



**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: Amore Senior Support Network

Contact person/title: Pam Kavathas / Executive Director

Email address: pamkavathas@gmail.com

Address: 21003 E. Orchard Lane Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Project name: Amore Expansion Program

Amount being requested: \$11,360.00

Project summary: Continue and enhance current social service support program in Pinal County

Beneficiaries: Residents of under served areas of Pinal County with a focus on Seniors

Supervisor District: Districts 1, 2 & 4

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.

Pam Kavathas - 
Director name and signature



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

AMORE SENIOR SUPPORT NETWORK
C/O PAMELA S KAVATHAS
21003 E ORCHARD LN
QUEEN CREEK, AZ 85142

Date:
03/23/2023
Employer ID number:
92-2928820
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
March 02, 2023
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053476004113

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 947 (Rev. 2-2020)
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2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Amore Senior Support Network		Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Executive Director			
Contact Person and Title: Pam Kavathas – Executive Director			
Applicant Address (administrative office): 21003 E. Orchard Lane			
City: Queen Creek, AZ		Zip Code: 85142	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different):			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: 480-309-1577		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: pamkavathas@gmail.com			
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: Heather Patel, Grants Administrator			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1348			
City: Florence, AZ		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: 520-866-6422		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name: Amore Expansion Program	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" 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): Continue and enhance the current social service support program in Pinal County to residents of under-served areas with a focus on Seniors	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: Fiscal 2024	
Amount Requested: \$11,360.00	Total Cost: \$11,360.00
Geographic Area Served: Pinal County	

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: Pam Kavathas Date: 6/1/23

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Pam Kavathas / Executive Director

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

AMORE SENIOR SUPPORT NETWORK

A. Purpose of Grant

1. Amore Senior Support Network (SSN) is requesting funding for the Amore Expansion Program to help continue its current efforts as well as expand them to better address some of the unmet community-based needs of older adults residing within the communities of San Tan Valley, Queen Creek, Florence and Coolidge, Arizona. The Executive Director (ED) of Amore SSN has been actively working to identify and address the needs of older adults residing in the unincorporated community of San Tan Valley since 2006. All efforts have been privately funded by the ED since 2006. The ED recently applied for a grant from Pinal County Supervisors to provide a small salary for the ED as well as provide a small part time salary for an Administrative/Accounting Assistant. The purpose of a salary for the ED and Administrative Assistant is to ensure the work of Amore SSN can continue and increase in scope. Amore SSN is awaiting the outcome of said County Supervisor's Grant. As part of the Amore Expansion Program, Amore SSN would like to seek additional funding from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant partially to help provide salaries for said positions. Funding for the Amore Expansion Program would cover operating expenses listed in the budget, purchase Quick Books for record keeping, purchase case management software, purchase access to Grant Station which provides assistance locating funding resources. Amore SSN has a goal of setting up a well-managed benevolence fund to cover vital expenses that aren't covered by another source. Funding for this benevolence fund is needed.
2. Amore SSN strongly supports, encourages and assists other non-profits, churches, social service agencies, businesses, volunteers, etc. with opportunities to network and create a strong united group of likeminded service providers. Amore SSN provides assistance to all members of the community by referring them to resources and assistance, which includes all age groups. There are specific services and focuses that serve adults 60 years of age and older; however, we do not discriminate in any way. We serve all genders, ethnicities, and income levels. The demographic most served historically have been lower income families. Many of these people are on social security, bringing in less than \$2,000 a month in total income. It is estimated that approximately 400 people who are considered older adults are reached directly each month through community gatherings, phone calls, social media, monthly digital newsletters, and referrals. In addition to the adults who are Amore SSN's main focus, numerous people from other demographics are reached monthly through community networking and sharing of information. Amore SSN will never turn away anyone who is trying to gather information on resources or assistance no matter where they live. However, Amore SSN has a focus of addressing needs and promoting these services in the communities of San Tan Valley, Queen Creek, Florence and Coolidge, Arizona.
3. The goals of this program is to continue and expand upon the current work that Amore SSN does in the communities mentioned above. Amore SSN hosts a monthly gathering for older adults that is called the Sizzling Seniors. The purpose is to unite people, build friendships, community, and share community-based information and resources with this group. The interest in this group to begin gathering again since COVID is refreshing. The ED and volunteers will be continuing these gatherings. The ED will continue following up with people being referred by hospital discharge planners, local Area Agency on Aging, Compassion Care Center, Churches, individuals, etc. that are in need of information, resources and services. Amore SSN will help identify beneficial resources and assist in making sure those in need are

connecting to appropriate service providers. Advocacy is a constant focus of Amore SSN and will continue as always. If grant funding should be secured, one of the programs that Amore SSN would like to immediately expand upon depends on the purchase of additional liability insurance. The specific sub-program, would be to have more Durable Medical Equipment for people to borrow. Upon receiving grant funding, Amore SSN would automatically set up a benevolence fund to assist senior citizens with unexpected costs that might arise for varied vital needs which can include assistance with paying for prescriptions, food, clothing, medical appointments and travel when other forms of assistance can't be identified. This benevolence fund would be managed by the Board of Directors and ED. It would have clear guidelines and structure. It would not be intended to be used for on-going expenses. The implementation of these programs would begin when funding does, which would be scheduled for the beginning of 2024.

B. Resources

1. Currently all of Amore Senior Support Network's programs are being personally funded by the Executive Director. The ED has provided a long-term commitment to funding Amore SSN and the Amore Expansion Program, though it is hoped that the majority of funding will be provided by grant opportunities moving into the new budget. If funding should be received from the Pinal County Supervisor's Grant it would begin in July, 6 2023 and last through June, 30 2024. Amore SSN would need to reapply yearly. ED will look for other opportunities to increase revenue to cover the cost of Amore SSN's programs.
2. Amore SSN has relationships with various organizations. None of them are providing any form of funding. Relationship with these organizations is extremely important for the success of Amore SSN to identify, address and meet the needs of community members they are assisting.
 - The San Tan Valley Veteran Center – Dennis Gardner post97serviceofficer@gmail.com provides a location for the Sizzling Seniors to gather. Amore SSN promotes the STV Veteran Center calendar with the community and encourages participation. Amore SSN refers veterans needing assistance applying for benefits to the STV Veteran Center.
 - The Compassion Care Center provides a location to leave promotional information for the community. Referrals are made by the Compassion Care Center to Amore SSN for seniors and families who need information on resources and services. Jennelle Esquivel esquivel@compassionqueencreek.com
 - Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens sends referrals to Amore SSN for seniors who might have needs not currently being addressed by their programs. Amore SSN works closely with the Case Managers of PGCSC. Amore SSN makes many referrals to PGCSC for seniors who need assistance and can benefit from their programs. Amore SSN also supports and assists PGCSC by distributing their information on programs, events and services to members of the community in San Tan Valley and Queen Creek. Ginger Fligger gingerf@pgcsc.org
 - HOHP / Eagles Landing Veteran Center – Kim Vandenberg hohp4heroes@gmail.com provides assistance with resources, information and

support for Amore SSN while working together to address the needs of local older adults and Veterans.

- County Supervisor Mike Goodman allows the Sizzling Seniors to gather at the Pinal County Complex for updates from the Supervisor's office. The staff will refer community members to Amore SSN for information on beneficial resources and services. Amore SSN shares flyers, handouts, etc. with information on resources and services to the county office for public display. Haylie.studebaker@pinal.gov
- Amore SSN has worked alongside the Pinal County Attorney's Office on the Home Alone Unit program. Latisha Joseph latisha.joseph@pinal.gov

3. Amore SSN is applying with Ak-Chin Indian Community for a grant that could help ensure the success of the new Amore Expansion Program This program is an extension of Amore SSN's long-term program and commitment, as well includes new initiatives to progress the current programs. The Executive Director of Amore SSN is committed to continuing the current Sizzling Senior gatherings, making referrals to community members to provide helpful information, resources and services. The ED is also forever committed to encouraging local non-profits, churches, service agencies, businesses, volunteers, community members, etc. to network and support each other for the wellbeing of the entire community and to build a united group to provide community social service support. The new program includes additional funding toward the salaries of the ED and Administrative Staff (currently unpaid but initial salaries requested from Pinal County grant), funding to cover phone and fax line expense, case management software (which would be of great benefit and assistance while working alongside older adults who have needs), access to Grant Station (which could greatly benefit Amore SSN with identifying opportunities for additional funding sources). Amore SSN will actively be seeking funding opportunities throughout each year to maintain the program once/if funding is exhausted. The ED is committed to keeping the Sizzling Seniors monthly gatherings scheduled and making referrals to people in need for as long as possible even if there is no grant funding support available, by personally providing the funds. Amore SSN would be thrilled to expand their services and outreach if funding is found. Amore SSN will constantly be looking for viable funding opportunities. By receiving grant money that can be used for a well-managed benevolence fund Amore SSN would have the ability to identify and address needs that currently aren't being met.
4. The Applicant has not requested funding from any other Arizona Tribe.

C. Reports

Amore SSN has requested funding for an Administrative/Accounting Assistant. Amore SSN understands it is imperative that detailed and accurate records are kept. Quick Books will be used to keep track of finances. Various excel spread sheets will be created to track grant funds and to document compliance with the grant terms.

D. Budget with Line-Item Descriptions

AMORE' - ANNUAL FINANCIAL BUDGET 2024					
	LINE ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	REQUEST FROM AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY GRANT	CURRENT FUNDING SOURCE	PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE
1	Staffing - Executive Director	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,400.00	none	Pinal County Grant
2	Staffing - Administrative & Accounting	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	none	Pinal County Grant
3	Office supplies, postage, printing	\$ 600.00		Executive Director personal funds	Pinal County Grant & ED personal funds
4	Sizzling Senior gatherings	\$ 1,800.00		Executive Director personal funds & Donations	Pinal County Grant & ED personal funds
5	Phone & Fax Line	\$ 900.00		Executive Director personal funds	Pinal County Grant & ED personal funds
6	Marketing, Advertising, Website, PR	\$ 925.00		Executive Director personal funds	Pinal County Grant & ED personal funds
7	Liability Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Executive Director personal funds	Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant
8	Transportation	\$ 2,129.00		Executive Director personal funds	Pinal County Grant & ED personal funds
9	Case Management Software	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	none	Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant
10	Quick Books	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	none	Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant
11	Grant Station	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	none	Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant
12	Benevolence Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Executive Director personal funds	Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant & Executive Director personal funds
	Total	\$ 27,714.00	\$ 11,360.00		

1. Staffing for Executive Director – Since 2006, all networking, gatherings, marketing, and community outreach has been done through the Executive Director's volunteer efforts. The Executive Director has maintained part-time positions or contract employment to fund Amore initiatives. With the additional time the Executive Director is desiring to spend to grow Amore SSN with the explained programs, compensation through flexible part-time or contract work is no longer possible.

2. Staffing for Administrative & Accounting – Amore SSN gained 501C3 status in 2023, which will now require responsible record keeping and documentation. The Executive Director seeks funding toward qualified assistants.
3. Office supplies, postage, printing.
4. Sizzling Senior gatherings – Refreshments including coffee, creamers, pastries, bottled water, along with paper products, stirrers, and printed material is provided free to Sizzling Senior attendees monthly. Amore SSN has an agreement with Cactus Coffee Works to provide coffee at Sizzling Senior gatherings for \$45, currently paid for by the Executive Director. Each month, \$150 is spent on average. Attendees have begun donating funds to help cover the refreshment cost. With additional funding, we would like to increase community engagement through raffles, name tags, and acknowledgments for volunteers.
5. Phone & Fax line – Amore SSN spends \$30 per month to maintain an open fax line. Some medical providers require fax lines, so this has been a required cost for years. \$45 a month is spent on the Executive Director's cell phone, required for use to connect older adults with resources, networking, etc. (Funding for this budget item is to be requested from other sources.)
6. Marketing, Advertising, Website, PR – Amore SSN has historically spent an average of \$725 annually on marketing, advertising, website maintenance, and PR. This amount will also cover the cost of refreshments and printed resources for the two-to-three educational presentations set for 2023. Additional funding would enable Amore SSN to expand advertising opportunities.
7. Liability Insurance – Amore SSN would like to increase liability coverage to expand services.
8. Transportation – The standard travel reimbursement rate set as of 2023 is \$0.655 per mile. Amore SSN has budgeted for a minimum of 325 miles a month. This travel is spent visiting clients and attending meetings.
9. Case Management software programs will be reviewed. Breezy has been recommended by the Compassion Care Center.
10. Quick Books is a well-known book keeping program. We will research the best version.
11. Grant Station is a resource for researching funding opportunities. <https://grantstation.com/>
12. Benevolence Fund to assist with vital needs of qualified senior citizens who can't find a way to fund their need for assistance. Program will be well supervised.

E. Additional Information

Amore SSN continuously strives to identify current unmet needs of a given community and/or individuals and address them. Many times, addressing needs will be done by making an appropriate referral to another agency. A focus of Amore SSN will always be to unite like-minded social service agencies, non-profits, churches, volunteers, community members, businesses, etc., and to create a strong alliance of support for our communities. Amore SSN will have a focus of addressing the challenges unique to our older adults, their caregivers, and their families. Amore Senior Support Network is grateful to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for your consideration of this grant.