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# Proposal for Tohono O'odham Nation's Arizona Revised Statute 5-601-02 12% Gaming Distribution

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

The Pinal County Family Advocacy Centers (FAC) were created to provide an array of services to crime victims in one private, child and family friendly, victim-centered location. There are currently three centers in San Tan Valley, Eloy and the City of Maricopa and one satellite center in the rural community of Oracle. The centers provide services to both children and adults for concerns of abuse and interpersonal violence. Children are seen at the FAC as a part of a law enforcement and/or Department of Child Safety (DCS) investigation after an allegation of child abuse. Child witnesses to abuse or violence also receive services. Those services include Forensic Medical Exams, Forensic Interviews and Victim Advocacy. Adult victims are seen at the FACs for concerns of acute sexual assault as well as other interpersonal violence, specifically strangulation. Adults may be referred for sexual assault or strangulation exams by law enforcement or may self-refer for sexual assault exams if they choose not to report to law enforcement. Adult victims receive medical forensic examinations and victim advocacy. Some adults may also receive forensic interviews. It is vitally important that Forensic Nurse Examiners (FNE) have all the tools needed to provide a thorough exam, collect and document evidence and document the exam and any findings. At present, the Pinal County Medical Forensics Program utilizes Forensic Electronic Medical Record (FEMR) to document all exams on both adults and children. National Best Practice and Standards for Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Strangulation cases have been updated since the last update to the FEMR system and it is important that charting remain up to date with national standards. The medical documentation is used by medical professionals on the team to provide the best medical care for the patient. Law enforcement and the attorneys need this documentation as evidence for charging of a crime and in order to prosecute and seek justice for the victim. Prosecution in turn serves to protect the community and the victim from further victimization. Unfortunately, updates to the medical record system are expensive and funding is needed to cover those costs. It is the goal of the Pinal County Family Advocacy Centers to provide the best standard of medical care to victims of crime in Pinal County, including and up to date, thorough and accurate medical record. This projects seeks to fund the necessary updates to the FEMR system to bring it up to date with current National Standards of best practice.

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

First and foremost, this project benefits victims of crime in Pinal County. An up to date, accurate medical record can be obtained by the victim as well as provided to law enforcement and prosecution in furtherance of justice for the victim. These records are used for court proceedings, court testimony, and for the overall medical care of the victim. Therefore, not only the victim, but law enforcement and prosecution also benefit from its accuracy. And finally, not only the victim but the citizens of the community receive the benefit of increased security and safety when a perpetrator is brought to justice due in part to accurate medical records.

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

| **Chart type** | **Quoted cost for changes** |
|---|---|
| Child Abuse Exam | $7500.00 |
| Pediatric Sexual Assault | $8500.00 |
| Adolescent Sexual Assault | $2250.00 |
| Adult Sexual Assault | $625.00 |
| Interpersonal Violence | $3750.00 |
| **TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED** | **$22,625.00** |

A quote was obtained from FEMR and is attached to this grant application. The quote details the needed changes and the cost for the change by chart type as listed above. The total cost for this project is $22,625.00.

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

No other funding requests have been made for this project and there are no other substantially related proposals.

**5. 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.**

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| Gila River Indian Community | County Attorney | 2020 | $ | 5,000.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Medical Forensics | 2020 | $ | 37,480.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Medical Forensics | 2020 | $ | 20,980.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Sheriff's Office | 2020 | | denied | denied |
| Ak Chin Indian Community | Medical Forensics | 2021 | $ | 12,500.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Medical Examiner | 2021 | $ | 51,021.00 | award |
| Tohono O'odham | County Attorney | 2021 | | denied | denied |
| Tohono O'odham | Medical Forensics | 2021 | | denied | denied |
| Gila River Indian Community | County Attorney | 2022 | $ | 25,000.00 | denied |
| Gila River Indian Community | Medical Forensics | 2022 | $ | 40,770.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Adult Probation | 2022 | $ | 444,376.00 | denied |
| Gila River Indian Community | Economic Development | 2022 | $ | 10,000.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Sheriff's Office | 2022 | $ | 292,355.12 | denied |

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| Tohono O'odham | County Attorney | 2022 | $ | 83,000.00 | denied |
| Ak Chin Indian Community | Medical Forensics | 2022 | $ | 10,000.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | County Attorney | 2023 | | denied | denied |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2023 | $ | 58,684.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2023 | $ | 134,248.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2023 | $ | 110,321.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2023 | $ | 65,954.70 | denied |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2024 | $ | 145,299.03 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2024 | $ | 26,224.25 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2024 | $ | 193,000.00 | award |
| Gila River Indian Community | Library | 2025 | $ | 68,228.44 | pending |
| Gila River Indian Community | County Attorney | 2025 | $ | 200,000.00 | pending |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2025 | $ | 183,020.04 | pending |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2025 | $ | 28,690.00 | pending |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2025 | $ | 14,652.76 | pending |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2025 | $ | 25,397.80 | pending |
| Gila River Indian Community | PCSO | 2025 | $ | 9,251.59 | pending |

**6. 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.**

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**7. Indicate which priority area (from the above list) the proposal falls under.**

Project Areas: Health Care, Public Safety and Child Advocacy

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A:** Quote for project

**Attachment B:** Pinal County Board of Supervisors approval to seek and enter into this grant

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# Estimate - Pinal - May 15th, 2025

## Custom Programming for FeMR Specific Implementation*

*=Estimate only. Final quote to be provided after final customer spec documents). Based on change list received in November, 2023.

| Item | Category | Details | | COST |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Child Abuse Exam** | Remove ROS<br>Add strangulation addendum (re-use existing)<br>Add Trafficking screening (1 very long web, 6 page printed document)<br>Alter Pain Level fields<br>Remove Post Assault Hygeine<br>Physical Examination - Alter response items for all<br>Rebuild exam form to customer spec (12 pages)<br>Aftercare - alter to customer final spec (estimate 1 web and 2 printed pages)<br>Standing Orders - alter to customer final spec (estimate 1 web and 2 printed pages)<br>Add TBI screening -1 page | | $7,500 |
| 2 | **Sex Assault Pediatric** | Alter assault history<br>Add post assault hygeine activity descriptions<br>Remove items from post assault sex activity<br>Add trafficking screening (re-use from item #1)<br>Remove Medical History items<br>Add strangulation addendum (re-use existing) | | $8,500 |
| 3 | **Sexual Assault Adolescent** | Exam can re-use changes to Item #2<br>Aftercare - alter to final customer spec (estimate 2 web pages and 2 printed) | | $2,250 |
| 4 | **Sexual Assault Adult** | Exam can re-use changes to Item #2<br>Add comments to swabs/injuries | | $625 |
| 5 | **IPV** | Add Danger Assessment (1 long web page, 3 printed pages)<br>Add assault history questions<br>Add eyes bodymap using customer images<br>Alter vaccine management | | $3,750 |
| 6 | **Consult/Contact** | Add brief (1 page) "exam" that will allows documentation of meeting that may be held with a potential patient and go over consents, the process and general body safety information | | N/C |
| | **TOTAL** | | | **$22,625.00** |