



Proposal for Ak-Chin Community 2025 Prop 202-12% Contribution Grant

A. Purpose of Grant

1. Description of proposed project including needs/issues the project will address.

The Pinal County Family Advocacy Centers (FAC) were created to provide an array of services to crime victims in one private, child and family friendly, victim-centered location. There are currently three centers in San Tan Valley, Eloy and the City of Maricopa and one satellite center in the rural community of Oracle. The centers provide services to both children and adults for concerns of abuse and interpersonal violence. Children are seen at the FAC as a part of a law enforcement and/or Department of Child Safety (DCS) investigation after an allegation of child abuse. Child witnesses to abuse or violence also receive services. Those services include Forensic Medical Exams, Forensic Interviews and Victim Advocacy. Adult victims are seen at the FACs for concerns of acute sexual assault as well as other interpersonal violence, specifically strangulation. Adults may be referred for sexual assault or strangulation exams by law enforcement or may self-refer for sexual assault exams if they choose not to report to law enforcement. Adult victims receive medical forensic examinations and victim advocacy. Some adults may also receive forensic interviews. It is vitally important that Forensic Nurse Examiners (FNE) have all the tools needed to provide a thorough exam, collect and document evidence and document the exam and any findings. At present, the Pinal County Medical Forensics Program utilizes Forensic Electronic Medical Record (FEMR) to document all exams on both adults and children. National Best Practice and Standards for Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Strangulation cases have been updated since the last update to the FEMR system and it is important that charting remain up to date with national standards. The medical documentation is used by medical professionals on the team to provide the best medical care for the patient. Law enforcement and the attorneys need this documentation as evidence for charging of a crime and in order to prosecute and seek justice for the victim. Prosecution in turn serves to protect the community and the victim from further victimization. Unfortunately, updates to the medical record system are costly and funding is needed to cover those costs. It is the goal of the Pinal County Family Advocacy Centers to provide the best standard of medical care to victims of crime in Pinal County, including and up to date, thorough and accurate medical record. This project seeks to fund the necessary updates to the FEMR system to bring it up to date with current National Standards of best practice.

2. Identify the population that will be served by the project.

First and foremost, this project benefits victims of crime in Pinal County. An up to date, accurate medical record can be obtained by the victim as well as provided to law enforcement and prosecution in furtherance of justice for the victim. These records are used for court proceedings, court testimony, and for the overall medical care of the victim. Therefore, not only the victim, but law enforcement and prosecution also benefit from the accuracy of the records. And finally, not only the victim but the citizens of the community receive the benefit of increased security and safety when a perpetrator is brought to justice, due in part, to accurate medical records.

3. Project Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: To support victims and community safety through an up to date, thorough and accurate medical record of forensic medical examinations that is consistent with industry best practices.

Objective: Pinal County Public Health will utilize grant funding to support needed updates to the current medical record system utilized by the Medical Forensic team.

Implementation plan: Upon notification of award, Pinal County Public Health will direct FEMR, the current medical record provider, to make the requested updates to the medical record system as prescribed in the attached estimate. Payment will be made upon completion of the project.

4. Project implementation timetable

Date	Task
January 2026	Board of Supervisors approval and signature of grant agreement.
February 2026	Valley Technology Solutions to begin working on updates of FeMR medical record system
November 2026	Project completion and payment made
December 2026	Submission of any required final project reports

B. Resources

1. Identify current funding sources for the project.

There are no other current funding sources for this project.

2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating or contributing to this Project.

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While the Pinal County Family Advocacy centers work with many multi-disciplinary partners and outside organizations, none are participating or contributing to this specific project.

3. Define the project as a new or continuing project or a purchase.

This project is for a new, one-time purchase of updates to the existing medical record software and medical record storage. Once the updates are made, no further costs are required to maintain the update. Public Health pays a yearly fee for the medical record service and will continue to do so.

4. If the applicant organization has requested funding from any other Arizona tribe, please list:

Community	Department	Year	Amount	Award/ non award
Gila River Indian Community	County Attorney	2020	\$ 5,000.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Medical Forensics	2020	\$ 37,480.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Medical Forensics	2020	\$ 20,980.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Sheriff's Office	2020	denied	denied
Ak Chin Indian Community	Medical Forensics	2021	\$ 12,500.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Medical Examiner	2021	\$ 51,021.00	award
Tohono O'odham	County Attorney	2021	denied	denied
Tohono O'odham	Medical Forensics	2021	denied	denied
Gila River Indian Community	County Attorney	2022	\$ 25,000.00	denied
Gila River Indian Community	Medical Forensics	2022	\$ 40,770.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Adult Probation	2022	\$ 444,376.00	denied
Gila River Indian Community	Economic Development	2022	\$ 10,000.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Sheriff's Office	2022	\$ 292,355.12	denied
Tohono O'odham	County Attorney	2022	\$ 83,000.00	denied
Ak Chin Indian Community	Medical Forensics	2022	\$ 10,000.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	County Attorney	2023	denied	denied
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2023	\$ 58,684.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2023	\$ 134,248.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2023	\$ 110,321.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2023	\$ 65,954.70	denied
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2024	\$ 145,299.03	award
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2024	\$ 26,224.25	award
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2024	\$ 193,000.00	award
Gila River Indian Community	Library	2025	\$ 68,228.44	pending
Gila River Indian Community	County Attorney	2025	\$ 200,000.00	pending
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2025	\$ 183,020.04	pending
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2025	\$ 28,690.00	pending
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2025	\$ 14,652.76	pending
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2025	\$ 25,397.80	pending
Gila River Indian Community	PCSO	2025	\$ 9,251.59	pending
Ak Chin Indian Community	Public Health FAC	2025	\$ 22,625.00	pending
Ak Chin Indian Community	PCSO	2025	\$ 108,668.29	VCU van
Ak Chin Indian Community	PCCEH	2025	\$ 39,600.00	Diversion

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C. Reports. Explain how your organization will account for and manage the funding if selected.

Our organization will issue a Cost Center specific to these grant funds and utilize our County financial system to track, monitor and report all revenue and expenditures related to this grant. We will perform a monthly reconciliation of the Fund Balance, and work closely with program staff to ensure that all expenditures are reported accurately. Please see attachment 2 for Pinal County policies governing grant funding.

D. Budget.

Chart type	Quoted cost for changes
Child Abuse Exam	\$7500.00
Pediatric Sexual Assault	\$8500.00
Adolescent Sexual Assault	\$2250.00
Adult Sexual Assault	\$625.00
Interpersonal Violence	\$3750.00
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$22,625.00

A quote was obtained from FEMR and is attached (Attachment 1) to this grant application. The quote details the needed changes and the cost for the change by chart type as listed above. The total cost for this project is \$22,625.00. If awarded, work would be authorized upon Board of Supervisors authorization of grant agreement. The organization governing the FEMR system has a 30 to 60 day backlog to being the work and the work would take approximately 90 days. Therefore, we estimate that the project would be completed in November of 2026 with payment made shortly thereafter. Grant reporting will then be completed by the end of 2026.

E. Additional Information

Please see included attachments for additional information regarding this grant request.

Attachment 1: Pinal County Policy 8.20 – Alternative Funds/Grant

Attachment 2: Estimate from Valley Technology Solutions for updates to the FeMR system