



**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: Begin Again Homes, Inc.

Contact person/title: Sheryl Bigelow, Executive Director

Email address: bahexecutivedirector@yahoo.com

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

Project name: Keeping Families Housed: Eviction Prevention Program

Amount being requested: \$213,680.00

Project summary: To prevent homelessness by providing financial assistance and case management services to individuals and families at risk of eviction.

Beneficiaries: Seniors, families, disabled adults.

Supervisor District: 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.

Sheryl Bigelow

Director name and signature



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

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.



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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 1/17/2025	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Chairman Miller	
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: Begin Again Homes, Inc.	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit ☒ If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Sheryl Bigelow Title: Executive Director	
10. Phone Number: (480) 492-5309	
11. Mailing Address: 2200 N. Delaware Dr, Lot 52	
12. City: Apache Junction	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85120
13. Email Address: bahexecutivedirector@yahoo.com Website Address: beginagainhomes.org	
Project Information	
14. Project Title: Keeping Families Housed: Eviction Prevention Program	
15. Purpose of Grant: Preventing homelessness.	
16. Priority Funding Area	Healthcare
17. Annual amount requested	\$100,000.00
18. Number of years that funding is requested	Two years
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$213,680.00
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	Apache Junction

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.

Begin Again Homes, Inc. (BAH) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization serving Apache Junction, Arizona. BAH is a community housing service, emergency and other relief services organization as well as providing referrals and resources to the community of Apache Junction.

The mission is to prevent homelessness by providing financial assistance and case management services to individuals and families at risk of eviction.

The goal is to help participants maintain stable housing and improve their overall well-being with the proactive approach of preventing homelessness and strengthening the community as a whole.

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).

Eviction prevention programs and healthcare are closely aligned, especially in Pinal County, as both aim to improve the overall well-being and stability of individuals and families. Here's how they connect:

1. **Health and Housing Stability:** Stable housing is a critical determinant of health. Without a safe place to live, individuals are more likely to experience stress, mental health issues, and physical health problems. Eviction prevention programs help maintain housing stability, which in turn supports better health outcomes.
2. **Reduced Healthcare Costs:** By preventing evictions and keeping individuals in their homes, healthcare costs can be reduced. Homeless individuals often rely on emergency medical services, which are more expensive than preventative care. Stable housing allows for better access to regular medical care and preventative services.
3. **Community Health:** Eviction prevention contributes to the overall health of the community. When individuals have stable housing, they are less likely to spread communicable diseases and more likely to engage in healthy behaviors. This creates a healthier environment for everyone.



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By aligning eviction prevention with healthcare initiatives, Pinal County can create a more comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of its most vulnerable residents. This integrated strategy not only improves individual health outcomes but also strengthens the community as a whole.

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

The proposed project aims to prevent homelessness by providing financial assistance and case management services to individuals and families at risk of eviction. By addressing the root causes of eviction and offering comprehensive support, the program will help participants maintain stable housing and improve their overall well-being.

The Objectives are to provide financial assistance to cover rent arrears and provide case management services to address individual needs and connect participants with additional resources.

The plan is to partner with local agencies and organizations to identify individuals and families at risk of eviction; provide financial assistance to cover rent, employing case managers to develop an individualized support plan including budgeting, and connect participants with necessary resources.

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

The eviction prevention program will provide crucial support to individuals and families at risk of losing their homes. This proactive approach will not only prevent homelessness but also strengthen the community as a whole meeting the Healthcare priority funding area.

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

Eviction is a leading cause of homelessness in our community. Many individuals and families face eviction due to financial hardships, legal issues, or unforeseen circumstances. Without adequate support, these individuals are at risk of losing their homes and experiencing further instability. There is an urgent need for an eviction prevention program to provide the necessary resources and assistance to keep families housed.

The program will target individuals and families who are at immediate risk of eviction due to financial hardships, legal issues, or other circumstances. Priority will be given to households with children, elderly individuals and those with disabilities, serving a minimum of 40 households.



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

This is a new projected which GRIC has never funded.

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

October 25, 2025 – October 25, 2027 with flexibility

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

None

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

Yes.

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.

To ensure the program's sustainability, the organization will seek additional funding from government grants, private donors, and philanthropic organizations. The project will also explore opportunities for collaboration with other organizations to share resources and expertise.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

The success of the project will be measured through regular assessments of participants' progress, including their ability to maintain stable housing and access additional support services. Data will be collected through surveys, interviews, and case manager reports.

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: October 2025-October 2027

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. Financial assistance (rent)	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0	\$250,000.00
2. Staffing (case manger)	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$0	\$17,500.00
3. General Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$0	\$900.00
4. Postage	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$450.00
5. Copies	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$0	\$1,200.00
6. Printer	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$450.00
7. Laptop Computer	\$900.00	\$450.00	\$0	\$1,350.00
8. HMIS licensing	\$380.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$530.00
9. Notary Public	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$0	\$600.00
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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	\$213,680.00	\$59,300.00	\$0	\$272,980.00



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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 attained.

1. Financial assistance- rent: The rent assistance program will priotize households with seniors and familes in Apache Junction, providing up to \$5,000.00 in past due rental arrears, provided they can show proof of self-sustaining afterwards.
2. Staffing-case management: To ensure efficient adminstation, a dedicated case manager will be assigned being responsible for intake, eligibility verification and budgeting.
3. General office supplies, Postage and Copies: These are needed for general operations of the project.
4. Laptop and Printer: Each are needed for the project.
5. HMIS licensing: To remain current as the coordinated entry point in Apache Junction.
6. Notary Public: This is needed for the project.
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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.