



**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

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: Pets In Need Action League

Contact person/title: Lynda A Nesbitt

Email address: info@pinalpets.org

Address: PO Box 12813 Casa Grande AZ 85130

Project name: Spay-Neuter Assistance/Rabies Vaccination Project

Amount being requested: 10,000\$

Project summary: Provision of free spay-neuter and free rabies vaccinations to the dogs and cats of low-income/underserved residents of Pinal County

Beneficiaries: Low income/underserved pet owners throughout the county

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.

Lynda A Nesbitt

Director name and signature



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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 1/29/2025	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Stephen Q Miller -Chairman BOS	
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 Pate, Grants Administrator Email Address: Heather.Patel@pinal.gov Signature:	
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: Pets In Need Action League	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit  If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Lynda A nesbitt Title: President	
10. Phone Number: 520-582-0299	
11. Mailing Address: PO Box 12813	
12. City: Casa Grande	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85130
13. Email Address: info@pinalpets.org Website Address: www.pinalpets.org	
Project Information	
14. Project Title: Spay-Neuter Assistance/Rabies Vaccination Project	
15. Purpose of Grant: provision of free spay-neuter and rabies vaccinations to the dogs and cats of low-income/underserved Pinal County residents	
16. Priority Funding Area	Project does not fall within these categories
17. Annual amount requested	\$10,000.00
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$10,000.00
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

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.

Pets In Need Action League (P.I.N.A.L.) was established in 2013 with the long-term, primary goal of reducing the intake (and by extension, euthanasia) of dogs and cats in Pinal County, Arizona open-admission animal shelters through the taking of an organized, proactive and multi-faceted approach to the issues of: (a) pet overpopulation; and (b) the surrender of animals to shelters because of financial hardship on the part of pet owners. To work toward attainment of the stated primary goal, the organization initially established three major programs under the umbrella heading of the "Never Surrender" initiative; these are detailed below. The organization's mission is to eliminate euthanasia as a means of controlling pet overpopulation in Pinal County by building collaborative partnerships, providing essential services, and creating fundamental programs. Organizational goals include: reduce animal shelter intake and euthanasia by taking an organized, pro-active and multi-faceted approach to the issues of pet overpopulation and owner surrender to shelters; establish and fund pet retention, educational, and spay/neuter programs and services

Pets In Need Action League is the ONLY organization (non-or-for profit) in the County that offers: a formal, ongoing spay-neuter public assistance program; a formal, ongoing free pet food public assistance program; and a formal, ongoing humane education program for county children ("Canines With Class"). Both the Spay-Neuter and Pet Food Bank programs are available to financially disadvantaged/under-served residents of Pinal County, who must formally apply, and are selected for participation based upon demonstration of need in accord with established criteria (e.g., applicants for our assistance program must submit proof of receipt of some form of public assistance, such as AHCCCS, WIC, Medicaid, etc OR fall under the AZ Dept of Economic Security Income Eligibility Guidelines /Low-income residents are defined as individuals living at or under 150% of the federal poverty level.)

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.



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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).

It has been well documented that spay-neuter campaigns work to humanely reduce animal overpopulation in the area(s) in which they are conducted. Reducing shelter intake from the county as a whole (especially through the provision of "high value" spay-neuter surgery assistance to low income/underserved pet owners who would likely never be able to afford the surgical cost without assistance) helps to reduce the likelihood of needing to conduct euthanasia at the Pinal County Animal Care and Control and City of Casa Grande Animal Care and Adoption Center open admission shelters simply to create space in which to house animals incoming as a result of over-population. ("Because of the powerful impact of birth rates on population dynamics, even a small change in birth rates can make a dramatic difference in... euthanasia rates." Frank, J. "An Interactive Model of Human and Companion Animal Dynamics: The Ecology and Economics of Dog Overpopulation and the Human Costs of Addressing the Problem"; <http://www.carodog.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/interactivemodelhuman2.pdf>)

Additionally, a county-wide spay-neuter program: (1) potentially reduces taxpayer expense for animal control services; (2) reduces animal-related complaint calls to police and animal control; and (3) provides the community with the reduction in risks to public health and safety that is associated with reducing animal overpopulation. (All: ASPCA Pro: <https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/spayneuter-outreach-promotion-public-funding-starting-program/cost-savings-publicly-funded>)

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

This **project** will provide access to free spay-neuter surgeries and free rabies vaccination (if desired by the client) for the dogs and cats of low income/underserved residents of Pinal County on a monthly basis. These services will be furnished by our collaborating veterinary services providers (ASAvet Charities; MASHvet; AZ Vet Direct, all mobile veterinary providers.) The **objectives** of the program are: (1) to reduce overall animal overpopulation in Pinal County and the resultant need for euthanasia in county open admission animal shelters; (2) to do so by providing convenient access to free spay-neuter surgeries for the pets of county residents who lack the financial wherewithal to secure these services without assistance; (3) to provide free rabies vaccinations to participating pets and so to significantly increase the number of animals in the county



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that are protected from rabies, thereby reducing the risk of rabies transmission in Pinal County ; (4) to provide humane animal population control on county lands; (5) to improve animal behavior (e.g., reduced aggression) through spay-neuter (which in turn significantly improves human quality of life); (6) to reduce the risk of certain veterinary medical events and their associated costs to the public (e.g., animal bites from typically more aggressive unaltered animals); (7) to significantly reduce overall pet ownership expense for County residents (“when you factor in the long-term costs potentially incurred by a non-altered pet, the savings afforded by spay/neuter are clear.” Humane Society of the US:

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/why-you-should-spayneuter-your-pet>.

Our plan to implement is simple, as we will be utilizing the services of already-collaborating veterinary providers; we will simply incorporate these new clients into our monthly spay-neuter clinic schedules, at locations convenient for the clients.

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

While this project does not directly fall within one of the priority funding areas, the benefits to county residents of the proposed project include: (1) a reduction in overall animal overpopulation in the county; (2) a reduction in the numbers-stress experienced by county open admission shelters and its associated cost to the public (e.g., for the capture, impoundment, care and eventual destruction of unwanted animals); (3) a reduction in the risk of transmitting zoonotic diseases like rabies to humans; (4) having fewer stray cats and dogs wandering the streets and the county lands, which benefits the community by contributing to safer roads, safer children, and safer pets and wildlife; and (5) this project maximizes the ability of low income/underseved populations to access spay/neuter services and provides compelling incentives to have the surgery performed (i.e., no cost surgeries/free vaccinations).

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

In 2024, the number of homeless/unwanted animals that entered Pinal County government animal control agencies or other animal welfare organizations was over 6,312 pets (Major agencies/rescues



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only are listed: Casa Grande Animal Care and Adoption Center: 1137 (Source: email, Cerise Shanafelt, Director); Pinal County Animal Care and Control: 3,539 (Source: Pinal County Animal Care and Control: Animal Intakes By Jurisdiction and Animal Types: Period 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024); Valley Kitten Nursery and Rescue: 88 (Source: email, Mary Eitel, President) Itty Bitty Bottle Babies Rescue: 274 (Source: email, Cathy Ehinger, President); Valley Humane Society: 1274 (Source: <https://www.valleyhumane.net/about-us.html>; Intake and Adoption Data 2023-last available) From these numbers, it is obvious that a pet overpopulation problem (and its many serious implications for the welfare of both animals and the community, which we have documented elsewhere in this application) exists in Pinal County. It is this issue that our project will seek to address. Our target population will be the pets of low income/underserved persons throughout the county; we anticipate, if fully funded, being able to provide approximately 100 surgeries and rabies vaccinations at an average of 85\$-120\$/animal (surgical cost varies depending upon animal species/size/gender). It is impossible to estimate how many pet owners will be served, as some may have multiple pets.

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

The project will be a continuation/expansion of our existing and highly successful Spay-Neuter Assistance Program. We have not been previously funded by GRIC.

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

The project will commence upon receipt of funding. The timeline is very flexible. Actual start and end dates will be determined by veterinary services providers availability and client participation (i.e, number of pets anticipated) in a given month. This said, we will be running regularly scheduled (i.e., monthly) spay-neuter clinics throughout the duration of the project, as we currently do.

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

P.I.N.A.L. works collaboratively with both open admission facilities in Pinal County, the Casa Grande Animal Control and Adoption Center and Pinal County Animal Care and Control. The latter's annual animal intake



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and disposition statistics are used on an on-going basis to guide the continuing evolution and geographic focus of the spay-neuter assistance program.

Additionally, we utilize the services of three mobile veterinary services providers (the Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital (d.b.a. MASH), ASAvet Charities and AZ Vet Direct), as well as the services of Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic in Tucson, Casa Grande Animal Hospital in Casa Grande and Veterinary Services/Luise King, DVM (who serves our clients in northeastern and southeastern Pinal County, from Kearny to San Tan Valley.) We have worked very successfully with all of these providers for many years, and have negotiated reduced rates for all of their services. Our ability to offer spay-neuter directly to the public in various geographic locations that mobile operations provide, as well as our ability to serve the needs of more medically fragile/challenging pets at fixed-base veterinary clinics, has enabled P.I.N.A.L. to spay-neuter more than 3,000 animals for low-income/under-served residents throughout Pinal County in a little more than a decade of operation.

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

Yes-as our spay-neuter assistance program is ongoing. With this proposal, we are seeking to expand the scope/outreach of the program so as to serve even more of the county's needy pet owners.

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.

P.I.N.A.L. will support this effort long-term through its traditional spay-neuter assistance program funding sustainability measures, which include fundraising, solicitation of public donations, and grant applications.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.



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In the short term, we will document progress and results by tracking the number of spay-neuters performed as a result of the program, as well as by tracking the number of clients who successfully complete the entire process after qualifying for the program. In the long term, we will continue to evaluate animal intake and disposition statistics for county shelters and major rescue organizations as we traditionally have, specifically focusing upon changes in animal intake numbers.

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.

We received an award of 10,000\$ in January 2023 from the Ak Chin Indian Community in support of our spay-neuter assistance program.

We were recently notified that we have been awarded 10,000\$ in support of our spay-neuter assistance program for 2025 by the Ak Chin Tribal Community



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Project Budget

Budget Period: The project duration (budget period) will be determined by veterinary provider availability and client participation. It is anticipated that the project will run for approximately one year from receipt of funding.

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. 85 Spay Neuter Surgeries (average cost of 100\$/each)	8500.00	\$0	\$0	\$8500.00
2. 85 Rabies Vaccinations (average cost of 17.64\$/vaccine)	1500.00	0	\$0	1500.00
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15. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$10,000.	\$0	\$0	\$10,000.



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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. Provision of approximately 85 spay-neuter surgeries (average cost of 100\$/each). Veterinary charges vary somewhat from provider to provider (and also vary depending upon the species, gender and weight of the animal) so we have provided an “average” figure. Payment will go directly TO the participating veterinarians upon receipt of a detailed invoice

2. Provision of approximately 85 rabies vaccinations. Rabies cost also varies somewhat depending upon which of our three providers performs the vaccination, so we have provided an “average” figure. It is also anticipated that some animals may present for surgery already vaccinated, or owners will elect NOT to have their animals vaccinated, so this figure is likely to be somewhat lower than projected.

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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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **NOV 26 2013**

PETS IN NEED ACTION LEAGUE
PO BOX 12813
CASA GRANDE, AZ 85230

Employer Identification Number:
46-2538938
DLN:
17053227339003
Contact Person:
CARA D FRANCAZAK ID# 31452
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
January 11, 2013
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

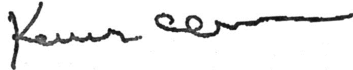
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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