



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: March 31, 2025

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: Apache Junction Unified School District

Contact person/title: Larry Hill / Director of Facilities

Email address: larry.hill@goaj.org

Address: 1575 West Southern Avenue, Apache Junction AZ 85120

Project name: Peralta Trails Elementary Pickleball Court surfacing

Amount being requested: \$ 21,907

Project summary: Provide standard pickleball courts for Gold Canyon community by applying standard pickleball surfacing, nets and surrounding perimeter surface on existing cement play area at Peralta Elementary school to support the student education and community participation of this increasingly popular pickleball sport which brings together people while providing for healthy physical activity.

Beneficiaries: Apache Junction Unified School District & Gold Canyon Community

Supervisor District: District 5 – Jeff Serdy

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.

Larry Hill 1/29/25
Director name and signature



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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 1/28/2025	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Chairman Stephen Q. Miller	
4. Mailing Address: P.O. 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: Apache Junction Unified School District – Peralta Trails Elementary School	
8. Select Organization Type: Non-Municipal Public Service Org ☒ If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Larry Hill Title: Director of Facilities – Apache Junction Unified School District	
10. Phone Number: 602-228-4884	
11. Mailing Address: 1575 West Southern Avenue	
12. City: Apache Junction	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85120
13. Email Address: larry.hill@goaj.org Website Address: www.ajusd.org	
Project Information	
14. Project Title: Peralta Trails Elementary School Pickleball Court Surfacing	
15. Purpose of Grant: Provide Pickleball Court Surfacing and supporting nets and landscaping to support the expanding school and community growth of Pickleball as a way to enhance health and well being in Gold Canyon.	
16. Priority Funding Area	Healthcare
17. Annual amount requested	\$21,907
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1 year
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$21,907
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	Gold Canyon

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.

Apache Junction Unified School District's has been serving Apache Junction and Gold Canyon Communities since 1952. Apache Junction Unified School District's mission is to provide a world-class education that empowers students from kindergarten through 12th grade to become innovative scholars, college/career prepared, and compassionate global citizens. We are committed to fostering a dynamic learning community that cultivates intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for lifelong learning.

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

Non-Municipal Public Service

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).

The impacted amenities while owned by the Apache Junction Unified School district, are available for the broader Gold Canyon Community to enjoy. Pinal County Open Space, Trails & Regional Parks provides several neighborhood/community parks to support outdoor leisure and recreation for residents of all ages. However, there are no public Pickleball Courts in Gold Canyon despite being named the fastest growing sport in the US for several years. Pickleball is a multi generational sport bringing together communities in a way that supports both physical and mental well being which is aligned to Pinal County Open Space, Trails & Regional Parks objectives. Pinal County Open Space, Trails & Regional Parks will not have an active role in the execution of this project given the land is owned by the Apache Junction Unified School district, however, Pinal County residents will directly benefit from this project.

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



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The school and community pickleball courts are currently makeshift courts superimposed on an existing cement basketball courts. The objective of the project is to surface the courts with standard pickleball surfacing and provide durable portable nets so the courts can be used for both pickleball and basketball by both the school and the community.

To implement this, standard court surfacing would be applied to the cement with lines painted to support 3 Pickleball courts in addition to the 2 existing basketball courts. Durable nets would be purchased and landscaping surrounding the court would be enhanced to protect the new surface in order to ensure its longevity.

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

This project directly supports the GRIC funding area of Healthcare. Pickleball growth is rapidly growing within our community schools and surrounding neighborhoods. It promotes health in many important ways including physical fitness and mental health. The Gold Canyon school and community is lacking public pickleball courts to meet this growing demand – this project will support the overall health and well being of our students and community.

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

The need to be addressed is to provide Pickleball courts for the school and the community in order to provide facilities for this fast growing, multi-generational sport which provides physical activity in a fun and social manner resulting in a positive mental impact and community building for participants. The target population is the students of the Peralta Trails Elementary School (approximately 300 students) as well as the broader Gold Canyon Community of Pinal County (approximately 13,500 residents).

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

This is a new Project which has not been previously funded by GRIC.

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



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The overall project can be completed in 3 months. The timeline would commence with 1-2 of weeks of landscaping prep, followed by 3 weeks for the cement prep and court surfacing and lastly with the delivery of the nets. The timeline is flexible.

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

The Peralta Trails Pickleball club is partnering with the Peralta Trails Elementary school and the Apache Junction Unified School district to oversee the overall project.

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

It depends on the funding received. At a minimum, the school district would require \$13,500 to complete the sufacing project.

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.

The court surfacing is expected to have a minimum court life of 5 years. The life of the court would be extended by the included landscaping work to prevent rocks and debris being blown onto the court and scratching the surface. In addition, the semi-permanent nets included in the project are designed to be able to be moved without damaging the court surface. If the court needs repair in the future, the school would seek grants or donations from the community to fund the repairs.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

A project manager will be assigned to oversee the overall project. Regular project timeline and progress updates and budget tracking will be provided as required by GRIC and the Pinal County Sponsor.

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.

None



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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
1. Contrete Repair and Patchwork	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. Acrylic Surfacing with Pickleball court lines	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. Paint Basketball lines	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. 3 Rolling Nets	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
5. Rocks – 4 tons – delivered and placed	\$860	\$0	\$0	\$0
6. Liquid Rock Binder	\$504	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. Contingency – 5%	\$1,043	\$0	\$0	\$0
8. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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12. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$21,907	\$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. **Contrete Repair and Patchwork.** This cost is \$750. The purpose of this cost is to prepare the current cement surface to fill cracks and repair any irregularities prior to applying the court surfacing. This estimate was provided by Just Pickle Courts (justpicklecourts.com) – this is a vendor who specialized in court surfacing.
2. **Acrylic Surfacing with Pickleball court lines.** This cost is \$12,500. The purpose of this cost is to apply the Acrylic court surfacing including painting the court surface and adding the lines for the 3 pickleball courts. This estimate was provided by Just Pickle Courts (justpicklecourts.com) – this is a vendor who specialized in court surfacing.
3. **Paint Basketball lines.** This cost is \$750. The purpose of this cost is to re-apply the current basketball lines as the Acrylic surfacing will cover the existing lines. This is needed in order to maintain the existing basketball function of the courts as this will be a multi-purpose court supporting both basketball and pickleball. This estimate was provided by Just Pickle Courts (justpicklecourts.com) – this is a vendor who specialized in court surfacing.
4. **3 Rolling Nets.** This cost is \$6000 (\$2000 per net). The puropose of this cost is to supply moveable nets which can be rolled onto the pickleball courts during play and removed after pickleball play in order to retain the basketball function of the courts. This estimate was provided by Just Pickle Courts (justpicklecourts.com) – this is a vendor who specialized in court surfacing.
5. **Rocks – 4 tons – delivered and placed.** This cost is \$860. The purpose of this cost is to cover the gravel perimeter of the court wit half inch rock in order to prevent sand and rocks from blowing onto the court and damaging the newly applied court surfacing. The rock cost and delivery cost estimates are from AZ Rock Express (azrockexpress.com)
6. **Liquid Rock Binder –** this cost is \$504. The purpose of this cost is to apply binder to the gravel perimeter to prevent placed rock from blowing onto the court and damanging the court surface. The cost estimate is from Amazon.
7. **Contingency –** this cost is \$1,043. The purpose of this budget entry is to include a 5% contingency to cover potential price changes between initial quotes and project execution and to mitigate any other potential risks or unforeseen challenges which may arise.
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Other explanation: Click here to enter text.

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