



**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

Due date of the application to the Tribal community: July 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: Gold Canyon Community, Inc.

Contact person/title: David Coward, Vice President

Email address: gccinc21@gmail.com

Address: 6499 S. Kings Ranch Rd. Ste 6-31, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Project name: Gold Canyon Dementia Community Training

Amount being requested: \$7,000

Project summary: Dementia education helps to create a more informed and supportive community the benefits everyone.

Beneficiaries: People living with dementia, their families, and caregivers

Supervisor District: District 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.

David Coward, Vice President

David Coward

Director name and signature

2025 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Gold Canyon Community, Inc.		Applicant is a: ☐ City/Town/County (circle) ☒ Other 501(c)3	
Contact Person and Title: David Coward, Vice President			
Applicant Address (administrative office): 9414 E. Mogollon Trail			
City: Gold Canyon, AZ		Zip Code: 85118	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): 6499 S. Kings Ranch Rd. STE 6-31			
City: Gold Canyon, AZ		Zip Code: 85118	
Phone Number: (480) 678-1756		Fax Number: N/A	
E-mail Address: gccinc21@gmail.com			
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, Grant Administrator			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: PO Box 1348			
City: Florence, AZ		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: (520) 866-6422		Fax Number: N/A	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name: Good Canyon Dementia Friendly Training	
Priority Area (Check all that apply) ☐ education ☐ public safety ☒ health ☐ environment ☐ promotion of commerce ☐ economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): Dementia education helps to create a more informed and supportive Community that benefits everyone. It can lead to a stronger, healthier society where people feel empowered to contribute in supporting those living with dementia and their families.	
Target Audience/Beneficiaries: People living with dementia, their families, caregivers, and the community	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026	
Amount Requested: \$7,000	Total Cost: \$7,000
Geographic Area Served: Gold Canyon, Arizona	

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: David Coward Date: 6/2/2025

Typed/Printed Name and Title: David Coward, Vice President

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____
(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Heather Patel, Grant Administrator



Department of the Treasury
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P.O. Box 2508
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GOLD CANYON COMMUNITY INC
6499 S KINGS RANCH RD STE 6 PMB 31
GOLD CANYON, AZ 85118

Date:
11/17/2021
Employer ID number:
86-1423046
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
February 08, 2021
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053642002121

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.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

2024 PROP 202 – 12%

CONTRIBUTION GRANT APPLICATION

REQUESTER: GOLD CANYON COMMUNITY, INC.

Organization: Gold Canyon Community, Inc. (GCCCI) a 501(c)(3) non-profit

Submitting through: Pinal County, Heather Patel, Grant Administrator **Email:**
heather.patel@pinal.gov

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: Gold Canyon Dementia Community Training

Purpose of Grant:

Why is it important to train and educate the community on Dementia: Increased understanding and support – when community members are trained in dementia education, they gain knowledge of the condition and its symptoms. With this knowledge people are less likely to misunderstand or react negatively to common behaviors such as memory loss, confusion, or agitation. This will lead to more compassionate interactions, ensuring people with dementia feel valued and respected.

Promotes safety and independence: Proper training helps community members recognize potential hazards for people with dementia, such as unsafe public spaces, confusing signage, or areas where falls could occur. People with dementia, especially those in the later stages, may wander or become disoriented. By educating the community, residents, and businesses, awareness can be raised to recognize when someone may be lost or confused and how to provide assistance in a way that preserves their dignity and safety.

Reducing Stigma and misunderstanding: Many people still hold misconceptions or negative stereotypes about dementia and its effects. Community wide training helps dispel myths, normalize conversations about dementia, and reduce the stigma that can lead to isolation and discrimination.

Support for Caregivers: Caregivers of people with dementia often experience high levels of stress and burnout. A community trained in dementia education can offer practical support and emotional reassurance to caregivers by providing them with more understanding and tangible help when they need it. A trained community can offer companionship, practical help, and emotional encouragement, alleviating some of the pressure caregivers face.

Improved Access to Services: When community members understand dementia, they are more likely to engage with local healthcare professionals and services in a way that effective. Trained businesses, public service organizations, and other institutions can better adapt their offerings to meet the needs of individuals with dementia, ensuring access to services and facilities that might otherwise be challenging for them to navigate.

Enhancing Community Engagement and Inclusion: Education about dementia promotes the inclusion of people with dementia in community events, social gatherings, and public spaces.

Support for Early Detection and Diagnosis: When community members are trained in dementia, they are better equipped to spot early warning signs in friends, family, or neighbors. Early diagnosis and intervene can lead to better management of the disease and improved quality of life.

Positive Impact on Local Economy: By training local businesses and service providers to be dementia-friendly, they become better equipped to meet the needs of individuals with dementia and their families. Dementia-friendly initiative can also attract tourist who are looking for supportive environment for their loved ones with dementia.

Building a Legacy of Compassionate Care: A community that is educated about dementia contributes to a long-term cultural shift where people view dementia as a shared social responsibility. When schools, local organizations, and families engage with dementia education, it sets an example for future generations, ensuring that future leaders, caregivers, and citizens are well prepared to continue supporting people with dementia.

Personal Fulfillment and Community Strength: Learning about dementia can create a sense of shared purpose and solidarity within the community.

Target Population: The GCCI target population of Gold Canyon's residents, according to the 2020 census, is 11,404. Residents are primarily retired; however, many of the master-planned communities within the planning area have working families. Census data (2020) indicates a median age of 65.2; a poverty rate of 9.2%; a median household income of \$75,518, and an employed population of 3,521. Our primary audience include individuals living with dementia, their family members, friends and community members interest in learning more about dementia care and supporting those affected.

2025 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures:

- One in Three older adults die with Alzheimer's disease which has increased by 142%
- Nearly 12 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or dementia
- The lifetime risk for Alzheimer's at age 45 is: one in five (women) and one in ten (men)

Project Goals and Objectives: The vehicle to conduct community training is through events called – Memory Café. The Memory Café will provide a welcoming, supportive environment for people with memory loss and their caregivers. It will offer opportunities for social interaction, cognitive stimulation, emotion support, and community building in a relaxed, nonjudgemental setting. The goals for of the Memory Café are:

- To create a safe, inclusive space for people living with dementia and their caregivers
- To reduce isolation and improve mental well-being through social interaction and fun activities.
- To offer caregivers emotional support, respite, and useful resources
- To build awareness about dementia and foster a dementia-friendly community.

Program Structure and Activities:

- Frequency and Duration
 - Monthly or bi-weekly events
 - One and ½ to two hours per session, with flexibility to adjust depending on participant needs.
- Types of Activities
 - Music Therapy – play familiar songs, encourage singing, and provide instrument for music sessions.
 - Memory Games – Simple enjoyable games like trivia or memory cards that encourage cognitive stimulation
 - Art and Craft Activities – Simple hands-on activities like painting, making collages, or working with clay.
 - Guest Speakers and Presentations – Invite experts to speak about dementia care, coping strategies, or other related topics.
 - Physical Movement: Light seated exercises or stretching to engage the body.
 - Social Time – Time for free conversation, building connections, and forming friendships.
 - Refreshments – Provide light snacks and beverages to make the environment more welcoming and social.
- Staffing
 - Program Coordinator – oversee the café, ensure smooth operations, and liaise with volunteers, community members, and partners.
 - Facilitators – professionals or trained individuals to guide the activities mentioned above.
 - Volunteers – friendly volunteers to assist with activities, help with setup/cleanup, and offer companionship to participants.
- Training – volunteers and staff should receive training in dementia awareness and how to engage with individuals with dementia. Partnering with local dementia organizations for training.
- Evaluation Methods – After each session, provide participants and caregivers with a short survey to gather feedback on activities, environment, and overall experiences. Regularly check in with caregivers to ensure the Memory Café is meeting their needs and addressing their concerns.

Timeline for Project

On or before Sept 8 th 2025	Receive notification of grant allocation and negotiating grant agreements
Oct. 1 st 2025	Begin process of identifying volunteers and partner organizations
Dec. 15 th 2025	Train volunteers, set up schedule of events
Jan 2 nd 2026	Begin advertise event programs dates to community
April 15 th 2026	First quarterly reporting on status of activities towards stated objectives
July 15 th 2026	Second quarterly report on activities and establishment of communication elements of the objectives
Oct 15 th 2026	Third quarterly report on activities and establishment of communication elements of the objectives
Jan 15 th 2027	Final report on project. .

Resources:

- Current Funding sources are provided by grants from Pinal County (grants authorized for past three years), membership dues for GCCI, sponsorships from local businesses, and donations. All of these sources are short term (one year or less).
- Supporting Organizations or Partners:
 - Seniors Helping Seniors
 - All About You Placement
 - Arizona Alzheimer's Association
 - Avista Senior Living
 - Gold Canyon Assisted Living (Hacienda House)
 - Oakwood Health-The Dementia Hub

PROJECT BUDGET DETAIL

Proposed Expense	Amt Req.	
Dementia Training Materials	\$1,000	Printed guides, videos, digital content
Trainers	\$1,400	Stipend for Professionals and advocates
Memory Café Supplies	\$1,000	Games, music, memory books
Food/Snacks	\$2,000	Light snacks and drinks
Venue Rentals	\$600	Donated space
Office Supplies	\$500	Paper, printing, tools
Website & Marketing	\$500	Misc. marketing
Total	\$7,000	

Under the general supervision of the GCCI Board of Directors, the Project Director and volunteers will implementation and develop action plans towards the dementia affected population of Gold Canyon.