

# 2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application



**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:** Ak-Chin Indian Community

**Due date of the application to the Tribal community:** July 7, 2023

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:** Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue

**Contact person/title:** Maria Jones, horse rescue owner  
David Henning, grant writer

**Email address:** gshmhorserescue@yahoo.com  
dlhnnng@gmail.com

**Address:** 288 W Smoketree St., Apache Junction, AZ 85120

**Project name:** Assisting Needy Children and Adults Through Human/Horse Relationships

**Amount being requested:** \$7,000

**Project summary:** Develop a modality that will address and combine the needs and abilities of the horses, volunteers, children, and adolescents. Objectives include Reaching out to mental health care and education organizations to offer this resource; organize and train volunteers to work with clients; invite clients and their teachers to schedule events; share the goals of the program; schedule the lessons; evaluate program.

**Beneficiaries:** Pinal County residents and special needs children & adults

**Supervisor District:** Jeff Serdy, District 5

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.

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Maria Jones  
Director name and signature

*Maria Jones*

Name of Applicant: <u>Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue</u>		Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <u>x Other</u>	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: <u>Maria Jones, President, Good Shepherd HM Horse Rescue</u>			
Contact Person and Title: <u>Maria Jones, horse rescue owner</u>			
Applicant Address (administrative office): <u>288 W. Smoketree St.</u>			
City: <u>Apache Junction AZ</u>		Zip Code: <u>85120</u>	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different):			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: <u>602/615-7075</u>		Fax Number: <u>None</u>	
E-mail Address: <a href="mailto:gshmhorserescue@yahoo.com">gshmhorserescue@yahoo.com</a>			
Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County ( <i>Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent</i> )			
Contact Person: <u>Heather Patel, Pinal County grants coordinator</u>			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: <u>P.O. Box 1348</u>			
City: <u>Florence, AZ.</u>		Zip Code: <u>85132</u>	
Phone Number: <u>(520) 866-6422</u>		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: <u>heather.patel@pinal.gov</u>			

Program or Project Name: <u>Assisting Needy Children and Adults through a Human/Horse Relationship</u>	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment. <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): <u>Research has found a mutual benefit for humans when grooming and caring for horses. The owner of the horse rescue had social service caseworkers troubled teens and special needs children in the hope that involvement with horses would have a positive mental health benefit. The goal of this project will be to develop a modality that will address and combine the needs and abilities of horses, volunteers, children and adolescents.</u>	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: <u>January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024</u>	
Amount Requested: <u>\$7,000</u>	Total Cost: <u>\$76,674</u>
Geographic Area Served: <u>Pinal and Maricopa Counties</u>	

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes.

Signature:

For the Applicant: Maria Jones Date: May 16, 2023

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Maria Jones, horse rescue owner

For the Fiscal Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A. Purpose of Grant

1. Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue at Smoke Tree Farms in Apache Junction was founded in 2011 by Maria Jones. The horse rescue facility is a non-profit organization with the stated mission of saving abused, abandoned, and neglected horses from slaughter.

Maria's Christian beliefs and her early experience with horses has provided the foundation for the establishment of a mission to save horses and rehabilitate them so they can be placed in forever homes. To successfully rehome these beautiful animals, intense, purposeful, physical, and emotional rehabilitation is required. To accomplish this goal, a comprehensive volunteer program was developed by Maria.

Good Shepherd was founded to:

- Rescue neglected, abused, and/or abandoned horses from their situation, including from slaughter,
- Provide care, including veterinary, until the horse has returned to full health,
- Provide all interventions required to return the horse to full rehabilitation,
- Create opportunities for the horses to be adopted by loving families,
- Provide an ongoing home for all horses who are not selected for adoption,
- Provide opportunities for volunteers [all age groups, veterans, homeless] to work with the horses, enriching both the lives of the volunteers and horses,
- Provide a venue for children who have limited opportunities to interact with horses – groom, ride, and form a bond.

2. Target population that will be served.

Good Shepherd has worked with Pinal County the past year to support the local communities with involvement with youth and adult transitional homes. Clients at the APEX Native American Transitional Home in Phoenix have visited the rescue to groom and love the horses in a mutually beneficial environment. Over the years, many Apache Junction youth have learned to groom, ride and bond with horses at the rescue. This past year, Pinal County granted funds for repairs and feed for the horses. Pinal County will be the fiduciary for the project as well as a continued partner in providing an educational resource for the community.

3. Project goals and objectives and plan to meet goals.

Maria has developed a comprehensive volunteer program. Volunteers come from all walks of life. They share the common desire to be connected to horses and help in their healing. As the horse rescue program evolved, social service case workers began referring troubled adolescents and special needs children in the hope that involvement with horses would have a positive mental health benefit. The increased interest in referring adolescents has resulted in the need for more specific program development. The goal of this program will be to develop a modality that will address and combine the needs and abilities of the horses, volunteers, children, and adolescents. Objectives include Reaching out to mental health care and education organizations to offer this resource; organize and train volunteers to work with clients; invite clients and their teachers to schedule events; share the goals of the program; schedule the lessons; evaluate program. To implement this Project, a large part of the cost will be the feeding and caring for the equines on which the Project depends.

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The Project will apply to the priorities of education and health. Youth can learn horsemanship, groundwork, empathy, and compassion. Youth learn to work together through grooming activities, tacking, and riding horses. Youth are taught to respect the horses and to give them love and support. They learn about the rescue animals and why it is important to care and love your animals. Teens, who have completed our youth program, can participate in our training program. Teens learn to teach the youth groups. Teens are taught patience and understanding of the younger children. Teens educate the youth group on the proper procedures for horsemanship. Seniors work with our youth groups teaching how to work directly with different rescue horses. Seniors receive education on the different skills required to work with our special horses. Once they have learned the necessary skills, seniors begin to work with our youth and teens. They provide an invaluable educational experience. The teens and youths learn to respect and, many times, will bond with our senior citizens – continuing to work with them after they complete the classes.

The Project also assists with the mental health of our visitors. Good Shepherd partners with group homes in the area where clients visit most every week “Equine-assisted psychotherapy is an emerging and innovative approach to mental health treatment. Equine Assisted Therapy has existed in different forms for almost three decades. Growing evidence supports the effectiveness of treatment with horses in a therapeutic environment. Equine Assisted Therapy has been utilized in a variety of settings to help people with depression, anxiety, ADHD, conduct disorders, addiction, trauma, eating disorders, autism spectrum, dissociative disorders, and other mental health difficulties.”

The needs of clients brought by professionals to Good Shepherd are evident by the group homes they reside in or schools they attend. The APEX transitional homework with Native Americans dealing with alcohol and substance abuse. Other group home clients have ADD, autism or social problems.

The components of the nonprofessional program have been intuitively developed by Maria Jones. The foundational belief is that abused and traumatized children and adolescents can be healed as they focus their attention and energies on healing a horse that has been abused and traumatized.

In summary, the program developed by Maria Jones can be successful given the cooperative involvement of the client, volunteer and professional. Rescue horses combined with committed volunteers provide an atmosphere of healing for both horses and humans. We are expecting to assist up to 200 needy individuals in the Pinal and Maricopa counties with this project.

#### 4. Timeline for implementation of the Project

Early 2024: Reach out to potential organizations that would benefit.

Fall of 2024: Begin horsemanship classes along with invitations to group homes and other organizations.

Winter of 2024: Evaluate project with interviews and written experiences of clients.

#### B. Resources

1. The Applicant relies solely on grants and donations to operate the horse rescue. These are undependable sources depending on donor generosity and grant availability. See attached 2022 Budget for expenses and income.

2. Resources are received from Pinal County and a tentative grant from the Gila River Indian Community. Other resources are donations and fund raising. This project will continue through the efforts of Maria Jones and all the volunteers that work at Good Shepherd. Grants will be written, and fund raisers will continue to help the needy people of our community.

Good Shepherd has not received or applied for any Arizona tribes before this year.

#### C. Reports

Project progress will be gathered with anecdotes and letters from the participants and the number of

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clients served. Group leaders will be asked to write evaluations of the project from their point of view. These will be gathered and combined into a report document for submission to the tribe.

### D. Project Budget

Proposed Budget Expense	Amount Requested from Ak-Chin Indian Community	Amount requested or secured from other resources	In-Kind Contributions	Total Budget
Feed and hay	\$ 4,000	\$ 47,600	\$ -	\$ 51,600
Advertising and marketing	\$ 225			\$ 225
Farrier Fees	\$ 500	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Repairs and maintenance	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900
Vehicle gas and maintenance	\$ 300	\$ 3,049	\$ -	\$ 3,349
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Administrative Costs	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 500
Horsemanship Lessons	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Utilities	\$ 575	\$ 9,425	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Supplies for equine care	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 600
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 69,174</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 76,674</b>

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\*\*\* note: need to apply for more grants to help with increasing feed costs, fuel costs and need to add D&O Insurance  
 Good Shepherd Horse Rescue & Learning Center  
 Estimated Budget 2022  
 January - December 2022

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Total
<b>Revenue</b>													
Corporate & foundation grants	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	23,000.00
Individuals	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,600.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	59,600.00
<b>Total Contributed income</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,600.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>													
Advertising & marketing	0.00	200.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Listing fees	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	180.00
Social media	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	320.00
Farrier Fees	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	6,000.00
Liability insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Utilities	800.00	800.00	700.00	700.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	800.00	800.00	10,000.00
Memberships & subscriptions	0.00	50.00	19.00	29.00	19.00	300.00	19.00	19.00	32.38	19.00	19.00	19.00	544.38
Office supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Repairs & maintenance	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	900.00
Supplies	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	600.00
Feed & Hay	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	57,600.00
Meals Expense	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	900.00
Vehicle gas & fuel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Vehicle insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,481.12	1,481.12
Vehicle registration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.83
Vehicle repairs	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 6,470.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,825.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,344.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,399.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,744.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,614.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,694.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,695.21</b>	<b>\$ 6,519.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,739.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,375.12</b>	<b>\$ 81,193.33</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,175.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 344.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,386.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 695.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 739.00</b>	<b>\$ 624.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,406.67</b>

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E. Additional Information

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

OGDEN UT 84201-0038

In reply refer to: 0457910896  
June 30, 2022 LTR 147C 0  
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GOOD SHEPHERD HEALING MINISTRIES  
288 W SMOKETREE ST  
APACHE JCT AZ 85120-2031



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Employer identification number: 46-2024326

Dear Taxpayer:

Thank you for your inquiry dated June 21, 2022.

Your employer identification number (EIN) is 46-2024326. Please keep this letter in your permanent records. Enter your name and EIN on all federal business tax returns and on related correspondence.

You can get any of the forms or publications mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at [www.irs.gov/forms-pubs](http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs) or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, you can call us at 800-829-0115.

If you prefer, you can write to us at the address at the top of the first page of this letter.

When you write, include a copy of this letter, and provide your telephone number and the hours we can reach you in the spaces below.

Telephone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Keep a copy of this letter for your records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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### **Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue Board of Directors**

#### **Maria Jones, Owner and CEO**

Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue at Smoke Tree Farms in Apache Junction, Arizona was founded in 2011 by Maria Jones. As a youth, Maria found her love for horses helping her uncle raise Palominos on his ranch. She started Good Shepherd as a nonprofit after seeing a need to rescue the many abandoned and abused horses in the area. Maria has managed to care for up to fifty horses with the help of as many volunteers. She funds the program totally through grants and donations.

#### **Cindy Campton, President**

Cindy has been a principal in Phoenix, Arizona for over 20 years. She holds a master's degree in education and a certificate in educational leadership. She is also worked with the City of Scottsdale for over 30 years doing special events. Her experience with non-profit organizations includes Arizona, Special Olympics, Arizona Dream Catchers, and the Wilson Dream Foundation. She has taken her leadership skills, desire to help non-profits, and her love for horses to the Good Shepherd Horse Rescue.

#### **David Henning, Secretary**

Dave was raised on a farm in Minnesota and enjoyed a career as educator in a suburban St. Paul district. In the past, he has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, his church and has been on the board with several HOAs. He has volunteered at Good Shepherd for the last five years focusing on writing grants for the nonprofit.

#### **Carl Richard Lupardus, Director**

Born and raised in Missouri. Received bachelor's degree in education; concurrently received my commission as a 2Lt in the US Army which I spent for 27 years. Upon retiring from the Army, I worked as an agricultural loan officer serving the farmers and ranchers in large animal operations. This led to riding horses for pleasure and met some amazing horse trainers, Clinton Anderson, and Chris Cox. They taught me natural horsemanship methods. Which brought me to Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center using my knowledge and experience to help Maria use these methods with abused and neglected horses.

#### **Glenn Reynolds, Director**

I have accrued 37 years of professional experience. Retired since 2004, from Merck & Co., Inc., in Rahway, New Jersey, as a medicinal research scientist and senior research associate. During my tenure with Merck & Co. I was a recruiter at several universities. I received my B.S. degree in chemistry (1967) from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and maintained membership with the American Chemical Society. I am a member of the Apache Junction, AZ Mounted Rangers, joining the organization in 2018. I have volunteered at Good Shepherd Horse Rescue for the past four years.

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### **Carol Allen, Director**

I was born in Nebraska. I Lived in the Midwest until my family moved to Arizona in 1966. I have lived in the Apache Junction area for 30 plus years. I worked at lakeside restaurant at Canyon Lake for sixteen years. I am a mother of two daughters. I have four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. I have always had a passion for horses. I always wanted a horse of my own but that never worked out. I have been volunteering at Good Shepherd since June of 2022 helping with the morning feedings. So now when people ask me if I have a horse, I say yes I have twenty two of them.

I have found my purpose in life.

### **Karen Kladakis, Director**

As a former Teacher and Family Therapist, Karen realizes the importance of connection with animals. Karen fell in love with the Horses at Good Shepherd Healing Ministries as "Love at First Sight". Karen is inspired daily from the Horses, and she is always interested in learning more!

### **Cade Johnston, Director**

I was born and raised in Arizona. I grew up and worked on ranches all over Arizona. I have been shoeing my own horses from the age of 12 and am now shoeing for the public since I was nineteen. I have also been starting and training horses. I have a never ending love and respect for the horse and plan to always have something to do with horses in my life.

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Young people on their last day of the horsemanship program. They are grooming, tacking, and riding the horse they have loved during their program.



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Students from the PS Academy visit Good Shepherd often. The autistic children and the horses both gain from the relationship.



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Bailey has learning difficulties but has learned to groom and care for Date with the help of her mom and little brother.

