



PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Support Form**

Name of Tribal Entity:	Ak Chin
Due Date:	July 8, 2022
Name of Nonprofit Organization:	Pets In Need Action League
Contact Person:	Lynda A Nesbitt
Contact Person Title:	President
Mailing Address:	PO Box 12813
Street Address:	N/A
Phone:	520.582.0299
E-mail: <small>This will be the email address the resolution and signed coversheet will be sent when completed.</small>	Lyndan@pinalpets.org
Website Address:	www.pinalpets.org
Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Support Form• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter• Completed application including coversheet
Project Name:	Spay-Neuter Assistance Program
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	5,000\$
Summary of Project:	The proposed program will provide free spay-neuter surgeries and rabies vaccinations to the dogs and cats of low-income/under-served residents of Pinal County or ANY
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	Provision of free spay/neuter to those who would otherwise be unable to afford to alter their dogs/cats works to directly reduce pet/stray overpopulation-which, in turn, reduces intake/euthanasia (and resultant cost to the taxpayer) at the
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	Lynda A Nesbitt <i>Lynda A Nesbitt</i>

2022 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Pets In Need Action League		Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>501(c)(3)</u> organization	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Lynda A Nesbitt			
Contact Person and Title: Lynda A Nesbitt, President			
Applicant Address (administrative office): PO Box 12813			
City: Casa Grande		Zip Code: 85130	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): as above			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: 520.582.0299		Fax Number: N/A	
E-mail Address: Lyndan@pinalpets.org			
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			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1348			
City: Florence		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: 520-866-6422		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name: Spay-Neuter Assistance Program	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public safety <input type="checkbox"/> health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): Funds will be used to provide a FREE spay-neuter and FREE rabies vaccination program for the dogs/cats of low income/under-served residents of Pinal County or to any pet-owning member of the Ak Chin community, regardless of income status.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: Program will begin as soon as funds are received and will conclude within 3-4 months	
Amount Requested: 5,000\$	Total Cost: 5,000\$
Geographic Area Served: all of 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: Lynda A Nesbitt Date: 04/07/22

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Lynda A Nesbitt, President

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____

(If applicable)

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

A. Purpose of Grant

1. The proposed program will represent an expansion of our existing highly successful Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), which has altered more than 2,500 cats and dogs for more than 1,500 low-income/under-served clients since 2013. This program will address the on-going need for Pinal County/ Ak Chin Tribal Community access to affordable (and in the case of this program, *free*) companion animal sterilization services-a need which is demonstrated by intake numbers obtained from the County's major animal shelter, Pinal County Animal Care and Control (PCACC). The "Animal Intakes by Jurisdiction and Animal Types" document generated by PCACC for the period of January 1st-December 31st, 2021 indicates that a total of 3,726 dogs and cats were received by the shelter, with a number of these animals coming from the Ak Chin Tribal Community. This data illustrates the magnitude of the animal overpopulation problem in Pinal County; it is this issue (and the euthanasia which necessarily accompanies animal intake numbers in the thousands at an open admission shelter) that this project will continue to seek to address. Additionally, the program proposed will incorporate two features new to our traditional Spay-Neuter Assistance program: (1) clients' animals will receive a free rabies vaccination (if desired by the owner) at the time of surgery, and (2) members of the Ak Chin Tribal Community will be invited to participate in the program *without* the need to demonstrate low income status, as would be required of non-tribal participants. The program as proposed seeks to address not only the coexisting issues of pet overpopulation/shelter euthanasia, it also strives to address the major risk to public health and safety posed by rabies-a zoonotic disease, readily transmitted from (unvaccinated) infected dogs and cats to humans.

2. The target population to be served is low income pet owners/caregivers residing in Pinal County, as well as members of the Ak Chin Tribal Community (the latter shall be eligible to participate in the program regardless of income status.) Based upon our veterinary services providers' (i.e., MASHvet and ASA Vet Charities) current/average rates for spay-neuter surgery and rabies vaccination, it is anticipated that approximately 50 animals will be altered and vaccinated if the full amount requested is received.

This project will benefit the public in several ways: (1) The number of confirmed cases of rabies in animals in Arizona fluctuates annually, and has increased dramatically over the past five years per the AZ Dept. of Health Services (<https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/rabies/az-rabies-manual.pdf>) Pets In Need Action League interacts exclusively with financially disadvantaged/under-served county pet owners/caregivers on a regular basis, and we consistently see that the clients we serve rarely, if ever, have the financial wherewithal to vaccinate their animals, even for something universally recognized as a major zoonotic threat. This obviously presents both a serious animal and human issue, which must be addressed. Provision of free rabies vaccines to our clients' animals as a component of this program will mean more dogs/cats protected against this disease; this, in turn, will provide a direct benefit to the health and welfare of county/Ak Chin Tribal Community residents; (2) by enabling financially disadvantaged County residents and all Tribal community pet owners/caregivers to have their animals spayed or neutered, this program will: (a) work to reduce overall animal intake and resultant public expense at Pinal County Animal Care and Control; (b) work to reduce the need for/expense of euthanasia as a means of shelter animal population control; (3) provide humane animal population control in county/tribal lands; (4) improve animal behavior (which in turn significantly improves human quality of life); (5) reduce risk of certain veterinary medical events and their associated costs to the public ((e.g., animal bites from typically more aggressive unaltered animals); (6) significantly reduce overall pet ownership expense for County and Tribal Community residents ("when you factor in the long-term costs potentially incurred by a non-altered pet, the savings afforded by spay/neuter are clear." Humane Society of the US: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/why-you-should-spayneuter-your-pet>), and (7) reduce calls for animal control services, thereby reducing public expense.

3. The long term goals of this program are: (1) to reduce animal overpopulation in Pinal County/ Ak Chin Tribal Community (and by extension County shelter intake numbers) through the provision of free cat and dog sterilization to low income County residents/all Ak Chin Tribal members; and (2) to increase the number of dogs and cats in Pinal County/Ak Chin Tribal Community vaccinated against rabies.

The objectives of this program are: (1) to alter at least 50 dogs/cats at no charge to pet owners/caregivers; (2) to reduce the risk of rabies transmission in Pinal County and the Ak Chin Tribal Community through provision of at least 50 rabies vaccinations; and (3) to reduce animal intake from community to PCACC by at least 10% from 2021 levels. These goals will be met through the scheduling of at least one dedicated mobile-based spay-neuter clinic for approximately 3-4 months, commencing immediately upon receipt of funding. It is anticipated that 25-35 animals will be processed/clinic.

4. The timetable for the project is as stated above, and is approximately 3-4 months, depending upon veterinary provider scheduling/availability during a given time frame.

B. Resources

1. Funding sources: This project is an expansion of our current Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, and, as such, it is funded primarily through grants, but also from public donations and fundraising. To date, our SNAP has received grant support from the AZ Pet Friendly License Plate program, Athletes4Animals, the Bissell Foundation, Pitbull Rescue Central, Onyx and Breezy, the AZ Community Foundation and the Onshore Foundation, among others. As grants, these sources are awarded primarily as one-time awards which require successive applications; however, we have received more than one of these grants more than once. Additionally, we strive to hold at least 2 major fundraisers per year (when the pandemic situation permits), and actively recruit public donors, primarily through social and print media. These efforts are on-going.

2. Partners for this project are the MASHvet (www.mashvet.net) and ASA Vet Charities (www.ASAvetcharities.org) mobile veterinary clinics. Both MASHvet and ASAvet Charities provide spay-neuter and vaccination services for our on-going Spay-Neuter Assistance Program. We have partnered with both of these services for more than 7 years, and they provide the majority of services for our organization/program.

3. While components of this program are new (i.e., outreach to the Ak Chin Community and the provision of rabies vaccines with surgeries), our SNAP-of which this project will be an extension-has been in existence since 2013, and so is continuing. If awarded a tribal grant, the spay-neuter project will continue after grant expenditure under the general heading of the SNAP, and as a component of that program; however, after expenditure of this grant award we may not be able to continue to offer participation *without* low-income qualification (as we will do for Ak Chin Community members for the duration of this grant award. While we intend to seek grants which will allow us to continue to do so, we feel it necessary to make that possibility known prior to receipt of any funding.)

4. Pets In Need Action League has not requested/received funding from any other AZ tribe to date.

C. Reports

If selected to receive a grant, our organization will account for and manage the funding as it does with all of the other grants it has received since 2013. Internal spreadsheet records are kept for all client and financial transactions and are reviewed monthly for accuracy by the organization's president, treasurer, and board of

directors. Persons interested in taking part in the program will be required to submit an application, and, once approved (through income status, receipt of public assistance or Tribal membership) their animals will be scheduled to take part in a spay-neuter clinic. As our organization does *all* of the client scheduling and post-clinic participation confirmation for its clinics, tracking of participants/costs is relatively straightforward (we do NOT issue vouchers, a practice which has been found to reduce clients' actually following through with sterilizing their animals.) After a clinic has been held, our veterinary partners then submit an invoice, which is reviewed for accuracy prior to payment. We will designate Tribal grant funds to be used only for *specific* clinics on *specific* dates, which will also allow for easy tracking of expenditures, as Tribal funds will remain distinct from any other grants or funding sources.

Progress and results will be tracked in the same manner, using the data obtained as described above. At year's end, we traditionally obtain PCACC intake/disposition stats, which allows us to assess changes in intake numbers from specific geographic locations. In this way we are able see whether (or not) a given intervention may have had any statistically significant impact-though it is impossible to conclusively link our efforts to changes, as so many disparate factors beyond our control are involved in producing shelter intake numbers.

We will, of course, submit any required interim and final reports, as required.

D. Budget

The \$5,000 budget requested for this particular project will permit the sterilization and rabies vaccination of approximately 50 animals at an average cost of 85\$/surgery and 10\$/rabies vaccination. (There are slight variations in charges for spay-neuter surgery and rabies vaccination between MASHvet and ASAvet Charities, so we have used average costs and approximate numbers of pets for planning/budget purposes.) Should we receive less than the requested amount, we will process as many pets as funding allows, based upon the same average costs.

AS noted previously, we anticipate that funding will be expended within 3-4 months, depending upon public participation/number of animals and the ability to schedule clinics with our mobile vets.

E. Additional Information

Pets In Need Action League is the **only** non-profit organization *of its kind* in central AZ/Pinal County.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **NOV 26 2013**

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Accounting Period Ending:
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Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
January 11, 2013
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

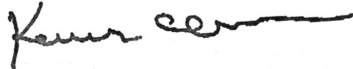
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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