



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 Reservation

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: Maricopa Pantry

Contact person/title: Alice Shoaf, Vice President

Email address: vicepresident@maricopapantry.org

Address: 50881 W. Papago Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139

Project name: MVCC Community Church Complex Phase 2

Amount being requested: \$50,000

Project summary: Phase 2 of project, begin community center

Beneficiaries: Western Pinal County

Supervisor 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.



Director name and signature



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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 2/14/2025	
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 Administrator	
Email Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov	Signature:
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: Maricopa Pantry, Inc	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Alice Shoaf Title: Vice President Board of Directors	
10. Phone Number: 520-705-4812	
11. Mailing Address: 50881 W. Papago Rd.	
12. City: Maricopa	State: Arizona
Zip Code: 85139	
13. Email Address: vicepresident@maricopapantry.org Website Address: https://maricopapantry.org	
Project Information	
14. Project Title: MVCC Church Complex Phase 2	
15. Purpose of Grant: To begin the second phase of our Community Center Complex. Phase 1 was the Warehouse for Maricopa Pantry. Phase 2 is a building for the church and community programs.	
16. Priority Funding Area	Healthcare
17. Annual amount requested	\$50,000
18. Number of years that funding is requested	One year
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$50,000
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	Western 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.

Maricopa Pantry has served Maricopa and its surrounding communities, including rural areas, for 12 years. Our mission is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Our food distributions are weekly and provide food to 1700 – 2000 families every week. We also provide other community services through partnerships with organizations that supply Alcoholics Anonymous, free legal advice, housing/insurance counseling, and more. Our goals include providing the facilities needed for more services that have been requested: drug counseling and programs, veteran's services, healthcare services, and healthy meals programs, among others.

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).

While not in partnership with any government service, we align with county programs that promote individual, family, and community health, well-being, and self-sufficiency. Our distributions provide healthy food, while emergency supplies are kept available for District and County law enforcement, victim's advocates, and fire fighting services. Some families depend heavily on our food while others use the food to stretch their income dollars to cover other costs.

We provide some community programs help individuals overcome addictions and provide needed advice. Planned future programs include providing health monitoring and counseling, resume building and job hunting, services for veterans, and more - all geared toward building healthy and self-sufficient families. This builds stronger communities, lowering the need for government intervention in the health and welfare of their constituents.



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

The proposed project is the second building in our complex. It will be two-story, 40' x 60', with open space for meetings as well as smaller conference rooms. We hope to have permits in place by spring 2026, with the objective of groundbreaking in the summer of 2026. Our Project Manager is implementing the timeline by beginning the permit process with Pinal County Planning, even as we erect and finish Phase 1, which is the warehouse. Contractors are submitting proposals. We desperately need the space, storage, and efficiency that both of these buildings will give us.

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

Most of the food we distribute consists of fresh vegetables, fruits, and shelf-stable food. Fresh produce is pricey, and many families choose between purchasing proteins or produce because of the price of buying both. Shelf-stable foods are staple items that ensure full meals even when funds are short. Supplying both helps ensure families can make healthy and nutritious meals. Extra storage will allow us to store more emergency supplies, like water, allowing us to benefit community and county services even more in times of crisis.

The community center will diversify the other services we can offer, helping to treat their emotional and spiritual needs. We will be able to provide programs that provide concrete skills and basic needs, thus promoting healthier and more self-sufficient families.

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

Residential needs are many. They are largely rural or country properties, not close to town. Many are low income. They need help with legal services, medical services, and counseling that we can provide. We have professionals ready to teach skills in preparing resumes, job-hunting, and navigating interviews. We have businesses willing to begin apprenticeship and training programs. We have documented treatment programs for drug and alcohol abuse. The church, which will also use the building, is ready to help with spiritual needs. The target population is anyone who can benefit. Some specific populations include veterans, teens/young adults, those fighting addictions, and low income. We also serve a population of homeless and migrant workers.



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Because the services to be offered will be staggered and varied, and all such services are voluntary, it is impossible to gauge the number we can serve. Currently our building only holds 60 people. The Phase 2 building will hold nearly 300. We will be able to house many more at a time, and many different programs as well.

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

This is a continuing program building a new and permanent home. GRIC has not previously funded any part of this project.

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

We hope to have permits by spring 2026 and beginning building in summer of 2026. Building should be operational soon thereafter. This timeline is very flexible, depending entirely upon two things: the energy shown by Pinal County Planning, and available funds.

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

Mountain View Community Church (MVCC) shares the property, the vision, and the workload. They currently hold funds of approximately \$150,000 toward this project. McS Charitable Foundation of Scottsdale, AZ is a partner foundation. They have donated substantially toward Phase 1, donate quarterly for operating expenses, and have promised recurring support. The Ak-Chin Indian Community support us with grants and gifts, and promotion. Harrah's Casino and Ak-Chin Circle support us with sponsorships and fundraisers. Home Depot, Exceptional Health, Banner Health, MUSD School system, and many local businesses and organizations support us with fundraisers and sponsorships. Pinal County BOS has donated to Phase 1, and I believe will also donate to Phase 2. In addition, we are an Arizona Charitable Tax Donation and receive donations that way.

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

We will implement Phase 2 regardless of the support received by this grant. However, any portion of the requested grant brings us to the goal more quickly.



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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.

Building all phases of the Church Complex is the expensive part. Aside from funds toward the Complex, we receive enough donated funds to cover our overhead and see no reason that will change. We enjoy amazing support from local businesses, organizations, and individuals who believe in our mission and our work. In addition, we have several foundations and grant programs who support us regularly, like McS, Frontstream, Maricopa Lion's Club, and Shiloh Church of Maricopa. MVCC is also prepared to provide additional operating funds for expenses we have not experienced yet, like the added cost of electricity.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

Maricopa Pantry conducts quarterly meetings and progress is documented. Meeting minutes will be available. In addition, the vice-president is prepared to provide progress reports as needed.

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.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Prop 202 Grant, 2023 (distributed January 2024) \$89,000.00.

Ak-Chin Indian Community, February 2024 – an additional \$31,000.00.

Ak-Chin Indian Community, Prop 202 Grant, 2024 (Soon to be received) \$37,780.04.



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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. permits, plans, drafting	\$	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
2. foundation, concrete	\$50,000	\$	\$10,000	\$60,000
3. two story building	\$0	\$220,000	\$20,000	\$240,000
4. interior finish, beautification	\$0	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$40,000
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12. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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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	\$50,000	\$260,000	\$50,000	\$360,000



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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. Some work is already completed toward site plans and building permits. Drafting fees, architectural drawings, and other needed permits. Expert volunteer assistance has been offered.
2. Concrete foundation and groundwork, 60' x 80', is estimated at approximately \$60,000. We have in-kind contributions in the form of donated labor.
3. 40' x 60' wooden structure, two story, is estimated at approximately \$240,000. We have around \$150,000 secured, and the rest will be supplied by grants and donations including in-kind donations.
4. We will need to install ADA approved restrooms, doors with sindows on conference rooms, a small kitchen, etc. We expect to receive small grants and in-kind contributions for these expenses.
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Other explanation: Click here to enter text.



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

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

JUL 12 2017

MARICOPA PANTRY INC
4660 N HIDDEN VALLEY RD
MARICOPA, AZ 85139-0000

Employer Identification Number:
81-3081927
DLN:
26053586001567
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 17, 2016
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.

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.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.