



**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: July 15, 2025 (must be received via express mail by this date)

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

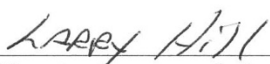
Amount being requested: \$ 35,535

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.



Director name and signature

Name of Applicant: Apache Junction Unified School District Applicant is a: ☐ City/Town/County (circle) ☒ Other <u>School District</u>	
Contact Person and Title: Larry Hill, Apache Junction Unified School District Director of Facilities (retiring at end of June 2025)/Robert Pappalardo, Apache Junction Unified School District Superintendent/Mary Westlund, Apache Junction Unified School District Volunteer Grant Writer	
Applicant Address (administrative office): 1575 West Southern Avenue	
City: Apache Junction	Zip Code: 85120
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Phone Number: 480.982.1110 (x2005 for Dr. Pappalardo)/763-234-6900 for Mary Westlund	
Fax Number: NA	
E-mail Address: robert.pappalardo@goaj.org , marywestlund9@gmail.com , larry.hill@goaj.org (retiring at end of June 2025)	
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	
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City: Florence	Zip Code: 85132
Phone Number: 520-866-6422	Fax Number: NA
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov	

Program or Project Name: Peralta Trails Elementary School Pickleball Court Surfacing Project	
Priority Area (Check all that apply) ☒ education ☐ public safety ☒ health ☐ environment ☐ promotion of commerce ☒ economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): Provide standard pickleball courts for Gold Canyon community on existing cement play area at Peralta Elementary school in order to expand student physical education and community recreation.	
Target Audience/Beneficiaries: Apache Junction Unified School District and Gold Canyon Community	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: January 2026 to April 2026	
Amount Requested: \$35,535	Total Cost: \$35,535
Geographic Area Served: City of Gold Canyon AZ and surrounding communities	

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: 5-20-25

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Larry Hill, Apache Junction Unified School District Director of Facilities

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

Narrative for **Peralta Trails Elementary School Community Pickleball Court Surfacing Project**

A. Purpose of Grant.

1. Provide standard pickleball courts for Gold Canyon community at Peralta Trail Elementary school in 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 surfacing. There has been high demand for these significant improvements which not only will support the rapid growth of the sport 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.
2. 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 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 courts.
3. The project goals and objectives are to enhance education, health and economic & community development for the community of Gold Canyon by providing standard pickleball surfaced courts in order to meet the following objectives:
 - a. Provide standard Pickleball facilities in support of student and community pickleball education and recreational play.
 - b. Promote a healthier community in terms of physical and mental well-being as pickleball has grown tremendously given its effect of bringing generations and communities together in a way that promotes physical and mental well-being while engaging in a fun and challenging activity. The court surfacing will also result in a safer surface for playing pickleball thereby reducing the risk of injury.
 - c. Enhancing the amenities in our community by providing highly sought after standard pickleball courts which will make our growing community more attractive to new and existing residents thereby contributing to the overall economic and community development of our area.
4. The timetable for implementation of the Project will be as follows:
 - a) Final project prep including vendor selection and school coordination – 2 months
 - b) Cement prep and acrylic surfacing – 1 month
 - c) Surrounding rock placement – 2 weeks
 - d) Net delivery and installation – 2 weeks

B. Resources.

1. Identify current funding sources for the Project: A one-time funding request to complete this project is being made to Arizona Tribes as part of the Tribal/State Gaming Compact.
2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating in or contributing to the Project, but which are not funding sources, and describe their roles or contributions.
 - a) The Apache Junction Unified School District is providing the land and foundational cement slab for this project.

- b) The Apache Junction Unified School District and Peralta Trails Elementary School will oversee the project.
 - c) The Peralta Trails Pickleball Club will serve in a volunteer capacity for project management and day to day project oversight and reporting. This club has previously raised funds in order to provide fencing around the proposed pickleball court area – this fencing project is now complete.
 - d) Pinal County will serve as the financial intermediary.
 - e) Licensed vendors will be contracted to execute the specialized tasks needed to complete the project.
- 3. Define the Project as a new or continuing project or a purchase. Provide information about how the Project will be sustained or the purchase will be maintained after the grant funding is exhausted.
 - a) The court surfacing project is a new project.
 - b) The court surfacing is expected to have a minimum court life of 5 years. The life of the court would be extended by the included landscaping work to prevent rocks and debris being blown onto the court and scratching the surface. The Peralta Trails Pickleball club will provide volunteer resources to sweep or blow water and debris from the courts on a regular basis in order to keep them maintained for school and community use. If the court needs repair in the future, the school would seek grants or donations from the community to fund the repairs.
- 4. If the Applicant organization has requested funding from any other Arizona tribe, please list:
 - a. Pending requests made within the last eighteen (18) months for the same request, including the name of the tribe to which the request was made.
 - A pending grant request for this project has been made to the Gila River Indian Community in March of 2025.
 - A pending grant request for this project has been made to the Tohono O’odham Nation in June of 2025.
 - b. Funded requests made in the last five (5) years, including the name of the tribe that awarded the funding, a brief summary of the project for which the funding was awarded, and the amount of the funding received.
 - No other tribe funding requests have been made or awarded.
- C. Reports. Approved grantees must account for and report to the Community all expenditures of grant funding; however, there is no required reporting form or format. Explain how your organization will account for and manage the funding if selected. Describe how Project progress and results will be tracked and documented.
 - An experienced project manager will be assigned to prepare and execute the project plan. This will include overall project progress tracking against the plan and making any adjustments required based on project needs in order to complete project as planned. Regular project timeline and progress updates and budget tracking will be provided as required by the Ak-Chin grant office and the Pinal County Sponsor.

D. Budget. Provide a budget, including justification, that supports the request in the Application. Provide an estimated timeline for when funds will be expended.

Description	Cost Details	Cost	Expenditure timing*
Court Surfacing	Materials and labor for concrete repair and prep, Acrylic surfacing with court lines	\$ 19,000	January-March 2026
Nets - Semi Permanent	3 Court nets and installation	\$ 10,500	January-March 2026
Surrounding Rock and binder	Rock purchase, delivery and placement of perimeter rocks and binder to help reduce court surfacing damage from surrounding sand/rocks from being	\$ 1,400	April 2026
Contingency (15%)	Planned contingency to cover price adjustments/tariffs or	\$ 4,635	January-April 2026
Total		\$ 35,535	

**Expenditure timing assumes release of funds in January - timeline will be adjusted accordingly to reflect actual disbursement timing. Project start date is flexible and timeline can be shifted according to funding availability.*

E. Additional information. Please provide any additional information about the Project or the Applicant organization that the Ak-Chin Council should know when considering the Application.

For reference and perspective, below are images to show the current state and proposed finished project along with the location of the facilities.

Current Pickleball play surface:



Example of courts following grant project:



Court location:

