



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: Gila River Indian Community, Office of Special Funding

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: April 1, 2024, 5:00 pm

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: Regional Fire & Rescue Department, Inc.

Contact person/title: Fire Chief Steven W. Kerber, CFEI, HMT

Email address: steven.kerber@regionalfire.org

Address: 7951 W. McCartney Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85194-7417

Project name: Fire Equipment, Fire Apparatus and Fire Station Maintenance Support

Amount being requested: \$158,485.00

Project summary: Regional Fire is requesting assistance to replace obsolete breathing apparatus and firefighting equipment, maintain and repair fire apparatus and maintain the fire station.

Beneficiaries: Businesses, residents and motorists we serve within unincorporated Pinal County.

Supervisor District: District #3 Supervisor Stephen Miller

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.

Steven W. Kerber, Fire Chief/Paramedic

Director name and signature



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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 3/15/2024	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County, Arizona	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Chairman Mike Goodman	
4. Mailing Address: Post Office Box 1348	
5. City: Florence	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85132
6. Acknowledgement of Submission by Authorized Municipality Representative: Typed Name/Title: Heather Patel, Grants Manager Email Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov Signature:	
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, Inc.	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit 📄 If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Steven W. Kerber Title: Founder, Fire Chief/Paramedic	
10. Phone Number: (520) 723-4680 x102	
11. Mailing Address: 7951 W. McCartney Road	
12. City: Casa Grande	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85194-7417
13. Email Address: steven.kerber@regionalfire.org	Website Address: www.regionalfire.org
Project Information	
14. Project Name: FIRE EQUIPMENT, FIRE APPRATUS & FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE SUPPORT	
15. Purpose of Grant: Support Firefighters fiscal needs with prioritized capital purchases	
16. Priority Funding Area	Public Safety
17. Annual amount requested	\$158,485.00
18. Number of years that funding is requested	One Year (FY2024-FY2025)
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$158,485.00 One Year
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	2014: \$97,500; 2016: \$140,000; 2018: \$205,132; 2022: \$153,895
21. Geographic area served	Unincorporated Pinal County, South of Coolidge, North of Eloy, surrounding Casa Grande, (>100 Miles) of State Hwy, 84, 87, 287, 387 and 26 Miles of Interstates 8, and 8 Miles of Interstate-10

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<input type="checkbox"/> Approval – Amount/Term		<input type="checkbox"/> Denial



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Narrative

Please structure your proposal to provide the following information in the order indicated. Provide the narrative in paragraph form in the text field provided. Please be thorough but strive for brevity.

1. Briefly describe your organization's history, mission and goals.

For the past 29 years, Regional Fire has been the primary emergency services provider for unincorporated areas of Central and Western Pinal County, Arizona. We are not taxpayer-funded, but a non-profit organization that is supported by a minority of Commercial and Residential Subscribers who pre-pay an annual fire subscription fee for service from our fire department. We are not funded by any local taxes, endowments or donations whatsoever. We have no central identity (within a City or Town) because we are not identified to any particular community. We serve unincorporated areas surrounding the City of Casa Grande, South of Coolidge and North of Eloy that have several community enclaves which includes, three RV Parks and single-family site built housing amongst open desert stretches that encompass local farms, solar farms, a power plant and farm fields or open desert areas. Our population base is 8,500 to 10,000 due to the upswell of winter visitors who reside in the local RV Parks which add to our resident population from October to May each year. Our call volume in 2021 was 560 calls. In 2022 our call volume was 517 calls. Our call volume in 2023 has increased by 278 additional calls with a 2023 total of 795 calls for service. This is an increase of 53% overall. This is increasing the workload of our emergency apparatus, and thus increasing mileage, mechanical repairs and fuel costs into our additional and unfunded overhead costs.

We employ a Fire Chief and three Shift Leaders (full-time). Approx. 17 of our Reserve Firefighters assist these shift leaders with coverage as a Second and occasionally Third (scheduled) Firefighter on shift. Our Reserves work from 2 to as many as 10 shifts per month in a part-time capacity. They are compensated by a Shift Stipend of \$100 to \$260 per 24 hour shift depending upon qualifications and certification levels (EMT or Paramedic) plus pay-per-call.

FINANCIAL NEED:

Our annual budget is derived from home and business owner "Subscriptions" totaling \$685,844 in 2023. This amount barely covers our basic daily overhead (to include water, gas, trash, truck payments, electricity, fuel, workers comp, health insurance, liability insurance, unemployment and payroll) of which our payroll consumes 60% of our total revenue. Our fire apparatus and the associated maintenance and repairs, are costly with a total of \$52,579 expended in 2023 which was partially funded by GRIC 2022-23.



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An increase in call volume experienced in 2023 of 795 calls for service, if it continues, will definitely take its toll as far as wear-and-tear upon our apparatus and the preventive maintenance, service and repair demand will increase with the mileage.

2. To determine eligibility for this grant, if the applying organization is non-municipal or non-profit, please describe your relationship with the supporting municipality, how this project will benefit the municipality, and the municipality's role in this project, if applicable. If the applying organization is a municipality or a municipal subdivision please enter the text "Not applicable" and go to item 3.

Since 2012, Regional Fire gained recognition from the Pinal County Board of Supervisors (BOS) when they transitioned from a 3-person to the 5-person Board. They recognized and acknowledged our need for financial support through Grants and have continued their unwavering support. They have seen first-hand the improvements that have been made in direct success of the support received, by two members of the Board of Supervisors (specifically District #3 BOS Stephen Miller and District #4 Chairman Jeffrey McClure). They have visited the station to view the improvements that the Gila River Indian Community has made possible. Although Pinal County Government has no responsibility to provide unincorporated areas with fire protection services, they have recognized the need to support Regional Fire & Rescue Department, who is the only alternative for service to their constituents in this area. We have proven our value in the communities we serve, through appropriate management of our responsibility in the administration of previous grants and our diligence in serving the unincorporated communities and the motoring public.

3. Describe the proposed project, objectives, and your plan to implement.

Our highest priority and targeted goal in this opportunity is to fund the urgently needed replacement of firefighting equipment and breathing apparatus we have been unable to replace through other sources, such as in previous attempts with FEMA AFG (FY2021 & FY2022) or Ak-Chin (FY-2022 & FY2023). Firefighter Breathing Apparatus or SCBA are presently 17 years old and nearing obsolete status, as parts are becoming scarce. They were purchased in a FEMA AFG in 2007 and are NFPA 2002 compliant which is more than three, going on four NFPA cycles old. New SCBA with (2) tanks each frame will cost over \$260,000.00, therefore we will be choosing a more cost-effective alternative by purchasing "reconditioned" SCBA meeting NFPA 2013 standards and include new harnesses, facemasks and new air tanks. These Eighteen units will have a limited lifetime warranty and will cost \$56,290.00 with no taxes and free shipping.



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We have a fire equipment replacement package (as quoted from a local vendor) to replace critical fire equipment items on both of our frontline fire pumpers. These items were also purchased 17 years ago through the same FEMA AFG (FY-2006) and purchased in 2007. As such, water supply hoses (4" Supply Line), firefighting hoses (1.75" Attack Lines), firefighting nozzles, appliances and equipment must be replaced before we experience a catastrophic failure on a fire. This includes the replacement of an Atmospheric Gas Meter and obtaining a tank of Calibration Gas along with (12) Firefighter Boots (UF est. \$53,618).

Our fire apparatus and the associated repairs, maintenance and pump repairs are costly and the total of \$52,579 was spent in FY2022 and \$49,936 was spent in FY2023. Unexpected contingencies include the recent replacement of the pump mechanical seal in 2023 of which one of our fire apparatus required \$16,424 to effect this repair. A second apparatus required \$11,399 to replace the mechanical seal and rebuild valves surrounding the pump, also in 2023. Both of these repairs were assisted by utilizing 2022-23 GRIC grant funds in the "apparatus maintenance & repairs" category. An increase in call volume by 53% will increase the financial demand to service and repair our fire apparatus. Therefore as part of an ongoing project, we wish continue to reserve funding to cover these additional costs anticipated (\$30,000). Maintenance and repairs of Staff vehicles and these emergency apparatus includes any needed tire replacements, brakes or systems repairs required upon them during the grant period of performance. This funding provides needed relief upon our operational budget for funding of costly overhead expenses, as previously described.

In the Station Maintenance category, we must seal coat the roof of the Fire Administration Building and replace 25-30 of the interior acoustic ceiling tiles due to water damage (est. \$7652). Our Firefighter living quarters also needs to be re-roofed as storm damage has taken its toll on the condition of the roof and roof shingles are missing entirely as they have been blown off and exposing the wood roof sheeting (est. \$5,000). We are requesting \$3,000 for continued maintenance of electrical, lighting, cooling and ventilation of the new Fire Apparatus Bay Building provided by GRIC in FY-2016 & FY-2018. Interior and Exterior LED lights, bay doors, ventilation and two large swamp coolers require continual maintenance and repairs throughout the summer months. We are also requesting funding to Seal Coat and Restripe our existing front parking lot (est. \$2925).



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4. Describe how the proposed project satisfies one or more of the priority funding areas identified by the Gila River Indian Community.

Priority: "Health Care & Public Safety" Regional Fire & Rescue Department is a grass-roots organization that began with very little to speak of 29 years ago. We began with this double wide manufactured home and a 40' x 60' open sided shade canopy with gravel floor from 1995 to 2017 when our second GRIC grant afforded us the opportunity to construct an enclosed fire apparatus bay building. Under the "Healthcare" funding priority, RFRD provides Fire Based EMS to our communities with Certified EMTs and Paramedics with direct patient care while assisting in improving the overall health of our residents in our local communities. Funding to Public Safety affords many things to name a few: Fire apparatus, Training, Equipment and continued maintenance of facilities and equipment. This funding strengthens a communities first responders and will provide funding to replace obsolete fire equipment. The support we receive increases our response readiness and ensures the community that a well-equipped firefighting force is being adequately managed, maintained and supported. We hope the Gila River Indian Community will support us on this request in the continued care of our facilities and to continue the momentum in establishing a safe, hazard free environment for our firefighters!

5. Identify the needs/problems to be addressed, target population and number of people to be served by the project.

Regional Fire & Rescue serves the unincorporated areas of Central Pinal County and provides the public service fire suppression and rescue services to over 8,500 residents (and small businesses) in the unincorporated areas of the county. During the winter months, that number can swell to as many as 10,000 with the population of three of the area RV Parks outside of Casa Grande city limits. We serve all residents and motorists regardless of Subscription status and receive no taxpayer funding or endowments in support of our operations. We began applying to the tribal communities for grant assistance in 2014 in hopes of obtaining funding for facility improvements, replacement of fire apparatus and to meet our equipment needs.

We are a non-profit, public charitable organization which is cooperating in this request with local government (Pinal County) in this application as a Grant-in-aid/Fiscal Agent, required for eligibility for this opportunity.



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6. Define the project as a new or continuing program. Has GRIC previously funded this project?

GRIC has supported Regional Fire & Rescue and our ongoing improvements, maintenance, equipment purchases, vehicle replacements and repairs that have been ongoing since these grants have been received in 2014, 2016, 2018 & 2022. We have continued the maintenance and improvements to the new Fire Apparatus Bay Building provided by GRIC in FY-2016 & 2018, as wish to continue the improvements and maintenance funding in FY 2024 to include roof repairs to other buildings on fire station property.

7. Provide a brief timeline including start and finish dates. Indicate if the timeline is flexible.

The timeline is within your fiscal year, from time of award (approx.) 10-31-2024 to 11-1-2025. Considering the funding required to make immediate repairs to buildings to prevent further water damage, this would be completed as a first priority as soon as funding was made available. Fire apparatus repairs, fire equipment purchases, and improvements upon our facility are definitely ongoing projects that will be completed throughout the grant period. We greatly appreciate the assistance the Gila River Indian Community has provided us thus far and we are eager for the opportunity to host a visit to be able reveal the improvements we have made since your last visit on July 27th 2018.

8. Identify other organizations, partners or funders participating in the project and their roles.

Pinal County Government is a partner in the approval as our "pass-thru organization" in this request. Other partners include the motoring public, our fire protection Subscribers and residents of the unincorporated county areas that receive our services.

9. Would you be able to implement the proposed plan if your organization received partial funding for this project?

We would accept partial funding to meet our highest prioritized needs. SCBA replacement and fire equipment itemized for replacements are the highest priority along with roof repairs. We have prioritized the our needs in the Budget Details Section of this proposal in case this option was to be exercised by the committee. However all of our wishes listed in this proposal are needs vs. wants. They all hold a high priority in replacing aged breathing apparatus (SCBA), our fire equipment, supply and attack hoses, nozzles, as well as the efforts to preserve, maintain and to protect our facilities and on-site buildings. All share an equal priority from our viewpoint.



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10. Describe your plan for project financial sustainability beyond the grant period. If this is a program/project previously funded by the Gila River Indian Community describe efforts made towards the previously described sustainability plan.

Unincorporated Pinal County residents have relied upon Regional Fire & Rescue Department for their fire protection and Rescue/EMS needs for the past 29 years. RFRD is the primary fire service provider for the unincorporated Pinal County area in the Casa Grande Valley. We are partners in County Wide "all risk" mutual aid and a mutual aid (IGA) partner with the Gila River Fire Department. Despite the occasional City annexation from Eloy, Coolidge or Casa Grande, this facility will always serve as a Fire Station in service to the unincorporated community, until or unless we are superceded by a future annexation. Exceptional growth, expansion of Interstate-10 and businesses like LUCID Motors, Kohler, Nikola, Proctor & Gamble as well as other corporations moving to the Casa Grande Valley will increase the demand for homes and residency in the area. We have already seen custom home growth in the immediate area that has not quite yet translated into a dramatic increase in revenue or the number of Subscribers. Our Subscription fee is only voluntary and occasionally insurance companies motivate homeowners when an insurance company finds out their insured is not a Subscriber. They are sometimes mandated to subscribe or face the alternative of cancellation of the insurance policy. So we wait patiently for these new homeowners to be motivated to Subscribe in support of their fire protection.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

We will document all expenditures on a Spread Sheet with the items purchased or funds expended following grant award and funds being available over the course of the Grant Award period or to October 2025.

12. Indicate any application to and/or awards made by a tribe other than the Gila River Indian Community for state shared revenues for this and any other project for the past five (5) years. If this information is included in a separate attachment, please indicate that here.

FY-2019 AK-CHIN – Our Design and build of a new fire apparatus utilizing a used chassis with low mileage. In early 2020, RFRD contracted with Missouri Fire Apparatus after receiving a grant from Ak-Chin for \$160,000.00. We sold a 1996 Freightliner 2000 gallon water tender for \$35,000.00 and added it to the new truck fund, ultimately paying \$196,000.00 for this new delivery. In March of 2021, a 2010 International Pumper, 1250 GPM with pump-and-roll, extended bumper with bumper turret, hose cabinet, master stream



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(deck gun) on top and designed with a large capacity booster tank of 1,500 gallons of water and 25 gallons of foam, was delivered. The fire engine we retired was a 1995 Pierce Dash Pumper which we donated in an effort to “pay it forward” was to the Queen Valley Fire District whereby the Ak-Chin grant ultimately benefitted two fire departments in our donation of that fire truck.



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Project Budget

Budget Period: October 31, 2024 through November 1, 2025

For each budget item listed here please provide a narrative description on the following Project Budget Detail page.

Proposed Budget Expense (list each budget item)	Amount requested from GRIC	Amount requested or secured from other sources	In Kind contributions	Total Budget
1. (18) Refurbished MSA M7XT SCBA 2013 NFPA with New Tanks & Masks	\$56,290.00	\$0	\$0	\$56,290.00
2. Fire Equipment replacement package	\$53,618.00	\$0	\$0	\$53,618.00
3. Fire Apparatus Maintenance & Repair Category (Contingency funds)	\$30,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$30,000.00
4. Snow Coat the Fire Administration Building Roof & replace acoustic tiles	\$7,652.00	\$0	\$0	\$7,652.00
5. Re Shingle the Firefighter Living Quarters Roof (Cavco Mobile Home)	\$5,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$5,000.00
6. Building/Parking lot maintenance	\$5,925.00	\$0	\$0	\$5,925.00
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14. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$158,485.00	\$0	\$0	\$158,485.00



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Project Budget Detail

Please provide a narrative description for each of the project budget items listed on the previous page. Include the dollar figure and how it was derived.

1. Firefighters are in need of replacement Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Our SCBA were purchased 17 years ago through a FEMA AFG Grant in FY2006 and purchased in FY2007 post award. We have applied to FEMA for replacement of this SCBA three times and have continued to be denied support for this funding. Therefore we are seeking a "lower cost alternative" in purchasing reconditioned NFPA 2013 SCBA with New Tanks in order to replace our 17 year old (NFPA 2002 Version) SCBA. The reliability and sustainability is in jeopardy as the units are in need of costly repairs and parts on becoming obsolete for these older units making repairs impossible. Our vendor, United Fire Equipment has been helping us rebuild units with used parts in order to pass annual flow testing and certification. The cost for (18) replacement units will be \$56,290 with no tax and free shipping. A written quote has been provided.
2. Fire Equipment replacements. Supply hoses and Firefighting Nozzles are 17 years old, last purchased through a FEMA AFG (FY2006) in 2007. We have been unable to replace these items and have added the need for a replacement Atmospheric Gas Meter, Calibration Gas, and Firefighting hoses as our supply hose is aged, dry rotted in spots throughout the hose with future reliability uncertain while in use as frontline supply line. Our Firefighters are in need of replacement nozzles, hoses and firefighting boots. This detailed listing is provided in the Quote received from United Fire equipment (UFEQ) for \$53,618. A written quote from United Fire has been provided.
3. Fire Apparatus Maintenance & Repairs. Our actual expenses under this category were \$52,579.00 in FY-2022 and \$49,936.61 in FY-2023. The repairs to the pumps on both of our Engines in FY2023 were completed thanks to the grant funding received from GRIC in FY-2022-2023. We are asking for funding support in FY-2024-25 to have a Fire Apparatus maintenance and repair contingency fund of \$30,000.00 to assist us with making needed repairs and conducting continued maintenance of our apparatus through October 2025 and ensuring these apparatus remain response ready and increase their continued reliability for the communities of which they serve. This amount was derived after evaluating prior expenditures under the vehicle maintenance & repair category from prior years 2022 & 2023 and allowances provided in support received by GRIC in prior grant funding such as FY2018 & FY 2022.
4. Fire Administration Building Roof replacement. Roof seal coating is required on the Fire Administration building as recent rains have proven that a lack of maintenance has caused water leaking (seeping) into the interior of the office requiring replacement of acoustic ceiling tiles. \$7,000.00 is needed to spray foam seal coating of the roof of this Modular Building that is 24' x 62' in size. Amazon offers (3) Acoustic Ceiling Tile packs (10 each) at \$217.41 each which totals



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\$652.00 and both items total \$7,652.00. A written quote has been provided. Our firefighters will provide the labor to replace the ceiling tiles following completion of the roof repairs.

5. Firefighter Living Quarters and Workshop Roof Repairs. The Firefighter Living Quarters Roof has also sustained recurrent storm damage blowing roof shingles off and exposing the wood sheeting surface of the roof to the elements. This roof must be resingled at a cost estimate of \$5000.00 and includes the smaller portion of the roof on the Workshop where shingles are missing there as well. A written quote has been provided.

6. Building Maintenance Funds. We are requesting \$3,000 for continued maintenance of electrical, lighting, cooling and ventilation of the new Fire Apparatus Bay Building provided by GRIC in FY-2016 & FY-2018. Interior and Exterior LED lights, bay doors, ventilation and two large swamp coolers require continual maintenance and repairs throughout the summer months. We are also requesting funding to Seal Coat and Restripe our existing front parking lot (est. \$2925). Our front parking area is in need of crack sealing and seal coating. It was seal last seal coated and re-stripped over four years ago with funding from GRIC FY-2018-2019 grant. We wish to maintain the good condition of our front parking lot and re-stripping of parking spaces and handicap zones at a cost of \$2,925.00. A written quote has been provided.

7. END OF BUDGET ITEMS...

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To ensure a complete application and proper submission please refer to the Grant Application Instructions.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JAN 11 2005

REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT
INC
C/O CARIANNE WESTON
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CASA GRANDE, AZ 85222-0000

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20-1533415
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Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
DECEMBER 31
Public Charity Status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 Required:
YES
Effective Date of Exemption:
JUNE 23, 2004
Contribution Deductibility:
YES
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
DECEMBER 31, 2008

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. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

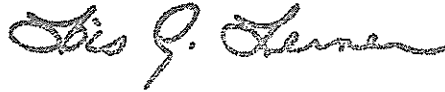
Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner".

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)
Form 872-C

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
EO Rulings and Agreements
P O BOX 2508
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Date of this notice: November 10, 2008
Notice Number: CP-158
Taxpayer Identification Number:
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Advance Ruling Period Ending Date:
December 31, 2008



REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPT
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For assistance, call:
1-877-829-5500

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Our records indicate that you were issued an advance ruling letter that treated you as a public charity, rather than a private foundation, during an advance ruling period that ends on the date indicated above. That letter required you to file IRS Form 8734 at the end of your advance ruling period to establish that you qualify as a public charity.

New IRS regulations changed the procedures governing your public charity status. You are no longer required to file Form 8734 at the end of the ruling period. The regulations also provide that donors can rely on your advance ruling letter with respect to your public charity status unless the IRS changes that status, based on the organization no longer meeting an applicable public support test, and publishes notice of the change.

If you have received Form 8734 from the IRS, please do not file it. Please keep your advance ruling letter along with this letter for your permanent records.

The regulations also changed the rules for computing public support, consistent with the redesigned Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. For more information regarding those rules and the redesigned Form 990, please see the IRS website at www.irs.gov/eo.