



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: Tohono O'odam Nation

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: June 7, 2024

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: Begin Again Homes

Contact person/title: Sheryl Bigelow, Executive Director

Email address: bah executive director @ yahoo. com

Address: 2200 N. Delaware Dr, #52, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Project name: Emergency Shelter

Amount being requested: \$20,000.00

Project summary: Emergency shelter services through hotel vouchers.

Beneficiaries: homeless

Supervisor 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.



Director name and signature



Address: PO Box 216, Apache Junction, AZ 85117

Phone: (480) 492-5309

Email: bahexecutivedirector@yahoo.com

Website: beginagainhomesaz.org

DATE: May 18, 2024

12Grants@tonation-nsn.gov

RE: Tohono O'odham Nation's Request for Proposal for the Arizona Revised Statute
5-601-02 12% Gaming Distribution

Begin Again Homes, Inc. (BAH) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization serving Apache Junction, Arizona. BAH was started by a small group of concerned citizens, each of whom are business owners, in Apache Junction, and who had independently developed a strong desire to help the growing number of homeless individuals and families in the city.

BAH aims to provide stable, safe and private housing at no-cost for a period not more than one calendar year, to members of the community who are currently homeless due to economic distress. Apache Junction does not have an emergency shelter available, section 8 housing continues to maintain a three to five year waiting period, and affordable housing is scarce. BAH provides medium term support to bridge the gap between the time a person loses shelter and the time at which they can establish a new home, thus halting what is commonly a rapid decline towards various other forms of unnecessary hardship.

The perceived need is the lack of a temporary emergency shelter in Apache Junction. An Emergency Shelter will provide a safe place to stay as well as the fill-in gap for people with approved housing vouchers who are waiting for final inspection on their permanent housing. This will help them achieve their goals of self-sufficiency. BAH will also help to reduce the strain on non-local emergency shelters. There is not currently any sort of shelter for the homeless members of our community in Apache Junction.

According to the 2023 Point In Time (PIT) count in Apache Junction, 91 homeless people participated. These individuals consisted of families, veterans, seniors, and disabled individuals. This is the population we are looking to serve with emergency shelter.

When no immediate shelter is available through BAH or other housing resources, BAH will pay for hotel stays for interims not to exceed one month, provided that certain criteria are met by the client.

BAH is proposing an emergency shelter utilizing temporary hotel stays at Motel 6 in Apache Junction. Eligibility criteria includes, but is not limited to, being homeless or at risk of homelessness, having a demonstrated need for supportive services, be willing to work with case managers to achieve the clients goals, have a verified housing voucher, be in the process of obtaining permanent housing and prove they are not currently battling any mental health or substance abuse issues. This will allow families and individuals with a safe place to stay and temporary housing. This will serve as the fill-in gap for people with approved housing vouchers who are waiting to achieve permanent housing including final inspections. These individuals will be able to gain access to further supportive services, employment opportunities and build a support network during this gap period.

BAH operated such emergency shelter throughout June-December 2023. During this time period, we resourced 23 people, provided a total of five (5) emergency shelter stays, and assisted in obtaining permanent housing for these five (5) individuals. The use of Motel 6 as the temporary emergency shelter was made possible through various donations from local businesses and community members.

If approved, the population who will benefit from this proposal are the homeless community in Apache Junction, AZ. This population will consist of seniors, families, individuals and veterans of the general public. This project is expected to have a significant impact on the homeless population in the city, and it will help to reduce the strain on emergency services.

The total project budget is \$20,000.00. The funding will be used to cover the motel fees through December 31, 2024 or longer depending on how many people utilize emergency shelter and the length of time such shelter is needed.

There have not been any other funding requests made for temporary emergency shelter for 2024.

Begin Again Homes, Inc. has not previously received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation or other Arizona tribes

The designated contact person is: Sheryl Bigelow, Executive Director, bahexecutivedirector@yahoo.com, (480) 492-5309, 2200 N. Delaware Dr, Lot 52, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. The fax number is: 1-877-435-0264.

The alternate contact person is: Terralle Moore, President,
Terrallemoore@icloud.com, (253) 376-0809, 462 E. 4th Ave., Apt 6, Apache Junction, AZ
85119.

This proposal falls under the category of Public Safety.

Begin Again Homes, Inc. is a nonprofit organization residing in Apache Junction,
Pinal County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Bigelow

Sheryl Bigelow, Executive Director

Filling Homes With Hearts & Filling Hearts With Hope



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BEGIN AGAIN HOMES INC
C/O MARGUERITE BERIZZI
2965 W TONTO
APACHE JUNCTION, AZ 85120

Date:
06/16/2023
Employer ID number:
92-2072676
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: (877) 829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
January 24, 2023
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053565005743

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.