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: Apache Junction Unified School District

Contact person/title: Larry Hill / Director of Facilities (retires at end of June) & Robert Pappalardo (Superintendent)

Email address: larry.hill@goaj.org (retires at end of June)/marywestlund9@gmail.com (volunteer grant writer for school district)/ robert.pappalardo@goaj.org (School district Superintendent)

Address: 2535 S Ironwood Dr., Apache Junction AZ 85120

Project name: Peralta Trails Elementary Pickleball Court surfacing

Amount being requested: $ 35,535

Project summary: Provide standard pickleball courts for Gold Canyon community by applying standard pickleball surfacing, nets and surrounding perimeter surface on existing cement play area at Peralta Elementary school to support the student education and community participation of this increasingly popular pickleball sport which brings generations and communities together while providing for healthy physical and mental activity.

Beneficiaries: Apache Junction Unified School District & Gold Canyon Community
Supervisor District: District 5 – Jeff Serdy

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.

Larry Hill
Director name and signature

Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Proposal
From: Apache Junction Unified School District
Project Name: Peralta Trails Elementary School Pickleball Court Surfacing Project

A. Grant Purpose & Need

The purpose of this grant is to address the education and health needs of the Gold Canyon community by providing standard pickleball courts order to support student physical education and community participation of this increasingly popular pickleball sport which brings communities and generations together for fun and recreation while providing for healthy physical and mental activity for overall well-being of our community. The impacted amenities while owned by the Apache Junction Unified School district, are available for the broader Gold Canyon Community to enjoy. These facilities are heavily used by the community even in their current rudimentary state which is a plain cement slab with no standard court surfacing. There has been high demand for these significant improvements which not only will support the rapid growth of the sport in our community but will also provide a safer surface for players with less risk of slipping and lower body impact reducing strain and injury risk for players. This project will be accomplished through the following actions:

a) Provide services and supplies to prepare existing cement surface by repairing and patching existing cracks and imperfections.
b) Provide materials and services to apply acrylic surfacing and paint court lines to provide standard pickleball court surfacing.
c) Purchase and installing nets on courts.
d) Purchase and install rocks and rock binder on surrounding perimeter surface in order to minimize rocks and debris from coming onto court and damaging surface coating.

B. Population Benefiting from this grant: The target population for the project are the students at Peralta Trails Elementary School and the residents of the Gold Canyon Community which represents a growing population of approximately 12,500 current residents. There are currently no public standard pickleball courts in Gold Canyon – the nearest public courts require a minimum of an hour round trip to access the nearest public courts.

C. Budget – The total requested amount is $35,535. Below are the details of the budget based on several vendor estimates.

Description	**Cost Details**	**Cost**
Court Surfacing	Materials and labor for concrete repair and prep, Acrylic surfacing with court lines	$ 19,000
Nets - Semi Permanent	3 Court nets and installation	$ 10,500
Surrounding Rock and binder	Rock purchase, delivery and placement of perimiter rocks and binder to help reduce court surfacing damage from surrounding sand/rocks from being	$ 1,400
Contingency (15%)	Planned contingency to cover price fluctuations/changing tarriffs	$ 4,635
Total		**$ 35,535**

D. Related funding requests: A pending grant request for this project has been made to the Gila River Indian Community in March of 2025 – grant approvals will not be communicated until August 2025. Other future applicable grants will continue to be sought.

E. Previous distributions: The Apache Junction Unified School district has not previously received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation or other Arizona tribes.

F. Contacts:
    1. Apache Junction Unified School District - Director of Facilities
        a) Name: Larry Hill
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        c) Phone Number: 480.982.1110 (x2005 for Superintendent)
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        e) Fax Number: N/A
    2. Apache Junction Unified School District – Volunteer Grant Writer
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        b) Email Address: marywestlund9@gmail.com
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        d) Mailing address: 7227 S. Sandal Rd, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118
        e) Fax Number: N/A

G. Priority Areas: The priority areas which this grant would address are Education, Health Care and Economic Development as it provides standard facilities for teaching pickleball to the students and community, provides for a healthier community in terms of physical and mental well-being and these highly sought after amenities make our growing community more attractive to new residents thereby contributing to the overall economic development of our area.

H. Sponsoring Organization: This grant is being submitted by the Apache Junction Unified School District. Pinal County will be the governmental entity – they have agreed to work with the school district in support of this grant.

Attachments:

Current Pickleball play surface:



Example of courts following grant project:



Court location:

