

**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: The United Methodist Church of Casa Grande

Contact person/title: Tom Moyer – Community Garden Grants Manager

Email address: tmoyer0924@gmail.com

Address: 1428 North Pueblo Drive, Casa Grande, Arizona 85122

Project name: Tranquil ComUNITY Garden at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande

Amount being requested: \$5,000

Project summary: It is our intent to create, promote and maintain a safe place for under-privileged, underserved, special needs and those marginalized through a community garden/park environment which would afford them a place that is accepting by all for not only rest and reflection but also as a working and sustainable garden to supply fruits and vegetables to those with food insecurities and to also be source and resource for both online and hands-on educational and training opportunities by promoting and conducting urban agriculture, gardening education, healthy nutrition and sustainable water conservation programs.

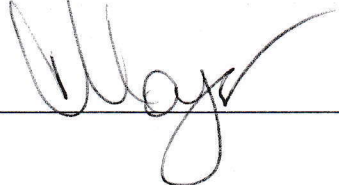
Beneficiaries: Those under-privileged, underserved, those with special need, those that might be marginalized and all those in the Casa Grande community that wish to use the Project's physical and educational resources.

Supervisor District: Pinal County District 3 – Stephen Q. Miller

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.

Tom Moyer
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 Arizona	
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: Click here to enter text. Email Address: Click here to enter text. Signature:	
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: United Methodist Church of Casa Grande	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit ☒ If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Tom Moyer Title: Community Garden Grants Manager	
10. Phone Number: 602 538-9680	
11. Mailing Address: 1428 North Pueblo Drive	
12. City: Casa Grande	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85122
13. Email Address: tmoyer0924@gmail.com	Website Address: www.umccg.org
Project Information	
14. Project Title: The Community Garden located at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande	
15. Purpose of Grant: To fund the creation of this Community Garden	
16. Priority Funding Area	Education
17. Annual amount requested	\$5,000
18. Number of years that funding is requested	One
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$5,000
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	The Casa Grande, Arizona community

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.

The United Methodist Church of Casa Grande and its predecessor churches have been an active and influential member of the Casa Grande community for over 100 years. While the overall mission of our Church is, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by increasing the time we give to God in service to others", our specific mission regarding this Community Garden project is to reach out to the community around us, with the resources we have and the people activated to serve, to address specific needs that we have identified in our community. These needs include 1) creating a safe space for all in the community to utilize, and 2) address the needs of those facing healthy nutrition shortfalls and food insecurities. Our goal through the creation, promotion and maintenance of this Community Garden Project is to become a physical and educational source of sustainable agriculture and healthy nutrition education for those facing food insecurities. All the while creating positive connections within our community regardless of age, socioeconomic standing, race, religion or ethnicity.

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).

We feel that 1) the fruits and vegetables that we are donating to the community, as well as 2) the opportunity for families to grow their own vegetables in their own assigned garden bed for their own consumption, and 3) the educational programs provided by the Garden staff, as well as through the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Central Arizona Project and other Garden Partners – each specifically align with the Public Health Department of Pinal County in promoting, protecting and improving health and well-being of all the community. The specific role of Pinal County with the Community Garden Project has not yet been determined, but conversations will be had to promote that interaction for the County to become a Garden Partner, as deemed appropriate and where effective.



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

The proposed project is a community garden with beds to plant vegetables, flowers and herbs; as well as an area with walking paths, trees, benches and reflection areas. It is our objective to make available to the people of Casa Grande, 1) access to a place of peace, comfort, relaxation and reflection, with 2) sustainable gardening facilities and fruit trees for not only their individual mental, physical and nutritional well being, but to also 3) serve those with food insecurities through our donation to the local food bank, and 4) provide products to be used by the culinary program at the local community college; with a facility and focus to, 5) promote and conduct sustainable urban agriculture and gardening educational programs highlighting the need for healthy eating habits, as well as 6) the hands on application and education of effective water resource management. We plan to implement action plans to achieve each of these objectives by combining financial resources (current and future) and effective personnel (with the necessary desire, skill and abilities) to successfully carry out the current and future vision of the gardens and their intent.

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

This Community Garden Project would align with and satisfy two of the funding areas identified by the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC). The first is the Education Priority. GRIC understands the importance of educational programs that enhance the general knowledge of participants and promotes life-long learning. Through the Community Garden's Learning Center, those in the Casa Grande community that wish to gain knowledge regarding urban agriculture, gardening education and sustainable water & soil conservation will have a source for that education, knowledge and application. Gila River Indian Community's Healthcare Priority will also be addressed through the Garden's initiative for health promotion, disease prevention and wellness. The opportunity to learn and practice healthy eating habits and proven disease prevention by having a diet high in fruits and vegetables can have a tremendous impact on a person's physical and mental health. Gardening has also been found to alleviate the adverse effects of stress and this return to nature cultivates positive emotional bonds. Gardening creates a connection to nature by decreasing levels of anxiety and depression, improving focus and attentiveness, evoking a favorable physiological response beyond what mere images of nature can induce, and boosting the immune system. Ecotherapy, sometimes referred to as nature therapy or green therapy, is a developing field in mental health and overall well-being. Gardening leverages the therapeutic potential of the natural world to enhance psychological, emotional, and physical



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health. Through the Community Garden's Gardener Program, with bed planting availability and the associated educational programs, as well as just having opportunity and access to this quiet place; we feel that this shared Healthcare Priority will be achieved.

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

Through reflection, evaluation and strategic planning our membership has recognized that there are things that we can do in our community and actions that we can take to address specifically a few of the major problems we face in our community. Those are: 1) to create a safe place for the under-privileged, underserved, special needs and those marginalized. 2) Become a source of sustainable agriculture for those facing food insecurities. 3) Create a Learning Center to help people to know and understand the positive benefits of fruits and vegetables in their diets, as well as sustainable gardening and water conservation; and 4) the need to have a space and an activity to create positive connections within the community. These are the four specific areas where we feel we can make a difference in creating, building and maintaining this Project. We have not targeted any specific population as all will be welcomed, but we will promote the use of the Community Garden to those mentioned above that are deemed under-privileged, underserved, have special needs, those that are marginalized and those that are facing food insecurities. As far as the number of people served by the project, as we have not targeted a certain group, we have no idea how many people will be directly and indirectly impacted by the project but we hope it to be 200+.

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

This is a brand new program and the Gila River Indian Community has not previously funded this project nor any project with the Grant requestor.

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

We are happy to announce that we have received enough initial funding for the Community Garden to break ground on the project on January 20, 2025. This is just the start and we need additional funding to continue



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to move the project forward. We hope to announce the availability of the garden and to plant our first crops in April of 2025, and from there to raise enough funds to improve and enhance our garden and begin our educational programs. In the fall of 2025 we hope to have our initial plans and funding in place for our Garden Learning Center. With the plans and required funding in place we hope that all aspects of the Community Garden will be up and in place by the Spring of 2026. Although our timeline is flexible, we are anxious to begin the incremental steps, as funding is received, to get the Garden up and running to benefit those in need in our community.

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

We are happy to have in place and/ or have solicited the following Garden Partners to assist us in the design, construction, operations and maintenance of the Community Garden:

Desert Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church – Funding and labor source

Bridges Learning Center – Funding and labor source

The University of Arizona – Cooperative Extension Services – Educational resources

Central Arizona Project – Funding and educational resources

Tri-Valley Landscaping – Garden design, construction and maintenance

AmeriCorps – Labor source

Arizona Financial Credit Union – Funding

Bayor Fund – Funding

City of Casa Grande – Funding

The People of the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande – Funding, labor source, educational resource

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

Yes, we would be able to implement partial completion of the proposed plan if we received partial funding.

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 Community Garden Committee that monitors, maintains and administrates the operation of and funding for the Garden, will continue to solicit Grantors to help fund the ongoing operations of the Garden. The



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United Methodist Church of Casa Grande has committed future funds for these ongoing future operations as well as, has made available funding from reserve accounts, if emergency funding is required for financial sustainability. The Church along with the Garden Committee will meet formally, at least annually, to discuss the 1) specific financial needs and 2) necessary funding for these needs and 3) how the Garden Committee will proceed in securing this funding. We see this as a long term resource for the community and are planning for sustainability long beyond its inception. This program/ project has not been previously funded by the Gila River Indian Community.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

We are still determining what our measurables will be to monitor the success of the Garden, as well as how we will document progress to those goals and that success. Initially we will record and measure the use of the 44 garden beds by our gardeners as they register to use these beds. Another measurable will be how much produce we donate to our partners – both the food bank partner and the culinary program at the local community college. Another way we will measure our progress and document the results will be to record and report the community's engagement in our educational programs. We are working with our partners now to establish these measurable goals and objectives so we can document and review the results to determine practical effectiveness of the Garden to its Mission and Vision and adjust our actions and objectives accordingly.

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: December 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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. Site Planning & Preparation	\$0	\$1,700	\$0	\$1,700
2. Trees, Landscape Plants & Planting	\$0	\$7,681	\$0	\$7,681
3. Irrigation System	\$0	\$6,254	\$0	\$6,254
4. Crushed Granite for Pathways	\$4,208	\$	\$0	\$4,208
5. Handwash, Compost, Trash, Timers, Shed, Tools & Equipment	\$0	\$7,875	\$0	\$7,875
6. Raised Beds & Bedding Material	\$0	\$2,720	\$0	\$2,720
7. Garden Welcome, Sponsor & Gardner's Guidelines Sign	\$425	\$0	\$0	\$425
8. Solor Lights & Cameras	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
9. Walking Labyrinth	\$0	\$8,947	\$0	\$8,947
10. Fencing & Arbor	\$0	\$4,130	\$0	\$4,130
11. Two-Year Operations Funding	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
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	\$4,633	\$43,507	\$0	\$48,140



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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. Site Planning & Preparation - \$1,700 – Cost to provide a site plan and garden layout as well as to do the rough grading to accommodate the plan – We received estimates and contracted TriValley Landscaping to provide these services.
2. Trees, Landscape Plants & Planting - \$7,681 – Cost to provide 20 trees, flowers and shrubs to plant along walkways - We received estimates and contracted TriValley Landscaping to provide these services.
3. Irrigation System - \$6,254 – Cost to run water irrigation from meter to the site and within site to planter beds, trees, plants and the handwash station. We received estimates and contracted TriValley Landscaping to provide these services.
4. Crushed Granite for Pathways - \$4,208 – Cost of material and installation to provide pathways around and through the community garden. We received estimates and contracted TriValley Landscaping to provide these services.
5. Handwash, Compost, Trash, Timers, Shed, Tools & Equipment - \$7,758 – Cost of these items that through discussion and research are necessary for the garden activities. The cost of these individual items are actual anticipated costs researched and provided by various vendors for the specific items determined necessary.
6. Raised Beds & Bedding Material - \$2,720 – Cost of these items that were researched for needed raised beds for special needs gardeners, acquired from the most economical vendor, and are actual anticipated costs researched and provided by various vendors for the specific items.
7. Garden Welcome, Sponsor & Gardener's Guidelines Sign - \$425 – This will be a estimated 8' x 4' in ground sign, visible from the street that will identify the garden, welcome visitors, display sponsors and partners, post garden hours, rules, regulations and garden contact information. We have estimated this cost based information from available vendors for the sign and information we would like to have posted.
8. Solor Lights & Cameras - \$200 – This minimal expense will be for security purposes. We are using low light solar as to not create light pollution for the neighbors. The cameras and lights will be motion detecting to prevent unwanted visitors. We have estimated this cost based upon what is available from various vendors that we have researched and what is needed to achieve this security objective.



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9. Walking Labyrinth - \$8,947 – This is a 30' in diameter circular walking path that is used by individuals to, through prayer and reflection, gently walk a centering path. We received estimates and contracted TriValley Landscaping to provide these materials and installation services.

10. Fencing and Arbor - \$4,130 – The fencing will be more to identify where the garden begins, than a obstacle to keep people out. It will delineate where the parking stops and the garden begins. The arbor will be a covered entryway, welcoming individuals into the garden where the path begins. We have multiple estimates from various vendors to supply this fencing and arbor.

11. Two-Year Operations Funding - \$4,000 – This funding will be for the administration, operations and maintenance of the garden for it's first two years after it is constructed and operational. Within these first two-years these costs will be paid from existing church reserve funds for outreach ministries. It is expected that the garden operations going forward will include grant and fund raising activities to fully support their future operations without using these church reserve funds beyond these initial two-years. This dollar estimate was based on anticipated direct costs for the garden for ongoing administration, operations, maintenance and education expense, estimated internally as well as from outside resources.

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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.

January 14, 2025

United Methodist Church of Casa Grande, Arizona
1428 N Pueblo Dr
Casa Grande AZ 85122

Re: Certification of Inclusion in The United Methodist Church Group Tax Exemption Ruling
Affiliated Organization: United Methodist Church of Casa Grande, Arizona
Affiliated Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN): 86-6052208

This letter will certify that the affiliated organization named above is included in The United Methodist Church Group Tax Exemption Ruling ("UMC Group Ruling"). In particular, as stated in the Group Ruling determination letter issued to The United Methodist Church by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), this affiliated organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This certification letter is issued by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church ("GCFA"), the central organization for the UMC Group Ruling. As the central organization, GCFA has been granted the authority by the IRS to determine which organizations are included in the UMC Group Ruling. (The IRS Group Exemption Number ("GEN") for the UMC Group Ruling is 2573.) Thus, this certification letter, together with the enclosed copy of the IRS Group Ruling determination letter, serves to verify the tax-exempt status of this affiliated organization.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the GCFA Legal Services Department at (866) 367-4232 or legal@gcfa.org.

Sincerely,

General Council on Finance and Administration of
The United Methodist Church



Leticia Mayberry Wright
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosures

Department of the Treasury



Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date:

OCT 18 1974

In reply refer to:

T:MS:EO:R:1-2

Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church, a/k/a the United Methodist Church and Its Affiliated Organizations
1200 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Attention: R. Bryan Brawner

Dear Applicant:

This refers to the information submitted for use in determining your status and the status of your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, as being exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For the purposes of this group ruling, your affiliated religious organizations include The General Conference, Judicial Council; General Agencies, Commissions, Committees, their divisions and departments thereof, and, other related organizations; Jurisdictional Conferences and Affiliated Agencies, Commissions, and other organizations; Annual Conferences and divisions and departments thereof; Annual Conference Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and affiliated organization; Local Churches and Local Church Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and other affiliated organizations.

Based on the information supplied, we rule that you and your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

We have further determined that you and the affiliated religious organizations you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us, are not private foundations within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you and your affiliated religious organizations are organizations described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) and 509(a)(1) of the Code.

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Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, they are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes.

You and your affiliated religious organizations are not required to file the Return for Organizations Exempt From Income Tax, Form 990, as you come within the exception contained in section 6033(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code.

You and your affiliated religious organizations are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you or your affiliated religious organizations are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities, or those of your affiliated religious organizations, is unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You and your affiliated religious organizations are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. You and your affiliated religious organizations are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Donors may deduct contributions to you and to your affiliated religious organizations as provided by section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to or for your use, or to or for the use of your affiliated religious organizations, are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under section 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you change your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let your key District Director know so he may consider the effect on your exempt status. Also, please keep him informed of any changes in your name or address.

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You should advise each of your affiliated religious organizations of the provisions of this ruling, including the requirements for filing Federal tax returns.

Each year, within 45 days after the close of your annual accounting period, please send the following to the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, 11601 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19155, Attention: EOR Branch:

1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your affiliated religious organizations.
2. Lists of the names, mailing addresses, including Postal Zip Codes and employer identification numbers, of your affiliated religious organizations that during the year:
 - a. changed names or addresses;
 - b. were deleted from your roster; or
 - c. were added to the roster.
3. For affiliated religious organizations to be added attach:
 - a. a statement that the information upon which your present group exemption letter is based applies;
 - b. a statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. a list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters; and
 - d. a statement that none of the affiliated religious organization are private foundations as defined in section 509(a) of the Code.

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4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change during the year.

This ruling supersedes our ruling letter of November 20, 1943. In addition, this ruling letter supersedes our group exemption letters to your affiliated Annual Conferences and Conferences and to the individual determination or ruling letters issued to your affiliated churches and other affiliated religious organization.

Please be sure to enter your employer identification number on all your tax returns and in your correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

This ruling is not applicable to your affiliated foreign religious organizations.

The key District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Chicago, Illinois, which is your key district for exempt organization matters, will be furnished a copy of this letter. Please keep this ruling in your permanent records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Milton Cerny
Milton Cerny
Chief, Rulings Section I
Exempt Organizations Branch