



PINAL COUNTY

WIDE REACH OPPORTUNITY

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: Contact person/title: Email address: Address:

Project name: Itty Bitty Bottle Babies

Mary Dondanville, Board Member

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Arizona City AZ 85123

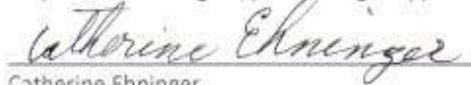
Bring Them Home

Amount being requested: Project summary: Beneficiaries: We are requesting \$5000 to assist with our on-going daily costs. Our mission is to save kittens in Pinal County. This money would support that mission by paying for food, medical services, vaccines for our kittens. Our work is aimed at low-income families throughout Pinal: educating them to the needs of kittens, providing spay/neuter services for their animals helping with Trap/Neuter/Return services for community cats and offering low-cost adoptions.

Supervisor District: 4

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.



Catherine Ehninger

2025 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Itty Bitty Bottle Babies Applicant is a: ☐ City/Town/County (circle) ☒ Other	
Contact Person and Title: Mary Dondanville, Board Member	
Applicant Address (administrative office): 9415 Santa Cruz Blvd	
City: Arizona City	Zip Code: 85123
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): P O Box 2253	
City: Arizona City	Zip Code: 85123
Phone Number: 602 295 9710	Fax Number:
E-mail Address: Ittybittyfedkittens@gmail.com	
Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County (Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent)	
Contact Person: Heather Patel, Grants Manager	
City/Town/County Mailing Address: Office of Budget & Finance 31 N Pinal St	
City: Florence	Zip Code: 85132
Phone Number: 520-866-6422	Fax Number:
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov	

Program or Project Name: Bring Them Home
Priority Area (Check all that apply) ☐ education ☒ public safety ☐ health ☐ environment ☐ promotion of commerce ☒ economic and community development
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): As a small, totally foster-based animal rescue, our mission is to save and find homes for abandoned kittens. We average about 200 saves a year, placing kittens in loving homes throughout Pinal County. With the increase in population, we are finding more and more animals in need. Frequently, we are approached by people who fall into the lower income bracket who have found kittens. They often have the desire to care for these babies but lack the financial means. They usually need instruction on how to care for the babies they have found. We offer education and supplies to allow the family to foster the kittens with our help. After weaning, we take the kittens, have them "fixed" and find homes. We are requesting funds to help us supply these foster homes with food, litter and medical supplies. Our goal is to increase our volume to 250-300 kittens each year.
Target Audience/Beneficiaries: Residents of Pinal County, with an emphasis on lower income families
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: This is our on-going mission but funding would be to help us for one year.
Amount Requested: \$5,000 Total Cost: \$15,000
Geographic Area Served: Western 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: 5/2/25

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Mary J. Dondanville IBBB Board Member



Ak-Chin Grant Application Narrative

A. Purpose of Grant

1. We are a very small foster-based kitten rescue. We are completely funded by donations and grants. We are completely volunteer staffed. Our mission is to save and find homes for as many kittens as we can save. Currently, that is about 200 animals per year. We would like to both expand that vision and help end the cat over-population in Pinal County. In order to expand our reach, we need to provide food, shelter and medical service for each kitten. Costs continue to rise. In order to find home for our kittens, we must keep the adoption fee competitive. Right now, we charge \$140.00 to adopt a kitten. We provide vaccines, altering, housing, food and any needed medical assistance. \$140.00 does not go far to pay for those costs. Currently, a spay/neuter surgery costs \$100 minimum. If there are complications [enlarged uterus, in heat, pregnant] those costs can rise to \$150.00 per animal. Vaccines are another \$40 per animal. A microchip is \$8.00 when bought in bulk. Formula is \$150.00 for each five-pound bag and kitten food costs about \$3.00 per day per animal. We also supply our foster homes with bedding, enclosures and toys. We are requesting a grant to help with these ongoing costs. We also continue to provide low-cost spay/neuter [S/N] services to low-income families and TNR [Trap, Neuter, Return] for their neighborhoods in Pinal County. Our current funding allows us to run 4-5 clinics a year at which we alter 150-200 animals in total.



2. By keeping our adoption price as low as possible, we are able to provide pets to families in most income brackets. While we are located in Arizona City, we serve all of Pinal County. Our mobile S/N clinics are located at Cowboy Church in Casa Grande. Reverend Pruitt allows us to use their fellowship building and facilities of their campus. Without that support, we would find it hard to hold clinics so efficiently.
3. In order to expand our reach, we need to engage more volunteers. This will require more supplies as we equip each home to house our kittens. We would also like to provide several more S/N clinics a year. The two Mobile clinic providers we use work very hard to keep costs low but even so, each S/N costs us \$100 or more. We require our clients to pay a low co-pay to register [\$60 for an owned cat or \$30 for TNR] as we have found this decreases the number of no-shows. Even at this low price, many families find it hard to pay for our services. We work with the clients to help them find funding.
4. Our costs are on-going. In the spring, when cats are mating, it isn't unusual for us to have 50-75 kittens in our foster homes. The rest of the year, that number goes down to 20-30. We are also part of the local rescue community. As such, we are contacted frequently by other rescues and trappers and by Pinal County Animal Care and Control [PCACC] and Casa Grande Animal Care and Control [CGACC] to provide care for newborns. We are the ONLY neo-natal kitten rescue in Pinal County. Any funding we receive pays for our on-going rescue costs.



B. Resources

1. This year, we have received one-time grant funding from the following :

Arizona Companion Animal Project	\$10,000 for Spay/Neuter
Bonnie Kay Foundation	\$7,000 for medical needs
Steven's Haven	\$5000 for day to day costs
Mary Dondanville Living Trust	\$3000 for day to day costs

2. Both PCACC and CGACC alert us to situations that need our attention.

AsaVet Charities and Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital provide the veterinary care for our S/N clinics

PetSmart in Tucson provides the outlet by which we are able to adopt out our kittens. Last year we placed over 100 kittens through their store.

3. This is our continuing mission and will be sustained by other donations and grants.

4. This is the first year we have applied for a grant from Gila River Indian Community as well as Ak-Chin. We have not received notification regarding that grant.



C. Reports

We use software provided by ShelterLuv. This gives us detailed reports on all our kittens and cats. In addition, we use spreadsheets to break down expenditures by grantor. We can also provide our annual P & L which provides even more detail on expenditures.

D. Budget

This request is for on-going expenses. We are requesting \$5000 to help pay for S/N for kittens in our care and food and other fostering expenses. Since we detail our expenditures by grantor, we can estimate this grant will be expended within 6-months of receipt.

E. Itty Bitty Bottle Babies is a very small entity. Because we are entirely foster-based and staffed by volunteers, every dollar we spend goes to the animals. When we do a S/N clinic, it is TNR and family owned pets in equal measure. We are dedicated to reducing community cat colonies and helping families care for their pets. We don't like to see a family have to give up a pet for budgetary reasons. We provide emergency food assistance when we have surplus. We offer education on how to provide for a pet. We help our clients provide medical care for their animals. We hope the Ak-Chin community can help us to continue our mission.