



**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: Honoring Hiring Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County

Contact person/title: Kim Vandenberg/HOHP Director

Email address: hohp4heroes@gmail.com

Address: 100 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Project name: HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center/External Upgrades

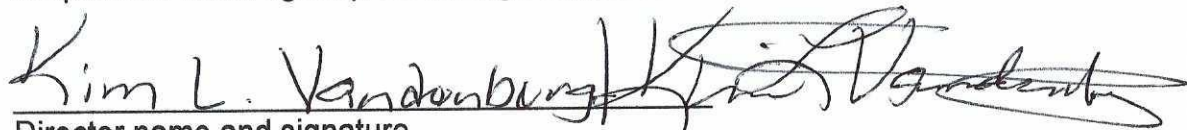
Amount being requested: \$74,000.00

Project summary: The project will allow HOHP the opportunity to upgrade external areas of the Veterans Transition Center.

Beneficiaries: Pinal County Veterans

Supervisor District: District 3 - HOHP serves all of Pinal County

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

Kim L. Vandenberg
Chairperson

Becky Montgomery
Secretary



Udo Cook
Co-Chairperson

Kim Skelton
Treasurer

February 24, 2025

Gila River Indian Community
Gila River Indian Community Office of Special Funding
Attn: Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator

Dear Ms. Pablo:

Please accept the attached grant application for Honoring Hiring Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County (HOHP) for the 2025 Gila River Indian Community Grant Cycle.

HOHP continues to strive to improve services to Veterans in Pinal County. This grant application is being submitted to enhance the services we will be providing at the HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center.

HOHP appreciates the opportunity to apply for the 2025 GRIC Grant Cycle!

Thank you,

Kim L. Vandenberg
HOHP Director

HOHP Pinal County Veterans Center – Eagles Landing
100 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona 85122
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Cover Sheet

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Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 2/20/2025	
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 Signature: Email Address: Heather.patel@pinal.gov	
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: Honoring Hiring Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County (HOHP)	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Kim L. Vandenberg Title: Director	
10. Phone Number: (520) 338-2568	
11. Mailing Address: 100 E. Florence Blvd.	
12. City: Casa Grande	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85122
13. Email Address: hohp4heroes@gmail.com Website Address: hohp4heroes.org	
Project Information	
14. Project Title: HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center – External Upgrades	
15. Purpose of Grant: This grant will allow HOHP the opportunity to upgrade external areas of the Veterans Transition Center that will allow for improved access to services for Veterans.	
16. Priority Funding Area	Healthcare
17. Annual amount requested	\$74,000.00
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1 Year
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$74,000.00
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	Yes Eagle One (2015) - \$212,160.00 HOHP Veterans Center/Eagles Landing (2016) - \$28,601.60 HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center (2021) - \$35,104.00
21. Geographic area served	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.

HOHP was started in 2011 and we received our 501C3 authorization in 2014. We had our first Pinal County Veterans Stand Down in 2013 and just completed the 12th Annual Stand Down last October 2024! We have operated solely on volunteers, Veterans and civilians to provide services to Veterans, maintain facilities, building projects, events/activities, and support to Veterans. We went from working out of our vehicles to serving Veterans out of Eagle One Mobile Veteran Center (GRIC was very instrumental in getting Eagle One up and going in Pinal County). We opened our first Pinal County Veteran Center in Casa Grande in 2017 and have provided services to over 27,000+ Veterans in our area. We have continued to strive to work toward improving services to Veterans in Pinal County. The Veteran Center in Casa Grande provides the following services: food pantry, clothing, hygiene items, access to an AZ Dept of Veteran Svcs Benefits Counselor for filing claims, emergency services, emergency shelter, Women Veterans Group, Veterans Only AA Meetings, Peer Support Meeting, Color/Honor Guard, Guitars 4 Vets and other activities. Our latest project is the HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center which will house up to 25 homeless Veterans, as well as, provide new and needed services to all Veterans. Our mission is to provide a "hand-up" to Veterans and Military Families – taking care of our own versus sending them to other counties for assistance. Our goals are to continue to build programs and services that will continue to assist Veterans and their families. Both facilities, the Veteran Center and the Transition Center provide services that are much needed in this growing county!

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).



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Pinal County has been supportive of HOHP since we began putting this organization together. The county originally had Eagle One Mobile Veteran Center and realized it would better serve Veterans in Pinal County and handed it off to HOHP. They provided space for our first Veterans Center and helped us get the center established to serve our Veterans. Last year we received a grant from Pinal County that allowed us the opportunity to build a larger laundryroom at the Transition Center and has also provided funding for operational/staffing needs. Pinal County has been a great supporter for HOHP and continues to support our mission and goals! This project will continue to provide items that are needed to enhance what is already existing at the transition center. The project as a whole has brought together many Veteran and Community organizations in support of the HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center. Not only has Pinal County been a “champion” for Veterans but Gila River has also played a big part in making things happen for Veterans in this area.

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

Building B at the HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center recently opened a Wood-working shop to show Veterans how to work with wood. Currently, they are working on Eagle Head Canes for disabled Veterans. This shop opened in October 2024 and has continued to grow with the tools, equipment and supplies needed. The shop does not have heating/cooling at this time and is much needed in each of the bays of the building so we can add other classes. Building B has been planned out to provide wood-working, art classes, crafting and other types of classes to help Veterans with PTSD or TBI find things that interest them to do that helps with those issues. The need for a bathroom closer to the building was suggested to make it easier for the Veterans as they are in Building B, have ability to get to the bathroom quicker. The bathroom will also be available for other activities that are part of the facility grounds (such as the basketball court that is close to Building B). All of the items requested are improvements to the existing facility and the grounds. The funding will provide the ability to quickly implement the improvements identified by the Veterans and improve their experience at the transition center.

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

The description provided for healthcare mentions recreational activities, mental health, and behavioral health. HOHP believes that the activities provided in Building B at the Veterans Transition Center will



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definitely help in these areas. With the basketball court, fitness room and 5 acres of land the facility sits on the possibilities are endless. We hope to bring in equestrian activities as well later in the year.

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

Veterans suffering from PTSD/TBI are able to find different activities that help relieve their frustration and anxiety they suffer from. Finding that particular activity is better than taking the medications that they sometimes do not want to take or stop taking. There are other outlets for these disorders/health issues. We are unsure of how many as this is a new, untried activity for HOHP. Our hope is that we will see 100 Veterans access the activities we would like to implement in Building B and at the Transition Center.

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

New Program

GRIC has funded the Transition Center with the remodel of the kitchen – providing new appliances, dishes, pots/pans, furniture and cooking utensils, plates, etc.

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

November 2025 to December 2025 – Purchase outside building & complete inside to install 2 outside bathrooms.

November 2025 to December 2025 – Purchase & install 3 Mini-Split A/C with Heat Pumps in Building B existing 3 bays utilized for Veteran activities/classes.

November 2025 to December 2025 – Purchase and install new commercial Kitchen Hood in kitchen of main facility.

January 2026 to February 2026 – Purchase and install shades in the external outside activities area of the main building – utilized for the Pinal County Veterans Stand Down and other events for Veterans.

TIME LINE IS FLEXIBLE

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



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Arizona Dept. of Housing is assisting with the remodel of the 2nd floor of the main building that will house up to 25 homeless Veterans.

Pinal County has assisted with a larger laundry area for the Veterans to wash their clothes.

Arizona Dept. of Veteran Services has assisted with the purchase of new windows for the main building and a roof repair.

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

No – this proposed plan is meant to further enhance the HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center to make it a place for Veterans to go to get a variety of services and activities that will help them in recovery and transition to their own homes and improve their life.

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.

This project is meant to enhance the facility utilized by Veterans. There is no need for other funds if this project is approved and funded. Funds will be used improve what is available to Veterans at the facility.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

HOHP has taken pictures of the improvements made at the HOHP Pinal County Veterans Transition Center. Should this project be funded by GRIC we will be able to show the improvements made to Building B and the existing area for activities. Pictures can be provided to GRIC that show the use of the upgrades to the facility. HOHP will be tracking the number of Veterans accessing the areas where the funding has improved the accessibility and have the ability to show the number of Veterans who are accessing the services in Building B as well as attending/participating in events for Veterans.

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.

N/A



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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. 8X12 Shed	\$6,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$6,000.00
2. Build-out interior for 2 bathrooms	\$5,000.00	\$0	\$7,200.00	\$12,200.00
3. 3 – Mini Split AC with Heat Pump	\$3,000.00	\$0	\$3,600.00	\$6,600.00
4. Exterior Shade & installation	\$40,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$40,000.00
5. Commerical Kitchen Hood	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$3,600.00	\$23,600.00
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15. Click here to enter text.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$74,000.00	\$0	\$14,400.00	\$88,400.00



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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. The 8x12 Shed will be purchased and converted into an exterior bathroom close to Building B where activities will be scheduled such as woodworking, art classes, crafting, etc. Dollar figure attained from checking with local vendors for these buildings.
2. The budget item is to complete the interior of the 8x12 shed that will include electrical wiring, plumbing, 2 toilets, 2 sinks – once completed will provide a bathroom out by Building B where the classes/activities will be scheduled. Estimate on materials were compiled by one of the volunteers who has assisted with other projects at the facility and using the current amounts for the items needed from Lowe's.
3. There are three bays to Building B. Each bay will need to have a mini split AC/with heat pump that will allow for heating and cooling when needed for the classes/activities being held. The mini split provides an affordable way to cool/heat each room and separates the cost of electricity for each room when the others are not in use. The amount was provided by researching the mini split on the Lowe's website.
4. The exterior shade will provide permanent shade for the events area at the facility when utilizing the east side of the facility. Most of the events are held in that area. A permanent shade structure will be more efficient than continuing to replace worn canopies for the current shade structure. The wind/sun has taken its toll on the canopies that are not as weather resistant. The amount for the shade for that area was obtained as a projected amount from AZ Shade Sales.
5. The only internal need for the Veterans Transition Center is to replace the current Commercial Kitchen Hood. The current hood is older and the need for a newer hood has been identified as a need to complete the safety of the use of the kitchen. Purchase of the hood and installation was projected from Hoodmart and a volunteer with knowledge of doing the installation.
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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: **OCT 22 2014**

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CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122-4662

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46-3776005
DLN:
26053672005334
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
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Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
March 3, 2014
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.

Letter 5436

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Sincerely,

Tamera Rippanda

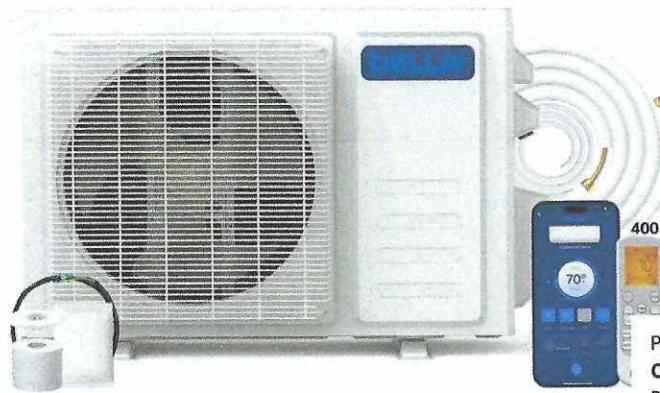
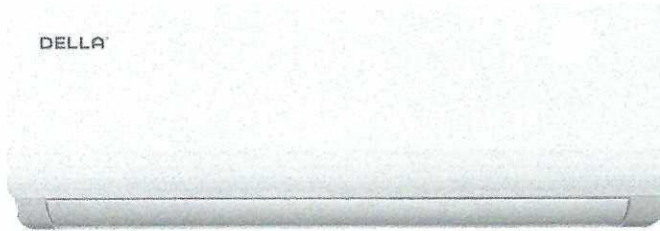
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