



**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Sponsorship/Support Form
Requesting Pinal County serve as the Fiscal Agent/Pass Through Entity**

Name of the Tribal Community: Ak-Chin Indian Community

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: 7/15/2025

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: A New Leaf, Inc.

Contact person/title: Paula Kipp/Grants Manager

Email address: grants@turnanewleaf.org

Address: 868 E. University Dr., Mesa, AZ 85203-8033

Project name: A New Leaf Rapid Re-Housing and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance in Pinal County

Amount being requested: \$10,000

Project summary: A New Leaf's Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Programs provide individualized support to assist families and individuals with transitioning out of homelessness and into stable housing. Services include housing navigation, rent and utility financial assistance, case management, employment support, benefits enrollment assistance, budget coaching, and more.

Beneficiaries: Individuals and families experiencing, or in imminent danger of experiencing, homelessness in Pinal County.

Supervisor District: 2, 3, 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.

Michael Hughes, CEO

Director name and signature

2025 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: A New Leaf		Applicant is a: ☐ City/Town/County (circle) ☒ Other 501c(3) nonprofit	
Contact Person and Title: Paula Kipp, Sr. Private Grants Manager			
Applicant Address (administrative office): 868 E. University Dr.			
City: Mesa		Zip Code: 85203	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different):			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: 480-869-0262		Fax Number: 480-649-3167	
E-mail Address: grants@turnanewleaf.org			
Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County (<i>Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent</i>)			
Contact Person: Heather Patel, Grants Manager, Pinal County			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1348			
City: Florence		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: (520) 866-6422		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name: A New Leaf's Rapid Re-Housing and Tenant Based Rental Assistance Programs	
Priority Area (Check all that apply) ☐ education ☒ public safety ☒ health ☐ environment ☐ promotion of commerce ☐ economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): Requested funding will provide essential living kits to households served by A New Leaf's Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Programs in Pinal County, which provide individualized support to assist families and individuals with transitioning out of homelessness and into stable housing. Services include housing navigation, rent and utility financial assistance, case management, employment support, budget coaching, and more.	
Target Audience/Beneficiaries: Individuals/families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Pinal County.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: July, 1, 2025-June 30, 2026	
Amount Requested: \$10,000	Total Cost: \$501,207
Geographic Area Served: Pinal County	

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes.

Signature: 
For the Applicant: _____ Date: 06/10/2025

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Laura Bode, President of Philanthropy

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____



Ak-Chin Indian Community

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A New Leaf is grateful to continue its meaningful partnership with the Ak-Chin Indian Community through a \$10,000 grant request, driving homelessness prevention and addressing public safety in Pinal County.

ORGANIZATION MISSION & FOCUS

For 54 years, A New Leaf has advanced its mission of “Helping Families, Changing Lives” by fostering social and economic stability across the Phoenix Metro area. The organization’s 36 programs address both urgent crises and long-term needs, offering services such as emergency shelter, supportive housing, domestic and sexual violence support, financial empowerment, foster care, early childhood education, and family support. Services are strength-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive to support all aspects of clients' well-being. Last year, these services empowered over 22,000 lives, reflecting A New Leaf's commitment to building an equitable, thriving community.

A. PURPOSE OF GRANT

1. *Proposed Program* A New Leaf’s Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Programs provide individualized permanent housing solutions to stabilize individuals and families who are currently experiencing homelessness or living in emergency shelters. Services include housing navigation, rent and utility financial assistance, case management, employment support, benefits enrollment assistance, budget coaching, and referrals to other services for up to 12 months for RRH and 24 months for TBRA.

Housing instability is a significant and growing concern in Pinal County. According to Arizona Judicial Branch records, Pinal County eviction filings increased from 1,395 in 2022 to over 2,800 in 2024, reflecting the mounting pressure on households as rental costs escalate. Cost burden data further reveal that 40% of renters in Pinal County spend more than 30% of their income on housing, underscoring the severe shortage of affordable housing for low and moderate income households. Moreover, the Point in Time count documented 256 households experiencing homelessness on ONE single night in January 2024, while nearly 60,000 people in the county lived in poverty in 2024.

A New Leaf expanded its RRH and TBRA programs to Pinal County in 2022 to respond to the growing need for individualized case management and support for households transitioning from homelessness to stable housing. Tailored case management addresses the diverse and intersecting barriers to a household gaining stability.

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2. Target Population A New Leaf's RRH and TBRA programs target individuals and families in Pinal County experiencing homelessness and/or domestic violence who are able to demonstrate their ability to maintain adequate employment and/or income to maintain housing when rent and utility financial assistance has ended. Programs will directly impact approximately 40 households with low incomes in Pinal County annually, including approximately 85 adults and children. Subpopulations include survivors of domestic violence, veterans, and people who have experienced chronic homelessness. Last fiscal year, 100% of households served through RRH and TBRA reported a low or very low household income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$48,225 for a family of four).

3. Service Plan and Project Goals The overall goal of the RRH and TBRA programs is to stabilize high-risk households on the brink of homelessness by providing short-term financial assistance while reinforcing long-term stability through individualized case management and comprehensive support services. Services empower individuals to regain control of their lives and improve stability. Individuals and families access services after referral through partner agencies in Pinal County. Households able to maintain adequate employment and/or income to maintain housing when services have ended are eligible for the RRH and TBRA programs.

Case Management and Support Services: Upon entry into the program, comprehensive assessments are conducted. These assessments inform the creation of tailored Housing Stability Plans that employ strength-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive practices. Housing Navigators assist with identifying and securing appropriate housing. Case Managers assist with rent and utility financial assistance for up to 24 months, financial coaching, benefits enrollment, life skills development, job placement assistance, and referrals to educational, healthcare, and transportation resources—ensuring that all aspects of wellbeing impacting housing stability are addressed. Supportive services are identified to meet the needs of specific populations such as veterans, survivors of domestic violence, or those who have been chronically homeless.

Case management is offered for up to 12 months for RRH and 24 months for TBRA. Case Managers meet and follow up with participants as frequently as needed, ensuring that services are client-directed and voluntary. Case Managers also provide exit services; when rental assistance is concluded, households continue to receive follow-up case management. If necessary, one-time emergency financial assistance is available to address crises such as job loss, transportation challenges, and similar situations that impact housing stability. Case managers are pivotal to client success, connecting households with A New Leaf and community services that promote broader economic, educational, and health outcomes, directly aligning with the Ak-Chin's priority areas.

Housing Navigation: Through a partnership with HOM Inc., Housing Navigators recruit landlords to provide equitable housing opportunities for program participants. Households are assisted with finding and securing appropriate rental housing, negotiating manageable lease agreements, and addressing any issues that may impede access to housing such as credit history, bad debt, or legal issues.

Financial Assistance: Households receive assistance to cover costs necessary to immediately stabilize in permanent housing, including move-in costs, deposits, rent, and utilities. Resources are also available to support transportation, childcare, and employment. RRH provides rent and utility financial assistance for up to 3 months for up to 100% of housing costs, and up to 9 months for up to 75% of housing costs, or 30% of the participant's household income, whichever is less. TBRA provides rental assistance for up to 24 months. Program participants must comply with paying \$25 per month or 30% of their household income towards their rental expenses (whichever is higher).

Move-In Kits: Families transitioning into permanent housing experience greater success if they have essential items needed for living, some of which many households lack because they lost everything when they became homeless. When sufficient funding is available, A New Leaf provides kits that are customized for each family's needs, including items such as dishes, cookware, towels, toiletries, bedding, cleaning supplies, items for infants/toddlers, such as highchairs, boosters, strollers, and more.

Program Impact: Specific outputs and outcomes during a one-year grant term include:

- 85 unduplicated individuals will be served.
- 85% of households will transition into stable housing.
- 90% of households will maintain or increase their income.
- 90% of households will enroll in or maintain public benefits.

4. *Project Timetable* The RRH and TBRA Programs are ongoing. Ak-Chin funds will be allocated for client assistance and will be expended within the one-year grant period.

B. RESOURCES

1. *Current Funding Sources* A New Leaf currently provides RRH and TBRA in Pinal County through renewable contracts with multiple public entities, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Pinal County. This fiscal year, one-time funding sources for program support in Pinal and Maricopa counties include the Garcia Family Foundation, Gila River Indian Community, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which also provides in-kind donations. Pending one-time funding sources for program support and move-in kits in the upcoming fiscal year include the Gila River Indian Community.

2. *Project Partners* Participants are referred to A New Leaf through agency programs and partners, including Pinal County, public safety entities, and social service partners. HOM Inc. assists with rental property search, landlord engagement, leasing services, and Housing Quality Standards inspections. Job search assistance, resume building, and workforce development training is offered through a partnership with AZ@Work. Households can access furnishings and new mattresses through a partnership with Furnishing Dignity/Furnishing Hope. Referrals are made to other programs within A New Leaf and other partnerships for things such as financial literacy and life skills development, employment assistance, career training opportunities, and primary and behavioral health services.

3. *Sustainability of Continuing Project* A New Leaf's RRH and TBRA Programs are ongoing programs that have successfully served economically disadvantaged households in Pinal County for several years. A New Leaf ensures the programs' sustainability through a diversified funding strategy that includes local, state, and federal agencies, tribal communities, and private donors. Recognizing the instability of government funding and the critical impact every dollar has on families facing homelessness, the agency is committed to maximizing each contribution through cost-efficient practices, strategic partnerships, and enhanced philanthropic support. Ongoing support from partners like the Ak-Chin Indian Community remains critical to keeping families stably housed and helping them achieve self-sufficiency.

4. *Funding Requests from Other Arizona Tribes*

a. Pending requests within last 18 months:

Tribe	Project
Gila River Indian Community	Program support for RRH/TBRA in Pinal County

b. Funded requests made in the last 5 years:

Year	Tribe	Project	Amount
2024	Gila River Indian Community	Pinal RRH and TBRA	\$50,000
2024	Tohono O'odham Nation (TON)/Desert Diamond Casinos (DDC)	Temporary Shelter Program for DV Survivors (DVSTOP)	\$5,000
2024	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Emergency Shelter Services	\$200,000
2023	TON/DDC	DVSTOP	\$5,000
2023	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Emergency Shelter Services	\$200,000
2022	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Emergency Shelter Services	\$200,000
2022	TON/DDC	DVSTOP	\$5,000
2022	TON	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	\$20,000
2021	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Emergency Shelter Services	\$200,000
2021	TON/DDC	DVSTOP	\$5,000
2021	TON	VITA	\$20,000
2020	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Emergency Shelter Services	\$200,000
2020	TON/DDC	DVSTOP	\$5,000
2020	TON	VITA	\$20,000

C. REPORTS

A New Leaf will allocate Ak-Chin grant funds exclusively to client assistance expenses, managed through stringent financial controls. Quarterly internal audits will ensure alignment with Ak-Chin's priorities, with final expenditure and outcome reports submitted to the Community upon grant completion.

Progress toward goals is defined in each household's Housing Stability Plan and is monitored through regular case management meetings with program staff. The following data is collected and maintained for reporting purposes, evaluating program effectiveness, and continuous improvement:

- # of unduplicated individuals served.
- # of households receiving rental assistance.
- # of units of transportation assistance.
- \$ amount of rental assistance provided to participating households.
- # positive exits and all exits
- # of months in program (housed)
- # of households enrolling/maintaining public benefits
- # of households maintaining or increasing income
- # of households transitioning into stable housing

D. BUDGET

The attached budget of \$501,207 includes projected revenue and expenses of the program. Funding will be expended throughout the one-year grant term to meet the needs of households served during that timeframe. Ak-Chin funding fills critical gaps in Specific Assistance to Clients, which is not covered by existing public contracts and addresses urgent needs such as move in kits, basic needs, transportation, childcare, car repairs, employment, and other support necessary to maintaining housing stability.

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A New Leaf's Rapid Re-Housing initiative directly advances the Ak-Chin Indian Community's vision for public safety by preventing homelessness. Evidence from national studies and local outcomes confirm that housing security reduces emergency service utilization, lowers law enforcement intervention costs, and mitigates public health risks.

Beyond immediate safety, this project creates cascading benefits across Ak-Chin's priority areas through the effects of supportive case management and access to resources: economic mobility flourishes as households gain employment and financial literacy; healthcare outcomes improve through benefits enrollment and sustained access to health services; and educational opportunities expand when families achieve stability and referrals to community partners. Additionally, A New Leaf resolves transportation barriers, ensuring clients can reliably reach jobs, schools, and medical appointments.

A New Leaf deeply values our ongoing partnership with Ak-Chin Indian Community and appreciates your support during a time of increasing economic uncertainty for Pinal County community members. By addressing both immediate financial barriers and long-term stability needs, this collaboration empowers families to break the cycle of homelessness and gain self-sufficiency for a brighter tomorrow.



**Rapid Re-Housing/Tenant Based Rental Assistance Pinal County
Proposed Budget - FY2026 (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)**

Revenue	Budget	Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant
Government (city, county, state, federal)	\$ 190,528.00	\$ -
Foundation & Corporate Support	\$ 154,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Contributions	\$ 61,179.00	\$ -
Special Events/Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -
In-Kind/Indirect Contributions	\$ -	\$ -
United Way	\$ -	\$ -
Contract Revenue	\$ 95,000.00	\$ -
Revenue from Other (reimbursements)	\$ -	\$ -
Other income (client fees, rent revenue, etc)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 501,207.00	\$ 10,000.00

Expense		
Salaries	\$ 76,755.00	\$ -
Payroll Tax	\$ 6,447.00	\$ -
Employee Benefits & Other	\$ 10,013.00	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 9,040.00	\$ -
Advertising/Marketing/Printing	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,273.00	\$ -
Telephone	\$ 1,648.00	\$ -
Occupancy (rent, utilities, building, grounds)	\$ -	\$ -
Travel/Vehicles	\$ 10,968.00	\$ -
Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Conferences/Professional Development	\$ 491.00	\$ -
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Payroll Insurance	\$ 4,124.00	\$ -
Equipment Leases/Repairs	\$ 337.00	\$ -
Specific Assistance for Clients	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Program Expense	\$ 240,281.00	\$ -
Bad Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Event Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 424,752.00	\$ 10,000.00

Management & General	\$ 76,455.00	\$ -
Total Operational Expense	\$ 501,207.00	\$ 10,000.00

Surplus / Deficit	\$ -	\$ -
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Funding Amount Justification

Ak-Chin Indian Community's \$10,000 grant provides critical flexible funding for urgent client assistance gaps excluded from restrictive public contracts. This support enables rapid crisis interventions that directly advance the Community's public safety goals by stabilizing economically disadvantaged households. Funds will address immediate barriers to housing retention, such as transportation, employment, basic needs, childcare, and other similar needs to ensure long-term stability for families in Pinal County.

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Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Sep. 10, 2019, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in December 1972, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. A. Billups". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "A".

Kim A. Billups, Operations Manager
Accounts Management Operations 1

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