



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

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: Against Abuse, Inc.
Contact person/title: Maria-Elena Occhoa, Deputy Director
Email address: maria-elenaocchoa@against-abuse.org
Address: 119 N. Florence St., Casa Grande AZ 85122
Project name: Motel-Based Crisis Shelter Services
Amount being requested: \$211,656
Project summary: To provide victims of domestic and/or sexual violence emergency crisis shelter within a motel based setting when the existing shelters are at capacity or COVID related quarantine is necessary.
Beneficiaries: Victims of domestic and/or sexual violence
Supervisor District: Pinal County Wide

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.

PAT GRIFFEN

Director name and signature

06/02/23

2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Against Abuse, Inc.	Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Non-profit
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Robert Miguel	
Contact Person and Title: Pat Griffen, Executive Director	
Applicant Address (administrative office): 119 N. Florence Street, Casa Grande AZ 85122	
City: Casa Grande	Zip Code: 85122
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): P.O. Box 10733	
City: Casa Grande AZ	Zip Code: 85130
Phone Number: 520.836.1239	Fax Number: 520.836.7757
E-mail Address: patgriffen@against-abuse.org	
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:	
City/Town/County Mailing Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Fax Number:
E-mail Address:	

Program or Project Name: Motel Based Crisis Shelter Services	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input 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):	
To provide victims of domestic and/or sexual violence emergency crisis shelter within a motel-based setting when the existing shelters are at capacity or COVID related quarantine is necessary.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024	
Amount Requested: \$211,656	Total Cost: \$211,656
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: Pat Griffen Date: 06/02/23

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Pat Griffen, Executive Director

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____
(If applicable)

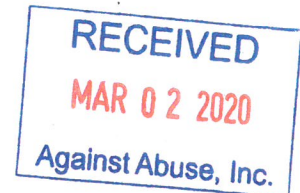
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AGAINST ABUSE INC
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PO BOX 10733
CASA GRANDE AZ 85130



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Employer ID number: 94-2856310
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Feb. 24, 2020, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in January, 1983, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

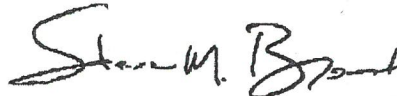
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local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Steve M. Brown, Operations Manager
Operations 3-CIN

Against Abuse, Inc.
Ak-Chin Indian Community
2023 Prop 202 – 12% Contribution Grant
Application Narrative Response

A. Purpose of Grant.

- 1. Describe the proposed program, project or purchase (collectively, the “Project”).**
- 2. This description should identify the needs/issues the Project will address.**
- 3. Identify the target population that will be served by the Project. (Who will benefit? How many will be served? Is there a targeted geographic location? Etc.)**
- 4. Describe the Project goals and objectives and outline a plan to meet these goals.**
- 5. Provide a timetable for implementation of the Project.**

Fleeing domestic and/or sexual violence is a major factor contributing to homelessness. Typically, victims of domestic and/or sexual violence seek safety and housing within the domestic violence shelter system. Due to COVID, AAI’s shelter capacity is significantly reduced by having one family or individual per room. AAI routinely provides motel-based shelter services: 1) When there is no shelter space, 2) When survivors and their children need to quarantine prior to entering the shelter, or 3) When individuals or a member of an individual’s family has tested positive for COVID or other pandemic contagion and require a place to quarantine.

In our service model, individuals sheltered in a motel receive the same services and supports as those in our congregate shelter. Virtual services include but are not limited to: case management, lay legal advocacy, advocacy, virtual educational groups, health or court related accompaniment. Non virtual services include food boxes and financial support such as for transportation (gas, tire repair/replacement, etc.)

We have always received minimal funding to provide motel-based shelter. Since COVID, we have received additional funding to support the significant increase in the need for motel-based shelter. Most COVID funding has ended effective 12/31/22. Although there has been hope for a reduced need for motel placement, COVID numbers are not allowing for the hoped-for reduction in need for motel placement. This funding would allow us to continue to provide motel-based shelter placement to mitigate potential homelessness for victims of domestic (DV) and/or sexual violence (SV) as well as mitigate the spread of COVID to those already in the shelter.

Based on a QuickBooks report of motel stays, in FY 21-22, AAI provided over 1,400 motel bed nights for approximately 200 men, women (and their children).

AAI’s objective is:

To provide 1,400 motel-based crisis shelter nights for 200 men, women (and their children) who are escaping domestic and/or sexual violence.

AAI plans to implement as soon as funding is available and continue providing motel-based shelter services on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

B. Resources

1. Identify current funding sources for the Project and characterize each funding source listed as either a one-time-only or long-term funding source.

AAI has received funding from the Department of Economic Security as well as the Department of Public Safety (both long time funding sources) for a routine amount of motel-based crisis shelter services. As a result of COVID, and COVID quarantining requirements in congregate settings, AAI has utilized one-time COVID related funding for significantly more motel-based crisis shelter services than our regular sources have ever provided. Unfortunately, AAI is no longer receiving COVID related one-time funding to cover these extraordinary, yet ongoing expenses.

2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating in or contributing to the Project, but which are not funding sources, and describe their roles or contributions.

Over 4 decades, AAI has developed strong relationships within Pinal County, such as with local motels, such as Holiday Inn and Mainstay. Without motel-based emergency shelter, victims may become homeless. AAI has strong representation in the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness, participating in regular Coalition meetings. To ensure victims do not become homeless and are safe as they participate in the program, AAI has had a long standing relationship with CAHRA (Community Action Human Resources Agency), the Pinal County Housing Authority, CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse), AZ@Work, local food banks, local law enforcement, Central Arizona College, behavioral health organizations such as the Pinal Hispanic Council, Horizon Health & Wellness, CBI, Urgent Care providers, hospitals, and Community Health Centers, schools, dentists, Pinal County's Family Advocacy Centers, Banner's SANE (Sexual Assault Nursing Exam) program, automotive repair shops, etc.

AAI's Deputy Director is a member of the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCOC) Governance Advisory Board (GAB), the Gab's JEDI Committee (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion), the Chair of the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness (LCEH) and is a co-lead representing the Pinal County at BOSCOC Leads Meetings. These positions allow AAI robust communication, support and assistance from the AZ Department of Housing, members of the GAB and LCEH, and the AZ Housing Coalition.

Another Director at AAI is a board member of a local animal rescue and has started collaborations to further expand foster homes within our Animal Safe Home Network, referrals to AAI services and making animal-based therapeutic like options available to the individuals and families served at AAI. These collaborations will be instrumental in addressing concerns for pet safety while receiving motel-based shelter and providing additional opportunity for trauma healing for survivors.

3. Define the Project as a new or continuing project or a purchase. Provide information about how the Project will be sustained or the purchase will be maintained after the grant funding is exhausted.

This project is a “Continuing” project. A large amount of motel-based crisis shelter stays were funded by one-time COVID related funding. Although in general, Pinal County is “opening up” in response to COVID, AAI’s shelters are congregate settings where COVID is still very present and very much a risk, making COVID related quarantines extremely necessary and preventative of large-scale infection. Based on COVID related trending, AAI hopes that motel-based crisis shelter services will not be needed after this funding period, and motel-based shelter stays will go back to rates prior to COVID. Our projection is that additional funding will not be needed for motel-based shelter services after this funding period.

4. AAI has received the following funding from other Arizona Tribes in the last 5 years:

- Tohono O’odham: 12/28/21: \$24,542.70 for Air Scrubbers for AAI facilities as well as Security System
- Ak-Chin: 02/20/20: \$39,939.63: Computer Workstations
- 06/24/21: \$24,542.70: Air Scrubbers for AAI facilities as well as Security System

C. Reports. Approved grantees must report back to the Community about the use of all grants. Outline how your organization will account for and manage the funding if selected. Describe how Project progress and results will be tracked and documented.

When an individual or family needs motel-based crisis shelter services, an AAI staff will submit a Purchase Request to their supervisor. The supervisor will verify that funding is available. If funding is available, the Purchase Request will be approved. Once approved, the Finance Department will make arrangements with the motel. Once paid, the Finance Manager will obtain documentation of stay from the motel and enter the expense and number of bed nights into QuickBooks. Documentation of services for individuals in motel based shelter will be documented in Osnum, AAI’s database. To obtain information regarding progress and results, reports can be generated from both QuickBooks and Osnum.

D. Budget. Provide a budget, including justification, that supports the request in the Application. Provide an estimated timeline for when funds will be expended.

AAI’s budget consists of one line item:

Motel Expenses	Bed nights	Budget Narrative/Justification
\$211,656	1,400	Based on an average of \$151.18 per night stay

E. Additional information. Please provide any additional information about the Project or the Applicant organization that the Ak-Chin Council should know when considering the Application.

VOCA, one of our major funding sources, has been threatened by a 55% funding cut nationwide. Although Arizona is reallocating line items in the state budget to make VOCA funds “whole,” it will likely not include any additional funds for items such as motel-based shelter services, at least not to the extent that we will be needing these services this year.