



**PINAL COUNTY**  
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming  
Application Support Form

Name of Tribal Entity: Due Date:	
Name of Nonprofit Organization:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Person Title:	
Mailing Address:	
Street Address:	
Phone:	
E-mail: <small>This will be the email address the resolution and signed coversheet will be sent when completed.</small>	
Website Address:	
Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Support Form</li><li>• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter</li><li>• Completed application including coversheet</li></ul>
Project Name:	
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	
Summary of Project:	
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	

## 2022 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Maricopa Veterans Care Center	Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Non-profit organization</u>
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Kent O'Jon, President	
Contact Person and Title: Chrystal Allen-O'Jon	
Applicant Address (administrative office): 18961 N Shelby Dr.	
City: Maricopa	Zip Code: 85138
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): P.O. Box 622	
City: Maricopa	Zip Code: 85138
Phone Number: C: 615-569-9138	Fax Number:
E-mail Address: <a href="mailto:chrysalenojon@aol.com">chrysalenojon@aol.com</a> , or kentojon@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, Grants Administrator – Pinal County	
City/Town/County Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1348	
City: Florence, Arizona	Zip Code: 85132
Phone Number: 520-866-6422	Fax Number:
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov	

Program or Project Name: MARICOPA VETERAN CARE CENTER	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):	
<p>The core mission of the Maricopa Veterans Care Center Project is to change the way the world defines, views, and treats veterans and the general community with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental disorders so that every veteran and community member can live life to his or her fullest potential by providing free therapy, educational training, food, clothing and housing assistance with grants, local partnerships, and fundraising activities.</p>	
Beginning and Ending Date of December 7, 2017 – to Ongoing	
Program or Project: Maricopa Veteran Care Center	
Amount Requested: \$1,200,000	Total Cost: \$1,200,000
Geographic Area Served: Maricopa/Pinal County and outside of County (if there are leftover funds).	

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: 03.30.2022

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Kent O'Jon, Founder/CEO

For the Fiscal Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable)

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

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## **Narrative for the**

### **Maricopa Veterans Care Center Project**

#### **History & Purpose of Grant**

Describe The VA HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER OF AZ” Project” is registered with the AZ Corp Commission with an international 5013c Status. DBA Maricopa Veterans Care Center - 82-3338661. The core mission of the Maricopa Veterans Care Center Project is to change the way the world defines, views, and treats veterans and the general community with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental disorders so that every veteran and community member can live life to his or her fullest potential by providing free therapy, educational training, food, clothing and housing assistance with grants, local partnerships, and fundraising activities.

The (CFO), Kent O’Jon, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Psychology and a MBA degree in Project Management. He himself has suffered with PTSD and understands the importance of continued care. He has been purchasing, rehabbing, and renting properties for 20 plus years nationwide in the U.S and has broadened his reach internationally. Kent's love of country led him to join the Marine Corps in 1984, where he served 15 years active and as a reservist. Next, he joined the Air National Guard and served 6 and 1/2 years as a Munition Technician and Security Forces Augmentee. In 2006 he joined the Army and served 11 years as a Military Policeman. During his service he served two assignments in Iraq, one in Afghanistan and one assignment in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Chrystal O’Jon, VP of Operations & Marketing/Advertising has worked at a bank in the Property REO Division and as a Marketing & Promotions Director in the entertainment industry in some capacity for 20 years and will work to build a solid brand presence. Together, they have decided to take their experiences and use their skill sets to make a difference by providing FREE PTSD care and to help stop the cycle of homelessness among Military Veterans and their families and all Arizona citizens in need through therapy, job training and providing food, clothing, and housing options with local and participating partners.

#### **Identified Population & Target**

The Project is established in Maricopa, AZ Pinal County where out of 60k residents exists a large population of veterans having to travel a great distance for general care. Many don’t have family assistance or vehicles with which to drive to the nearest V.A. Hospital. Our organization seeks to continue and expand its reach by partnering with more local medical facilities, local therapists, clothing, food, transportation, and housing supply organizations to collect, store and distribute items all year round, as well as providing job training for employment and future stability.

Currently, the Project receives small funds and clothing from Local Companies via 5k races, Men’s Wearhouse and the Benevity Funds. With these items we provide and offer year-long free therapy for Veterans, First Responders and the public suffering with PTSD and other such similar emergencies. The Project has partnered with local Maricopa therapists but will extend that partnership to include therapists in areas outside of Maricopa/Pinal County. Because of the recent pandemic and the emotional duress, it causes the need continues to grow.

The Projects’ population target includes and will extend to 1. U.S. Military Veterans and their families in the city of Maricopa/Pinal County and to include all Native American Reservations up to

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40 to 50 miles outside the city of Maricopa. 2. First Responder Organizations with emergency needs  
3. LGBTQ 4. Minority and other Underserved community members.

### **Project Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for 12 to 24 months**

The Project will start, with its current base to ascertain the benefits and determine ways in which to increase that base quarterly. The Project will Collect demographic data on the target audience via online surveys to its base and the public in general.

The Project does and will continue look for trends via state and county statistics and in online customer feedback to improve its services and knowledge base of needs. The Project, based on the community needs will assess policy, system, and environmental issues to effect community change involving laws, regulations, rules, protocols, and procedures designed to guide or influence behavior.

### **Current Resources/More Sought**

The Project has partnered with Northern Lights Therapy, PLLC in Maricopa,

Located in: Maricopa Professional Village, 21300 N John Wayne Pkwy Suite 103, Maricopa, AZ 85139, Areas served: Maricopa and nearby areas, Phone: (623) 243-2774 - Website: northernlightstherapyaz.com. Up to six volunteers are on call to provide emergency and long-term therapy now. The Project covers only a few sessions but would like to cover the cost for a year per, or as needed for each person in need. The Project seeks to include other therapists in the City of Maricopa and Pinal County in general.

### **Funding Sources:**

Organization	Donations
Northern Lights Therapy, PLLC	\$ 400 Reduced Therapy Fees
Benevity Funds	\$ 300
ACP Painting Annual 5k Runs	\$3,000
Community Fund Raisers	\$4,000 on average \$2k annually
Personal Donations	\$1,000 + Life Backpacks, Gas, Travel, Meetings, Housing Clothes, Storing Furniture, Appliances, Obtaining Meeting Spaces for Future Job Training to extend to Substance Abuse and Housing Seminars – Free to the public
Ak-Chin Indian Community	Requesting: Funds for a Training & Storage Facility (our personal home garage is full). We need space to assist with clothing and food donations for Veterans, their families, and any community member in need. The pandemic has caused this need to increase.

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Once this continuing Project (which began in 2017) exhausts grant funding, the Project will continue raising funds via free music concerts (as used in the past). These events can also be used to collect data via surveys and raise public awareness about its offerings.

No other tribal request has been made at this time; however, we will apply to other tribes as needed. The Project has received no grant funding since its inception.

### Reports

The Project will use appropriate project tracking software to provide accurate quarterly and annual reporting. The reports will be made available to the public as website PDF documents and Public Press Releases.

Budget Needs (to enhance current project and meet more needs for an annual period)

Line Item	Cost One Time & Annual
Land plus Building for Physical Location: For storage, weekly classes, therapy session, food and clothing distribution (including travel to some clients).	\$500,000 to \$1,200,000,000 (one time)
Office Assistance/Local	\$30,000 to \$50,000 (annual)
Office Supplies	\$ 500 (annual)
Community Awareness & Promotions/Campaigns/Press	\$ 500 (annual)
Taxes & All Licensing Fees	\$1,000 (annual)
Location Overhead	\$5,000 (annual)
Alarm/Security System	\$1,200 (annual)

### Additional Information

Founders have provided the following community assistance over the course of four years and seek to do more:

#### Donations Made to Local Organizations:

City of Maricopa Youth Department	\$500
Teachers Teaching Teachers	\$500
VFW	\$500
Be Awesome	\$500
The Streets Don't Love You Back	\$500
NAACP Youth	\$500

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We'd appreciate any consideration to sustain the ongoing Project and continue to grow it so that all of Maricopa/Pinal County and more can thrive.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAY 23 2018**

VA HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER OF AZ  
C/O KENT OJON  
18961 N SHELBY DR  
MARICOPA, AZ 85138

Employer Identification Number:  
82-3338661  
DLN:  
17053024317038  
Contact Person:  
JULIE CHEN ID# 31261  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
December 7, 2017  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

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](http://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.

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