PINAL COUNTY
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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: Manes and Miracles

Contact person/title: Lindsey Pittman, Executive Director

Email address: lindsey@manesandmiraclesaz.org

Address: 43421 N Friend Ave, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

Project name: Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies Scholarships

Amount being requested: $20,180

Project summary: Provide scholarships for special needs children to participate in equine-assisted therapies and activities.

Beneficiaries: Children between 3-18 years old with disabilities in Pinal and Maricopa Counties.

Supervisor District: District 2

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.

Lindsey Pittman, _____
Director name and signature

Manes and Miracles Proposal
Tohono O'odham Nation
2025 Grant Funding Cycle
Scholarship Fund Request

A) For most families of children with disabilities, access to the therapeutic benefits of working with horses is far out of reach. While working with horses in a therapeutic manner has been shown to dramatically improve physical strength, coordination, communication, emotional regulation, and confidence, they are not covered by insurance and often cost hundreds of dollars per session. This makes these powerful, life-changing services unattainable for families already overwhelmed by the financial demands of caring for a child with special needs. At Manes and Miracles, 17% of our clients live at or below the federal poverty level, and the vast majority cannot afford the $285 price tag that each session would bear without the Manes and Miracles Scholarship Fund.



Manes and Miracles provides equine-assisted physical therapy, adaptive riding, and equine-assisted activities to children with special needs. These services are delivered in a ranch environment by licensed pediatric physical therapists and certified therapeutic riding instructors, in partnership with specially trained horses and dedicated volunteers. The horse's rhythmic, three-dimensional movement mimics the human gait and helps children improve balance, core strength, and coordination. At the same time, the emotional connection between child and horse promotes trust, confidence, and joy, especially for children who struggle in traditional therapy environments.

Working with horses provides powerful sensory input, encourages speech and social interaction, and helps children self-regulate in ways that transfer to success in the classroom, at home, and in everyday life. For many of our clients, this is the first time they have experienced a sense of control, accomplishment, and freedom of movement to this level.

This proposal respectfully requests funding from the **Tohono O'odham Nation** to provide $20,180 in scholarships through our **Manes and Miracles Scholarship Fund**, ensuring that financial hardship is never a barrier to care. The request directly supports the Nation's priorities in **Health Care**, **Child Advocacy**, and **Education**, and will make a lasting difference in the lives of children who deserve every chance to grow strong, capable, and connected.



B) Manes and Miracles serves children between 3 and 18 years old with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities in Pinal and East Maricopa counties. Many children experience co-occurring diagnoses, with the most common being autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, Epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and anxiety. 61% of our clients are female, 39% are male. Over 350 volunteer hours are logged each week, many from individuals with disabilities themselves, such as autism, anxiety, and ADHD. Every child receives a majority scholarship that is based on the services received and the needs of each family, bringing the charge for services to an average of $35 per session, an 88% scholarship. Individuals seeking to benefit from this proposal will apply for assistance based on their financial need and the recommendation of their supervising therapist or instructor, ensuring that the funds are honored as disclosed in this application.

C) Manes and Miracles is requesting $20,180 from the Tohono O'odham Nation's 12% Gaming Distribution to provide scholarships for adaptive riding, equine-assisted therapy and activities, and inclusive camps.

Manes and Miracles Scholarship Program Budget 2025		
Equine-Assisted Physical Therapy Scholarships	$3,200	EAPT accounts for 14% of our services. An EAT session is $25, requiring a $160 scholarship each session. $3,200 will provide scholarships for 20 sessions.
Adaptive Riding Scholarships	$11,200	Adaptive riding is our most in-demand service and accounts for 57% of our program. An adaptive riding session is $45, requiring a $140 scholarship each session. $11,200 will provide scholarships for 20 sessions.
Equine-Assisted Activities Scholarships	$3,000	EAA accounts for 16% of our services. An EAA session is $35, requiring a $150 scholarship each session. $3,000 will provide scholarships for 20 sessions.
Inclusive Summer Camps	$2,780	Inclusive Horsemanship and STEM summer camps account for 13% of our services. Each session is $46, requiring a $139 scholarship per session. $2,780 will provide 20 sessions.
Total Program Expenses	**$20,180**	The overall Manes and Miracles budget is **$652,662**. Direct program expenses represent 83% of the overall budget. 8% is administrative, and 9% is budgeted for fundraising. **$20,180 is requested from the Tohono O'odham Community**, which is 4% of our program budget and 3% of our overall budget.

D) To sustain the Manes and Miracles Scholarship Fund, we partner with community leaders whose values align with ours, including but not limited to the following:

- Donald C Brace Foundation, $71,000 grant with $24,000 designated for scholarships, with the remainder designated for other projects. 85% has been appropriately allocated and reported, with projects underway for the remaining 15%.
- Ak-Chin Indian Community, $14,000 and $14,560 grants to scholarships over two years. An additional grant application for the current season will be submitted soon.
- Walmart, $11,000 grant, funded with $5,500 earmarked for scholarships.
- Gila River Indian Community, $14,000 grant towards scholarships, awarded and reported on for 2024 funding year. The grant submitted for 2025 is presently under review.
- Private Donor, $35,000 with $6,000 allocated for scholarships. This is an annually guaranteed donation.
- Additional grants and fundraisers will support the Scholarship Fund.

E) We have not previously received a grant as part of the 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation. We were awarded $14,000 in October 2023 and $14,560 on December 6, 2024 from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Tribal Gaming Grant, all dedicated to the Scholarship Fund. We were awarded $14,000 on October 2, 2024, from the Gila River Indian Community towards the Scholarship Fund.

F) Designated contact and alternate contact:

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G) The equine-assisted therapy scholarship proposal falls under the priority areas of **health care**, **child advocacy, and education**.

H) Manes and Miracles will make an agreement with **Pinal County** if funds are granted.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Programs!







Our Services

Equine-Assisted Physical Therapy

Therapists: 3
Current Client Load: 7

Program Goals:
Maintain

NEW

Adaptive Riding

Instructors: 1
Current Clients: 12

Program Goals:

- Add Instructor
- Grow to 30 clients

NEW

Equine-Assisted Activities

Instructors: 1
Current Clients: 3

Program Goals:

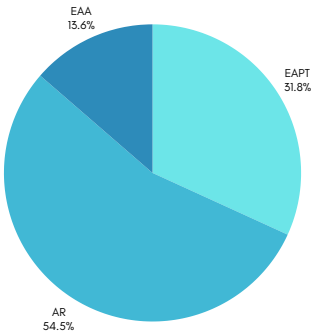
- Add Instructor
- Grow to 7 clients

NEW

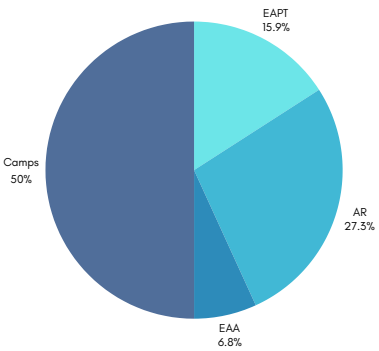
Summer Camps

Sessions: Four 4-day camps
2024 Campers: 17

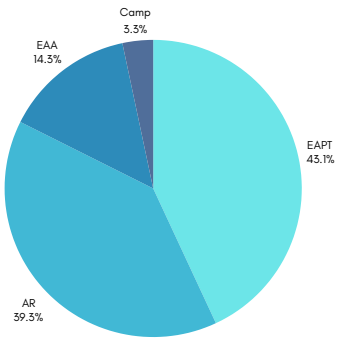
2025 Goals:



Client Distribution (Excluding Camps)



Client Distribution (with Camps)



Fiscal Contribution

2025-2026 Programming Goals:

- Add Literacy Program
- Research Adaptive Driving & Veterans Programs

Client Testimonials



So many things in Kyle James' life are hard. He works for every step, every accomplishment. Coming to Manes and Miracles isn't hard. It is FUN. It's a special day for him. He has no idea he is working. -Kyle James' mom



Riding the horse allows her to experience life in a whole new way that her own body is not physically able to do.It is amazing to see the progress and the joy she has found in this. The love of being on the horse brings a whole other level of motivation to work on fine motor skills plus muscle strengthening. - Lucy's Mom



There is power and peace when being here with these horses- it's a feeling that is hard to put into words. They work really hard to keep the cost down, which keeps it affordable for us- compared to many ranches, it's a big difference.
- Maverick's Mom



I love Manes and Miracles because it's a safe place for my son to learn and grow. The facility is… full of amazing activities and obstacles to help the physical and mental growth and development of the participants.
- Camden's dad

Hippotherapy has been a game changer for my child. On top of meeting her occupational therapy needs, my child is also able to have her emotional needs met by working closely with the horses. Seeing the look of accomplishment on her face [is] awesome!
-Mila's mom



Manes & Miracles

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit bringing hope, happiness, and healing to special needs children through therapy with horses

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$10,000 + Donors

Diamond Level

Our most exclusive level, Diamond Donors appear indefinitely on the Wall of Miracles Makers, have at least 6 social media shout outs, have their logo or chosen name on the M&M truck and website for 3 years, and receive your annually updated 9x12" plaque as an honored guest at the End of Season BBQ

$5,000–$9,999 Donated

PLATINUM SPONSOR

Platinum donors are recognized on the Wall of Miracle Makers indefinitely, highlighted in 4 social media posts, have 4x10' banner displayed in the sensory arena, receive an 8x10" plaque at the annual End of Season Barbecue, AND have their logo on the M&M truck & website for 2 years

$3,000– $4,999 Donated

GOLD SPONSOR

Gold Donors are added to the Wall of Miracle Makers, are recognized in two social media posts each year, will have a 2x4' banner proudly displayed in the sensory track for two years, AND are invited to the End of Season BBQ to receive a 7x9" plaque.

$1,000– $2,999 Donated

SILVER SPONSOR

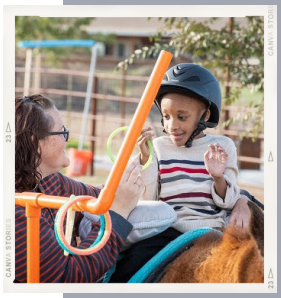
Silver Donors name is added to the Wall of Miracle Makers and receives a custom certificate of appreciation as well as recognition on our social media pages

$250– $999 Donated

BRONZE SPONSOR

Bronze Donors are added to our Wall of Miracle Makers donor board for a full year.

Sponsorship Opportunities



Sponsor a Rider

Partial Scholarship:
8 weeks of session fees for 1 rider: $80
Half Scholarship:
50% of session expense, including session fees for 1 rider: $800
Sponsors receive Bronze Level donor recognition as well as a certificate of sponsorship and a written thank you letter and picture from the sponsored child.
Full Scholarship:
100% of session expenses for 8 weeks, including session fees for 1 rider: $1,600
Includes Silver Level Membership benefits and an invitation to meet the child to receive a picture and thank you card.



Sponsor a Project

Driven by a determination to provide the best possible experience for our guests, there are several projects still on the wishlist that vary in scope starting at around $500+.

Horse Sponsorships

A herd of 8-12 equines, each costing $2,000+ a year to care for really adds up! Sponsorships cover the basic cost of care at $150 for full-sized horses or $75 for mini or to share sponsorship.

Thank you!

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: MAY 11 2018

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Accounting Period Ending:
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Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
April 20, 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.

Mike Goodman
Pinal County Board of Supervisors
District 2

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Pinal County Supervisor for the majority of San Tan Valley, I am honored to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Manes and Miracles. I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of this nonprofit organization through their equine-assisted therapy. Their focus on providing therapeutic services that promote physical, emotional, and mental well-being speaks volumes about their dedication to meeting the diverse needs of our community.

Manes and Miracles exemplifies what it means to honor a mission with integrity and purpose. This organization consistently delivers high-quality programs that enrich the lives of participants and their families, and strengthen the fabric of our community. Lindsey and her team collaborate with local organizations, schools, and healthcare providers to ensure their services reach those who benefit most. When applying for grants and building new partnerships, Manes and Miracles demonstrates professionalism, transparency, and a clear vision for growth. Their track record of responsible stewardship of resources, combined with innovative programming, makes them a worthy recipient of support.

As a family oriented individual with autistic grandchildren, what brings me the most joy is not only seeing the growth in the child from these programs, but the hope it gives the parents as well. Ultimately, this organization adds value to the community and any investment in Manes and Miracles will yield meaningful, long-lasting results for our community.

If you have any questions or would like further insight into the outstanding work of Manes and Miracles, please feel free to contact my office at 520-866-8080.

Thank you,

Mike Goodman
Pinal County Supervisor, District 2

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bob Cason, the owner of B5C Builders, LLC. I've been in construction and business owner for a touch over 45 years. During this time I've worked with a lot of different clients on simple jobs to multimillion-dollar projects. I don't say this lightly: few partnerships have meant as much to me personally as the one I've developed with Manes and Miracles.

My team and I have worked on several projects for them over the past year, allowing me to spend a significant amount of time at the Ranch working with their staff and volunteers. Every project I've seen them take on has been well thought out and driven by their mission. I have seen them demonstrate that they are resourceful, they care about quality, they plan ahead, and they respect the people doing the work.

My crew and I have always felt welcomed, valued, and encouraged, not just as contractors, but as part of something bigger. They don't ask for handouts, just honest help, and when folks step up, they make sure you feel appreciated. Seeing the banner touting my company as a Diamond Level Donor gets to me every time I pull into the Ranch.

Most of all, they stay true to their mission of providing a safe space for special needs kids to have the benefits of working with horses. From raising calves at an early age to being a cattle rancher, I have worked with horses and animals most of my life. I understand the power of the horse-human connection and the nuances of horse care. I see and appreciate the importance they put on treating their animals with respect and consideration. By making the well-being of the horse a priority, they guarantee a better, safer experience for the kids. Watching those kids interact with the horses and seeing the joy and the progress being made is something that sticks with you. It's the kind of work that matters.

I have worked my entire life building relationships and a brand for myself and my companies. I do not endorse people or organizations often. That being said, as someone who has seen the mission in action, experienced the character of the organization and the individuals moving it forward, I can confidently say that Manes and Miracles is an organization worth investing in. I am not only honored but extremely proud to have invested my time and resources in this organization and its worthwhile mission. I will continue to offer my support and would recommend anyone else considering it to do the same.

Sincerely,

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