



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

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: 03/31/25

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 Ochoa

Email address: maria-elenaocioha@against-abuse.org

Address: 119 N. Florence Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Project name: Motel Based DV/SV Crisis Shelter Services

Amount being requested: \$105,826

Project summary: Provide 700 motel-based crisis shelter services for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual violence when crisis shelter space is not available.

Beneficiaries: Supports public safety by providing motel-based crisis shelter services so that victims of domestic and/or sexual violence can flee to safety and not become homeless in the process of fleeing.

Supervisor District: Victims are served from all of Pinal County, including Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 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
Pat Griffen, Executive Director

CINCINNATI OH 45999-0038

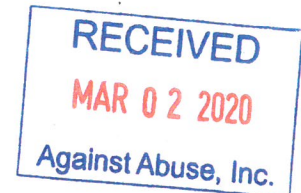
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PO BOX 10733
CASA GRANDE AZ 85130



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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.,

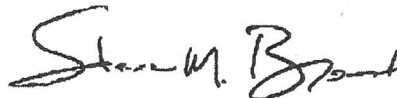
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local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Steve M. Brown, Operations Manager
Operations 3-CIN



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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 2/19/2025	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Stephen Miller, Board of Supervisors, Chair	
4. Mailing Address: PO 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: Against Abuse, Inc.	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit @ If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Maria-Elena Ochoa Title: Deputy Director	
10. Phone Number: 480.734.7496	
11. Mailing Address: PO Box 10733	
12. City: Casa Grande	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85130
13. Email Address: maria-elenaocioha@against-abuse.org	Website Address: www.against-abuse.org
Project Information	
14. Project Title: Motel-Based Crisis Shelter Services	
15. Purpose of Grant: Provide motel-based services for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence when crisis shelter space is not available	
16. Priority Funding Area	Public Safety
17. Annual amount requested	\$105,826
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$105,826
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	\$2019: \$58,250; 2017: \$99,990; 2014: \$100,000; 2013: 100,000; 2009-2011: \$250,000
21. Geographic area served	Pinal County

For Office Use Only:		
Data Entry	Receipt	Evaluation
☐ Approval – Amount/Term		☐ 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.

Against Abuse, Inc. (AAI) has been providing services for victims and survivors of domestic violence (DV) since 1981. In 1981, AAI started out by utilizing a Safe Home Network model, benefiting from the generosity and compassion of those who opened their homes to help victims escape violent relationships to safety. In 1986, AAI opened its first Emergency DV Shelter in Casa Grande, AZ, La Casa de Paz (The Home of Peace) serving women and children. In 2002, AAI opened its Animal Safe Home Network, realizing that often, survivors did not leave their abuser because they did not want to leave their pets with someone who may harm or kill them. In 2004, AAI opened its Transitional Housing program. Las Casitas (The Little Homes) to support those who chose not to return to a home where someone was choosing to abuse them. These survivors needed assistance as they transitioned into their own homes. In 2005, AAI opened its first community-based office in Casa Grande. Although the services have been office based, mobile services have also been provided based on the needs of individuals served. In 2009, AAI opened Arizona's first OVW funded formal Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange program, La Paloma Center (The Dove Center) to provide a safe place for victims of DV who have a child or children in common, to exchange their children with a former abusive partner. In 2012, AAI opened its second community-based office in the city of Maricopa. In 2014, AAI began providing supervised visitation and safe exchange services for families where the children have been legally removed, very often due to DV, abuse, neglect, or exploitation. In 2014, AAI opened La Casa de Paz – Maricopa, a DV shelter in the city of Maricopa. In 2017, AAI received funding and began providing services specifically for victims/survivors of sexual assault. In 2017, AAI restructured its shelters such that: 1) In Casa Grande, the large shelter is focused on serving victims of domestic and sexual violence who need crisis shelter services and the smaller shelter is focused on providing transitional housing services; 2) In the city of Maricopa, the shelter configuration has been divided so one half serves victims of domestic and sexual violence who need crisis shelter services and the other half serves survivors who need transitional living services. AAI has been an active partner in the preparation and presentation of both the Annual Pinal County DV Conference and the Annual Pinal County Child Abuse Prevention Conference.

AAI's mission is "To provide services, support and education to all who experience the effects of family dysfunction and/or violence, past and present." AAI serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking. AAI's philosophy is to provide trauma informed, culturally responsive services that are person and family centered, strength-based and choice driven. AAI's business philosophy focuses on the concepts of satisfaction,



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effectiveness, efficiency and access to services. Our goal is to: ensure that effective services make a positive impact on those we serve; to provide those services efficiently, making the most of available funding and resources; ensure those we serve to be highly satisfied with our services and supports; and those we serve have access to the services and supports they need in their journey towards survival and their new normal.

2. To determine eligibility for this grant please select one item in the drop-down below.

Non-Profit

If Municipal, please go to number 3 below.

If Non-Municipal or Non-profit, please describe how the services provided by your organization align with a government service of the supporting municipality. Explain how this project will support that service and describe the municipality's role in the project if applicable (beyond serving as a pass-through).

AAI works closely with the Pinal County driven Pinal Coalition to End Homelessness. Staff participate in bimonthly meetings focused on finding housing for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence. In addition, staff participate in monthly coalition meetings. Staff have provided training during these meetings for the coalition on the services provided by AAI as well as the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence. AAI also works with the Pinal County Health Department's Family Advocacy Centers as a referral source for individuals who have experienced sexual violence.

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

Fleeing domestic and/or sexual violence is a major factor contributing to homelessness. Typically, victims seek safety and housing within the shelter system. Since COVID, AAI's shelter capacity has been reduced by having one family or individual per room – AAI has adopted this as standard practice, with some exceptions (and high caution). 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.)



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We have always received minimal funding to provide motel-based shelter. Most COVID funding ended effective 12/31/22. Although there has been hope for a reduced need for motel placement, ongoing COVID numbers and increased referrals 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).

AAI's objective is:

To provide 700 motel based crisis shelter nights for 100 men, women (and their children) who are escaping domestic and/or sexual violence.

AAI plans to implement as soon as funding is available.

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

This project supports public safety by providing motel-based crisis shelter services so that victims of domestic and/or sexual violence can flee to safety and not become homeless in the process of fleeing.

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

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence (2018) "over 90% of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse," "Between 22 and 57% of all homeless women report that DV was the immediate cause of their homelessness." According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors (2007), "39% of cities cited domestic violence as the primary cause of family homelessness." The Arizona 2022 Unsheltered PIT Information table indicates that 244 household members were homeless in Pinal County, 104 of which were chronically homeless. In 2020, the Pinal County Attorney's Office Victim Services Division provided services to 2,265 victims of domestic violence. AAI considers victims of domestic and/or sexual violence homeless, as they have escaped to safety, away from their homes without a place to live. According to the AAI "Transaction Detail By Account Report" for July 2021-June 2022, AAI spent \$212,261 for 1,404 motel based crisis shelter nights.

The Target Population: men, women (and their children) who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence and are escaping their abuser.

Projected number of men, women (and their children) to be served in shelter based crisis services: 100



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

This is a continuing project and GRIC has not previously funded this project.

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

AAI anticipates spending these funds starting October 2025, based on when awards are made. AAI anticipates spending the funds during the course of 12 months after receipt of the funds.

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

Over 4 decades, AAI has developed strong relationships within Pinal County, such as with local motels, such as Holiday Inn, Mainstay. In addition, AAI has strong representation in the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness, participating in regular Coalition meetings, and combined Coordinated Entry/Case Conferencing/HMIS meetings. 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 (via A New Leaf), AZ@Work, local food banks, local law enforcement, Central Arizona College, behavioral health organizations such as 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. A Director at AAI recently became 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. This collaboration will be instrumental in addressing concerns for pet safety while receiving motel-based shelter and providing additional opportunity for trauma healing for survivors.

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

Yes. We understand that funding amounts fluctuate and, if awarded, will make adjustments in accordance with our award.



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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.

AAI is continuously seeking alternate funding for services provided, especially during a time when funding is in jeopardy at the federal level, and VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding was in jeopardy of being cut in half.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

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 payment arrangements with the motel. Once paid, the Finance Manager will obtain documentation of stay from the motel and enter the expense into QuickBooks.

Documentation of services for individuals in motel based shelter will be documented in Osnium, AAI's database. To obtain information regarding progress and results, reports can be generated from both Quickbooks and Osnium.

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.

Tohono O'odham: 12/28/21: \$24,542.70: 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



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Project Budget

Budget Period: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Proposed Budget Expense (list each budget item)	Amount requested from GRIC	Amount requested or secured from other sources	In Kind or matching contributions	Total Budget
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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	\$105,826	\$0	\$0	\$0



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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 attained.

1. \$105,826: 700 motel nights, at an average of \$151.18 per night, with a projected usage of 58 nights stay per month.

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