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: Tohono O'odham Nation

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: June 9, 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: Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (CAREDF)

Contact person/title: Patti King, Executive Manager

Email address: pking@pinalalliance.org

Address: 17235 N 75th Ave, Suite D-145, Glendale, AZ 85308

Project name: Achieve Pinal Experience Corps

Amount being requested: $10,000

Project summary: Pinal County multigenerational reading program

Beneficiaries: Pinal County Second and Third grade students, and older adults

Supervisor District: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

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.

Patti King, Executive Manager
Director name and signature

Proposal

Explain the perceived need and explain how the proposal will address that need.

The pandemic had a devastating effect on students everywhere, but more so for students who already faced barriers before the pandemic, like rural students and those experiencing poverty. Current statewide assessment data demonstrates that 35% of Pinal County third graders read at grade level, a twelve percent increase over 2021, but still lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Pinal County is on the brink of transformation, with 30,000 high-paying jobs projected to arrive, demanding strong reading and analytical skills. Yet only 35% of third graders in Pinal County are currently reading at grade level compared to the state's 46% and the goal of 72%. This literacy gap threatens not only academic success but long-term economic stability. According to the Arizona Mayor's Roundtable, each high school dropout costs the state $422,000 in services and lost revenue. Addressing this gap is critical for the region's economic development.

Achieve Pinal, launched by the Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (CAREDF), is designed to tackle this gap. Achieve Pinal focuses on improving literacy for children from birth to age eight, specifically targeting second and third graders. The mission of Achieve Pinal is to enhance reading skills, improve social-emotional learning, and break cycles of poverty through education.

Using a multi-generational approach, Achieve Pinal leverages volunteer seniors from AARP's Experience Corps Program, Read On Arizona resources, and partners from the Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth. With one-on-one tutoring for 34 weeks, students improve their reading fluency, accuracy, and comprehension. In the 2023-24 school year alone, 83% of students progressed at least one grade level, and 38% progressed two grade levels. The program currently operates in 23 schools across 9 districts, with 111 volunteers serving 317 students, dedicating over 6,000 hours of service.

Describe the population who will benefit from the proposal if approved.

Achieve Pinal Experience Corps serves all demographics within Pinal County, with a focus on rural and underserved communities. The primary beneficiaries are 1st to 3rd-grade students who read below grade level. Many of these students come from families in poverty, but participation is open to all. The program also provides meaningful engagement for older adults (65+), enriching community bonds and intergenerational support.

For the 2025-26 School Year, Achieve Pinal aims to serve 120 students across four districts:
60 students at J.O. Combs USD (Supervisor District 2)
20 students at Stanfield ESD (Supervisor District 3)
20 students at AZ City School, Toltec ESD (Supervisor District 4)
20 students at Mountain Vista School, Oracle ESD (Supervisor District 4)

Include a budget of the requested funds, with the total amount requested clearly notated.

[Budget is attached]

If awarded, TON 12% funding will support the salaries of program manager, the volunteer recruitment manager, the technical support specialist, and four site coordinators. These positions are responsible for recruitment, training, and support of all volunteers who provide direct service to all students. These salaries account for over 80% of the total program cost and represent the

largest fundraising need of the program. TON 12% funds will also contribute to the mileage and travel costs of tutors and volunteers.

List any other funding requests that have been made for this or substantially related proposals and provide the status of those requests.

Achieve Pinal has and will continue to apply for partnerships with other community organizations. So far in 2025, Achieve Pinal has applied to Florence Copper, CFSA CORE Grant, AZ Reads (Arizona Humanities), Arizona Complete Health, Pinal County Board of Supervisors, Lerner & Rowe Gives Back, and received funding from APS. Other planned requests include Ak-Chin Indian Community, OneAZ Community Foundation, SRP, Cox Charities, Safeway Foundation, Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Cardinals, Thunderbirds Charities, Pinal 40, Season for Sharing, United Way of Pinal County, BHHS Legacy Foundation, and Southwest Gas.

Indicate whether the entity has previously received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation or other Arizona tribes, along with the amount and date awarded.

Achieve Pinal Experience Corps has not previously received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation. Achieve Pinal received 12% distribution from the Gila River Indian Community in 2024. The award was a three-year grant, $25,000/year, for a total of $75,000 over the period. Achieve Pinal also received a one-year 12% distribution from the Ak-Chin Indian Community for $10,000 last year.

Identify a designated contact person and alternate contact person for follow-up. Include the following information for each contact person: e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, and fax number. g) Indicate which priority area (from the above list) the proposal falls under.

Designated Contact Person: Patti King, pking@achievepinal.org, (520) 836-6868, 17325 N. 75th Ave., Suite D145, Glendale, AZ 85308

Alternate Contact Person: Jeremiah Smith, jeremiah@achievepinal.org, (602) 405-5330

Achieve Pinal falls under both Education and Economic Development priority areas. Its focus on literacy directly impacts educational attainment, while improving reading skills in elementary students directly supports economic growth in Pinal County. With 30,000 high-paying jobs expected in the region, workforce readiness begins with foundational skills like reading. Achieve Pinal's work ensures students are prepared to thrive in school and contribute to the economic vitality of their communities.

If the proposal is from a non-profit organization, include the name of the city, town, or county an agreement will be made with if funds are granted. A letter from the governmental entity acknowledging its agreement to work with the non-profit is not necessary for the initial proposal. However, it is recommended that non-profit organizations contact the government entity they plan to work with and secure approval.

Achieve Pinal Experience Corps has made an agreement with Pinal County if funds are granted from the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Achieve Pinal Experience Corps 2025 Proposed Budget

INCOME	Adopted 2024	Actual 2024	Adopted 2025	TON 12% Request
Government	$ 650,000.00	*$ 453,307.15*	*$ 35,000.00*	$ 10,000.00
Corporate and Small Grants	$ -	*$ 118,890.99*	*$ 325,000.00*	$ -
Individuals	$ 1,500.00	*$ 1,630.00*	*$ 1,500.00*	$ -
Institutional Contributions	$ 75,000.00	*$ 88,940.00*	*$ 111,780.00*	$ -
Events	*$ -*	*$ -*	*$ 10,000.00*	$ -
Miscellaneous	$ -	$ 33,000.00	*$ -*	$ -
Interst Income	$ 100.00	$ 141.91	*$ 250.00*	$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	***$ 726,600.00***	***$ 695,910.05***	***$ 483,530.00***	***$ 10,000.00***
EXPENSES				
Payroll	$ 200,000.00	$ 142,647.24	$ 396,000.00	$ 7,500.00
Contracted Management	$ 65,000.00	$ 24,290.00	$ 13,000.00	$ -
Outside Contract Services	$ -	$ 6,000.00	$ 18,000.00	$ -
Tax Preparation	$ 595.00	$ 595.00	$ 595.00	$ -
Graphic Design	$ 1,000.00	$ 510.00	$ 500.00	$ -
Volunteer and Student Recognition	$ 1,500.00	$ 953.61	$ 1,000.00	$ -
Bank & Merchant Fees	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,389.90	$ 835.00	$ -
Fingerprint Expenses	$ 4,500.00	$ 49.17	$ 300.00	$ -
Meetings	$ 500.00	$ 3,511.51	$ 1,000.00	$ -
Postage	$ 750.00	$ 304.95	$ 300.00	$ -
Printing	$ 1,500.00	$ 802.06	$ 500.00	$ -
Volunteer Recruitment and Training	$ 2,000.00	$ 914.39	$ 500.00	$ -
Group Leader Stipends	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ -	$ -
Facilities	$ 19,200.00	$ 24,906.66	$ 25,000.00	$ -
Supplies	$ 5,000.00	$ 1,564.31	$ 1,500.00	$ -
Technology, Communications	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,133.11	$ 1,800.00	$ -
Travel, Mileage Reimbursement	$ 5,600.00	$ 7,085.04	$ 5,000.00	$ 2,500.00
Books, Subscriptions	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,740.87	$ 2,500.00	$ -
Web Services	$ 500.00	$ 463.56	$ 500.00	$ -
Insurance	$ 2,700.00	$ 4,456.00	$ 2,700.00	$ -
Misc. Business Expenses	$ -	$ 1,363.00	$ -	$ -
Professional Develoment	$ 250.00	$ 165.00	$ -	$ -
Advertising	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,574.95	$ -	$ -
VGF Grant Expenses	$ 56,782.00	$ 47,600.95	$ 12,000.00	$ -
Governor Grant Expenses	$ 250,000.00	$ 323,413.69	$ -	$ -
DOJ Grant Expenses	$ 45,200.00	$ 47,061.26	$ -	$ -
Miscellaneous	$ 1,000.00	$ 33,785.70	$ -	$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	***$ 677,477.00***	***$ 681,781.93***	***$ 483,530.00***	***$ 10,000.00***
TOTAL NET INCOME	**$ 49,123.00**	**$ 14,128.12**	**$ -**	**$ -**

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: AUG 14 2018

CENTRAL ARIZONA REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
17235 N 75TH AVENUE SUITE D145
GLENDALE, AZ 85308-0000

Employer Identification Number:
30-1022450
DLN:
26053474002748
Contact Person:
NICHOLAS R HINDS ID# 31662
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:
March 13, 2018
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.

CENTRAL ARIZONA REGIONAL ECONOMIC

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements