

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Sponsorship/Support Form
Requesting Pinal County serve as the Fiscal Agent/Pass Through**

Entity Name of the Tribal Community: GRIC

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: 3/31/2025

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: Itty Bitty Bottle Babies inc.

Contact person/title: Mary Dondanville, Board Member

Email address: Ittybittyfedkittens@gmail.com

Address: P O Box 2253 Arizona City AZ 85123

Project name: Save 'Em All

Amount being requested: \$30,000

Project summary: Fund low-cost spay/neuter services for low income Pinal residents for both owned family pets and feral colonies

Beneficiaries: Low income residents and neighborhoods suffering an abundance of feral cat colonies

Supervisor District: District 3

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.

Catherine Ehninger Catherine Ehninger
Director name and signature

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 20 2020

ITTTY BITTY BOTTLE BABIES INC
C/O CATHERINE EHNINGER
9415 W SANTA CRUZ BLVD 2253
ARIZONA CITY, AZ 85123-1170

Employer Identification Number:
84-4562588
DLN:
26053490002210
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(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:
February 03, 2020
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

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.

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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 2/5/2025	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): 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: Itty Bitty Bottle Babies	
8. Select Organization Type: Non-profit If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Mary Dondanville Title: _____Board Member	
10. Phone Number: 407 760 8216	
11. Mailing Address: P O Box 2253	
12. City: Arizona City	State: Arizona
Zip Code: 85123	
13. Email Address: Ittybittyfedkittens@gmail.com	Website Address: Ittybittybottlebabies.com
Project Information	
14. Project Title: Save 'Em All	
15. Purpose of Grant: To support our ongoing mission to spay/neuter & find homes for abandoned kittens and to assist low-income clients to alter their pets. To assist with TNR to reduce feral cat population.	
16. Priority Funding Area (see guidelines)	Healthcare
17. Annual amount requested	\$10,000
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$10000
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	All of Pinal County

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.

IBBB was granted 501c3 status on 4/20/2020. Since that time, our 15 volunteers have fostered nearly 800 kittens. We alter them, chip them and guarantee they have shots and are in good health before arranging adoptions. We are the ONLY neo-natal kitten nursery in Pinal County, giving these tiniest felines a chance to thrive. We also host low cost spay/neuter clinics for our low-income residents in Pinal County. Our clinics also provide residents with low-cost TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) to reduce feral cat population.

2. To determine eligibility for this grant please indicate whether your organization is Municipal, Non-profit, or a Non-municipal partner.

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).

No government agency can staff to care for these infants. We work closely with Pinal County Animal Care and Control, City of Casa Grande and City of Eloy Animal Care and Control and Valley Humane Society. Their dedicated staff members often call on us to pull newborns from their shelters. We have never said no.

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

This grant would allow us to extend our reach and care for more kittens. We have the capacity right now to care for about 200 kittens annually. In 2024, nearly 300 passed through our doors.

4. Describe how the proposed project satisfies one or more of the priority funding areas identified by the Gila River Indian Community. We host several spay/neuter clinics each year and staff them with our volunteers. Our goal is to provide low-cost alterations to the low-income residents of Pinal County. Currently, a spay surgery at a veterinary hospital costs between \$300 and \$400. When a family is struggling to pay the rent, this is an unrealistic demand. Our providers, AsaVet Charities and Dr. Trina Neufeld's MASH mobile hospital, charge about \$100 per animal. We charge our residents about \$60, making up the rest of the cost with grants, adoption fees and donations. Our clinics are exclusively for cats owned by low-income families and for TNR cats. By hosting these clinics, we hope to help reduce the numbers of feral cats in Pinal County and help families keep their pets.

5.

No question

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

We are addressing a two-pronged problem. First, low-income families cannot afford to alter their animals. Some people allow their pets to roam, giving the pets ample opportunity to reproduce. Between 40 and 60 animals can be altered at each clinic. This helps to reduce the unwanted kitten population. We also educate owners to the dangers of allowing a pet to roam. Second, there is a growing problem of colony cats living in and around our towns. Providing education, traps and clinics also helps reduce the size of these colonies. Statistics show that if 40% of a colony is altered, the size of the group will remain stable.

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

This is a continuing program. We have never received funding from GRIC.

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

Our timeline is flexible. We usually schedule our large clinics in the cooler months. Our volunteers and the mobile clinic staff members are outdoors a lot during these events. October to April is safer for them, the clients and the animals. In addition, we attend mobile clinics in Maricopa to accommodate as many more clients as we can.

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

We contact PCACC, City of Casa Grande Animal Care and Control and the Valley Humane Society to take custody of the animals for which they are unable to care. Both PCACC and City of Casa Grande have provided locations for our clinics in the past. In addition, Cowboy Church in Casa Grande and Central Lutheran in Arizona City have and continue to welcome our clinics at their sites. We have received grants from the Bonnie Kay Foundation to fund veterinary care for our kittens. We have also received grants from Steven's Haven to help pay for clinics in the past.

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

We are dedicated to this project. The main limitation is funding. Should we receive partial funding, we will be limited in the number of clinics we can host. That said, we are grateful for any assistance we receive.

11. 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.

In the past, we have received grants and donations from other sources to fund our clinics. We continue to apply for grants from new sources.

12. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

We use ShelterLuv software and dedicated spreadsheets to document each clinic. We document the number of animals treated, names and contact information for each client, the

surgery and inoculations received by each animal and the associated costs. This, in turn, is reflected in the balance remaining of the associated grant. We provide quarterly detailed reports to each of our grant providers. We also tailor the information we gather to the requirements of each provider.

13. 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.

This is our first application to any tribe or nation.

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. Spay/Neuter service for 85 owned animal	\$3400	\$5100	Click here to enter text.	\$8500
2. Rabies @ \$18 per animal for 85 pets	\$1530	\$0	\$0	1530
3 Spay/Neuter service for 50 TNR	\$3500	\$1500	\$0	\$5000
4. Rabies @ \$18/animal for 50 TNR	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$900
5. FVRCP +C for 85 owned animals	\$680	\$1020	0	\$1700
6. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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10. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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 per year funded	\$10000	\$7620	\$	\$17620

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. Male and female surgeries involve differing costs. Male surgery is much simpler and faster with only one usual addition. Females require a more involved surgery which can involve several different additional costs. For instance, male surgeries are usually about \$60 with only a cryptorchid testicle increasing the cost. Females average about \$85 but being in heat, pregnant, or having an enlarged uterus can increase that figure. We have found over the past few years that averaging \$100 per surgery gives us an accurate cost estimate. Using that \$100 figure, we require the clients pay \$60. We are asking GRIC to fund the rest of the \$100 per animal cost.
2. Most of our clients do not avail themselves of veterinary services for the simple reason that they consider these costs discretionary spending. Our providers require rabies vaccinations at the clinics. Since the clients have very little money and rabies vaccinations are so important, we ask our grantors to absorb that cost.
3. The cost to spay or neuter a feral animal are the same as a pet. We have already purchased traps and show our clients how to use them effectively. We also loan these traps to our clients at no cost. Of the \$100 per animal for spay or neuter, we ask the client to pay \$30 for neighborhood TNR cats. We are asking GRIC to fund the remainder of the cost.
4. TNR animals must receive a rabies vaccination. These shots are \$18 per animal. We are asking GRIC to fund this cost.
5. FVRCP+C shots are \$20. Protecting as large a part of the animal population as possible helps protect all. Our clients pay \$12 toward the cost of the shot. We are asking GRIC to fund the remainder.
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