



**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

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: The United Methodist Church of Casa Grande

Contact person/title: Tom Moyer - Grant Manager

Email address: tmoyer0924@gmail.com

Address: 1428 North Pueblo Drive, Casa Grande, Arizona 85122

Project name: The Tranquil Community Garden at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande

Amount being requested: \$5,000

Project summary: Funds to construct and maintain a Community Park with Fruit Trees, Vegetable and Reflection Gardens for use by the surrounding community, those with food insecurities and availability of educational programs.

Beneficiaries: The underserved people of the Casa Grande Community

Supervisor District: Stephen Q Miller - District 3

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.

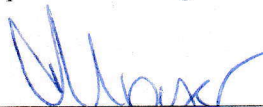
Tom Moyer
Director name and signature

2025 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: The United Methodist Church of Casa Grande		Applicant is a: ☐ City/Town/County (circle) ☒ Other	
Contact Person and Title: Tom Moyer – Grant Manager			
Applicant Address (administrative office): 1428 North Pueblo Drive			
City: Casa Grande, Arizona		Zip Code: 85122	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): SAME			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: 520 836-8630		Fax Number: NA	
E-mail Address: tmoyer0924@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			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: 31 N Pinal Street			
City: Florence, Arizona		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: 520-509-3555		Fax Number: NA	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name: The Tranquil CommUNITY Garden at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande	
Priority Area (Check all that apply) ☒ education ☐ public safety ☒ health ☒ environment ☐ promotion of commerce ☒ economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):	
Funds to construct and maintain a Community Park with Fruit Trees, Vegetable and Reflection Gardens for use by the surrounding community, those with food insecurities and availability of educational programs.	
Target Audience/Beneficiaries: The underserved of the Casa Grande Community	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: March 2025 was our initial start date. This is a continuing program with no end date.	
Amount Requested: \$5,000	Total Cost: \$48,700
Geographic Area Served: Casa Grande, 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:  Date: 8/12/2025
 For the Applicant: _____
 Typed/Printed Name and Title: Tom Moyer Grant Manager
 For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____
 (If applicable)
 Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

Ak-Chin Indian Community
2025 Prop 202 – 12% Contribution Grant Application
Narrative for the Tranquil CommUNITY Garden
at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande

A. Purpose of the Grant

1. The proposed Project is to construct and maintain a community garden with beds to plant vegetables, flowers, and herbs; as well as an area with walking paths, trees, benches, and reflection areas. It is our objective to make available to the people of Casa Grande, 1) access to a place of peace, comfort, relaxation and reflection, with 2) sustainable gardening facilities and fruit trees for not only their individual mental, physical and nutritional wellbeing, but to also 3) serve those with food insecurities through our donations to the local food bank, and 4) provide products to be used by the culinary program at the local community college; with a facility and focus to, 5) promote and conduct sustainable urban agriculture and gardening educational programs highlighting the need for healthy eating habits, as well as, 6) conducting hands on application and education of effective water resource management. We plan to implement action plans to achieve each of these objectives by combining financial resources (current and future) and effective personnel (with the necessary desire, skill, and abilities) to successfully carry out the current and future vision of the gardens and their intent.

2. It is our intent to create a safe space for persons of all ages, socioeconomic standing, races, religions and ethnicities to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city or to step away from the stress of work, school, homelife or any situation where they feel the pressures of real life or the adverse effects of persecution or shame. A place that is accepting to all that allows anyone to come and take a deep breath, reflect on their personal situation, and plan what is next. We will do our part to break down the established structural inequities to ensure that an equity lens informs all decision making, programs, policies, and guidelines. We will embrace I.D.E.A. principles with an eye on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access.

In addition to creating this safe space, we will be creating a garden area with access for all people in our community. With smaller homes and apartment living, few people now days have the opportunity to garden and receive the positive effects received from gardening. Gardening has been found to alleviate the adverse effects of stress and this return to nature cultivates positive emotional bonds. Gardening creates a connection to nature by decreasing levels of anxiety and depression, improving focus and attentiveness, evoking a favorable physiological response beyond what mere images of nature can induce, and boosting the immune system. Ecotherapy, sometimes referred to as nature therapy or green therapy, is a developing field in mental health and overall well-being. It leverages the therapeutic potential of the natural world to enhance psychological, emotional, and physical health.

This sustainable agriculture will also be going to the local community college culinary school to be used by what we hope to be future chefs to ready them for a good career, with a good income to help them to be good citizens that can carry on the ideals that are a core to the purpose of this worthwhile Project.

The neighborhoods surrounding the proposed site have limited access to grocery stores and other fresh food retailers as it is adjacent to a USDA low-income, low-access food desert, meaning more than 10% of residents do not live within walking distance of a supermarket and are without a vehicle. In addition to our garden being this safe and therapeutic space, a portion of the produce raised by these caring hands will not only go directly to those that are facing food insecurities, but this fresh produce will also go to the local food bank.

As far as the number of people served by the project, as we have not targeted a certain group, we have no idea how many people will be directly and indirectly impacted by the Project, but we hope it to be 200+ people living at or near the Project site in center of the city of Casa Grande Arizona.

For these reasons and with these intentions, the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande is working to develop, build and maintain this Community Park with Vegetable and Reflection Gardens to bring these much-needed resources to the community.

3. As this is a new project we have not yet established numerical goals, but we have established objectives we hope to achieve.

We hope through this Project to create, promote and maintain a safe place for the under-privileged, underserved, special needs and those marginalized by welcoming them to this area to have a place that is accepting to all and allows anyone to come and take a deep breath, reflect on their personal situation and plan what is next- without judgment, without cost and without prejudice.

We hope that the school for which we are partners at this site, Bridges Learning Center, will use this place for their special needs students to “burn off some energy” as the teachers have mentioned is needed. The school will also use this place to help these students and their teachers to achieve their goal of “creating a nurturing environment, dedicated to empowering students with diverse learning needs and help to unlock the potential of each student, fostering independence, and building confidence to overcome challenges”.

We hope that others in the community will find this area a safe space to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city or to step away from the stress of work, school, homelife or any situation where they feel the pressures of real life or the adverse effects of persecution or shame. A place that is accepting to all and allows anyone to come and take a deep breath, reflect on their personal situation, and plan what is next.

We hope to become a source and resource for both online and hands-on education opportunities to the general public and agricultural professionals by promoting and conducting urban agriculture and gardening educational programs. With the help of the University of Arizona School of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, we hope to help those that have an interest in environmentally responsible landscaping and gardening, as well as the application and education of water resource management in cooperation with the Central Arizona Project of Arizona.

We hope to become a source of sustainable agriculture for persons in the community that are facing food insecurities by allowing them to use this garden area to grow food for themselves and their families to be able to have fresh fruits and vegetables, at little or no cost, to help sustain them physically as well as create the positive mental effects that gardening offers that was mentioned previously.

We hope to create positive connections within the community by serving not only those with food insecurities directly, but also by providing fresh fruits and vegetables, at no cost, to the local food bank. We will continue this community connection by supplying the local community college culinary program with these fruits and vegetables for use in their programs. Once again connecting the community to our Community Park with Vegetable and Reflection Garden.

We Will Measure the Project Success to our Objectives by

- Comments written in a Guest Register or dropped in a comment box
- The number of people or families that register to use the gardens facilities for their own use and their recurring use through the reenrollment process recognizing their enjoyment of the facilities
- The quantity, amounts and frequency of fruits and vegetables donated to our Partner organizations

- The types and number of educational classes, programs and informational sessions conducted and attended.

4. We began initial steps in designing and in the initial construction of this Community Garden back in March of 2025, with the limited funds we had to do so.

We hope to raise additional funds by September 2025 to open the Gardens to the public and begin our objectives of serving the people in the neighborhoods which hope to serve.

From October 2025 until December 2025, we hope to have the garden space available for planting.

From December 2025 through March 2026, we imagine the gardens will be dormant, but the rest of the Garden Paths and Park Amenities would be open for use by those we are serving.

Gardening will again begin on or around April 2026 and will continue until we anticipate June 2026.

The planting will subside in June through August, then we will once again open up the Gardens for planting in September 2026.

This project will be year-round, with no end date anticipated as long as we have continued funding for the CommUNITY Gardens. As the Gardens and Walking Paths will be open year-round, on an ongoing basis going forward, we will continue to seek ongoing funding to not only maintain this project but to also expand and enhance this project.

B. Resources

1. We are receiving funding for this Project to come from various sources. Some of these initial sources include:

- The United Methodist Church of Casa Grande – Long Term Funding
- The People of the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande – Long Term Funding
- The United Methodist Foundation – Ongoing Annually
- The Bridges Learning Center – Ongoing Annually
- Central Arizona Project – One Time Only
- SeedMoney – Ongoing Annually
- Foundation for Evangelism – Ongoing Annually
- Pinal County Board of Supervisors – Ongoing Annually

2. Other organizations or Partners that are participating in or contributing to the Project, which are not funding sources include:

- The University of Arizona – Cooperative Extension Services – Assisting with design, construction, and ongoing operations of the Project, including assistance with staffing and a public education resource.
- TriValley Landscaping – Assistance with design, construction, and ongoing operations of the Project.

3. This Project is a new construction and will be sustained and maintained, after the initial grant funding, by ongoing solicitations to the church members, the Garden users, and through future grant funding requests. We do hope to have 2-year operating and maintenance costs raised during this initial construction period to allow the operations of the project to continue, as future funds are raised.

4. Grant funds for this Project have been requested from the Gila River Indian Community 2025 Prop 202 Grant Funding. No other current or past funding has been requested by this or any other Arizona tribe for this Project.

C. Reports

The Project's Income and Expenses will be tracked digitally using generally accepted accounting software. This accounting software will allow all expenditures for this grant funding to be accounted for and reported to the Community as required.

The Project progress and results will be tracked with the committee and people tasked by the Church to do so. A minimum of quarterly meetings will be required to discuss, review, report, and document this Project and these results to be reported to the Church's Administrative Board as well as to other stakeholders and Partners.

D. Budget

The Total Initial Budget for the Project is as follows. Each of these individual and grouped budget items have been researched, sourced, contracted, evaluated, and estimated to make certain they are a fair and reasonable cost, and that they are what is required and justified to construct and maintain the Project.

TOTAL INITIAL BUDGET \$48,140 – Consisting of the following items

Site Planning \$500

Soil Sampling for Nutrients

Layout by beds, trees, other plants; paths, common area, seating, composting area, hand wash area (w/ drainage area) & all irrigation requirements

Determine plants (ornamental, herbs, vegetables), trees (ornamental, fruit) & seeds to be planted

Site Preparation \$1,200

Preliminary grading & drainage – Paths, beds, common areas

Trenching for main water line

Trenching to individual control valves

Trenching to individual beds

Trenching to hand wash station & discharge

Final grading

Trees and Installation \$7,181

Irrigation System Parts & Installation \$6,254

Main water line

Water lines to individual control valves

Water lines to individual beds

Water lines to hand wash station & discharge materials

Handwash station \$420

Construction Materials for Raised Beds \$2,560

Bedding Materials \$160

Timers and Installation \$1,030

Compost System \$200

Trash System \$400

DC or Crushed Rock for pathways \$4,208

Community Sign (identification, welcome, rules, notices, thank you) \$425

Plantings \$500

Storage Shed \$3,800

Tools & Equipment \$1,625

Rototiller for Tractor \$400

Fence \$4,000

Labyrinth \$8,947

Solar Lights \$100

Camera \$100

Arbor at Entrance \$130

Reserve Fund (est. first 2-yrs expenses) \$4,000 – Does not include salaries or wages

As some Project funds have been received, some of the above construction and purchases have been completed. As the Project receives further funding, additional construction and purchases will be made on a timely basis as all the above Budget items need to be purchased to serve the Project. There will be no delay in using grant funds received to construct and make purchases for the site, gardens, common areas and walking paths. The grant funds received through this request, if we are selected, will be used immediately.

E. Additional Information

As referenced in the Budget section above, the CommUNITY Garden will have a Welcome Sign for the park and on that sign we will have Garden and Park use information, as well as a list and a thank you recognizing our Garden Partners. We hope that you will consider the Ak-Chin Indian Community a Partner in our CommUNITY Garden Project.

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Ak-Chin Indian Community
2025 Prop 202 – 12% Contribution Grant Application
Grant Request and Budget for the Tranquil CommUNITY Garden
at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande

For the construction of the Tranquil CommUNITY Garden located at the United Methodist Church of Casa Grande, Arizona a 501 (C)(3) listed in good standing with the United States IRS, we are requesting a Grant from the Ak-Chin Indian Community 2025 Prop 202 – 12% Grant Program in the amount of \$5,000, which is 10.4% of the total initial budget of \$48,140.

The line item for this budget is as follows:

Site Planning \$500

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
General Council on Finance and Administration
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO Box 340029
Nashville, TN 37203-0029

January 14, 2025

United Methodist Church of Casa Grande, Arizona
1428 N Pueblo Dr
Casa Grande AZ 85122

Re: Certification of Inclusion in The United Methodist Church Group Tax Exemption Ruling
Affiliated Organization: United Methodist Church of Casa Grande, Arizona
Affiliated Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN): 86-6052208

This letter will certify that the affiliated organization named above is included in The United Methodist Church Group Tax Exemption Ruling ("UMC Group Ruling"). In particular, as stated in the Group Ruling determination letter issued to The United Methodist Church by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), this affiliated organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This certification letter is issued by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church ("GCFA"), the central organization for the UMC Group Ruling. As the central organization, GCFA has been granted the authority by the IRS to determine which organizations are included in the UMC Group Ruling. (The IRS Group Exemption Number ("GEN") for the UMC Group Ruling is 2573.) Thus, this certification letter, together with the enclosed copy of the IRS Group Ruling determination letter, serves to verify the tax-exempt status of this affiliated organization.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the GCFA Legal Services Department at (866) 367-4232 or legal@gcfa.org.

Sincerely,

General Council on Finance and Administration of
The United Methodist Church

Leticia Mayberry Wright
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosures

Department of the Treasury



Internal Revenue Service

Washington, DC 20224

Date:

OCT 1 8 1974

In reply refer to:

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Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church, a/k/a the United Methodist Church and Its Affiliated Organizations
1200 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Attention: R. Bryan Brawner

Dear Applicant:

This refers to the information submitted for use in determining your status and the status of your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, as being exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For the purposes of this group ruling, your affiliated religious organizations include The General Conference, Judicial Council; General Agencies, Commissions, Committees, their divisions and departments thereof, and, other related organizations; Jurisdictional Conferences and Affiliated Agencies, Commissions, and other organizations; Annual Conferences and divisions and departments thereof; Annual Conference Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and affiliated organization; Local Churches and Local Church Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and other affiliated organizations.

Based on the information supplied, we rule that you and your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

We have further determined that you and the affiliated religious organizations you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us, are not private foundations within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you and your affiliated religious organizations are organizations described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) and 509(a)(1) of the Code.

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tions

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, they are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes.

You and your affiliated religious organizations are not required to file the Return for Organizations Exempt From Income Tax, Form 990, as you come within the exception contained in section 6033(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code.

You and your affiliated religious organizations are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you or your affiliated religious organizations are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities, or those of your affiliated religious organizations, is unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You and your affiliated religious organizations are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. You and your affiliated religious organizations are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Donors may deduct contributions to you and to your affiliated religious organizations as provided by section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to or for your use, or to or for the use of your affiliated religious organizations, are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under section 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you change your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let your key District Director know so he may consider the effect on your exempt status. Also, please keep him informed of any changes in your name or address.

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United Methodist Church, a/k/a the United
Methodist Church and Its Affiliated Organizations

You should advise each of your affiliated religious organizations of the provisions of this ruling, including the requirements for filing Federal tax returns.

Each year, within 45 days after the close of your annual accounting period, please send the following to the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, 11601 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19155, Attention: EOR Branch:

1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your affiliated religious organizations.
2. Lists of the names, mailing addresses, including Postal Zip Codes and employer identification numbers, of your affiliated religious organizations that during the year:
 - a. changed names or addresses;
 - b. were deleted from your roster; or
 - c. were added to the roster.
3. For affiliated religious organizations to be added attach:
 - a. a statement that the information upon which your present group exemption letter is based applies;
 - b. a statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. a list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters; and
 - d. a statement that none of the affiliated religious organization are private foundations as defined in section 509(a) of the Code.

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tions

4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change during the year.

This ruling supersedes our ruling letter of November 20, 1945. In addition, this ruling letter supersedes our group exemption letters to your affiliated Annual Conferences and Conferences and to the individual determination or ruling letters issued to your affiliated churches and other affiliated religious organization.

Please be sure to enter your employer identification number on all your tax returns and in your correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

This ruling is not applicable to your affiliated foreign religious organizations.

The key District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Chicago, Illinois, which is your key district for exempt organization matters, will be furnished a copy of this letter. Please keep this ruling in your permanent records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Milton Cerny
Chief, Rulings Section 1
Exempt Organizations Branch