops for years to come and to economically empower the Black American Community. We (The BMCC Board) will annually apply for grants to ensure that our venues are paid for. The founders(my wife and I) will provide personal funds as necessary.

4. The BMCC has not applied to any other Tribe within the previous (18) months or (5) years. The BMCC maintains a checking account with Wells Fargo Bank. Funding will be accounted for via monthly financial statements from Wells Fargo and a spreadsheet which will be maintained by the Director and Treasurer (Kent O'Jon). The progress of the Chamber will be monitored by quarterly meeting minutes (available upon request.)

BUDGET

Events for 2024 have not been scheduled as yet however, the tentative schedule is as follows:

March 2024, Saturday (all events held on Saturday) Peterson and Klemons

(Funds expended in Feb 2024)

Venue Cost 200.00

Catering/Refreshments 200.00

Advertisement- Postcards, Business Cards, 100.00

Total- 500.00

June 2024, Saturday, Guest speakers from the Chamber (Chamber members) (Funds expended in May 2024)

Venue Cost 200.00

Catering/Refreshments 200.00

Advertisement- Postcards, Business Cards, 100.00

Total- 500.00

September 2024, Saturday, To be announced at later date (Funds expended in Aug 2024)

Venue Cost 200.00

Catering/Refreshments 200.00

Advertisement- Postcards, Business Cards, 100.00

Total- 500.00

December 2024, Saturday (The Duke or The Luxe) end of year Gala for Chamber members and guests. (Funds expended in Oct,Nov, 2024)

Venue Cost 1000.00

Catering/Refreshments 600.00

Advertisement- Postcards, Business Cards, 100.00

Music 300.00

Total- 2000.00

Miscellaneous Costs

Website Costs

500.00 annually

GRAND TOTAL- 4,000.00