



PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Support Form**

Name of Tribal Entity:	Tohono O'odham
Due Date:	June 10, 2022
Name of Nonprofit Organization:	Hope International Food Pantry
Contact Person:	Pastor Audrey Warren
Contact Person Title:	President
Mailing Address:	1280 N. Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge, AZ 85128
Street Address:	1280 N. Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge, AZ 85128
Phone:	520-233-6699
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Website Address:	https://hopeinternationalfoodpantry.org/
Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Support Form• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter• Completed application including coversheet
Project Name:	Hope International Food Pantry
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	\$37,600
Summary of Project:	Support to expand the provision of charitable food aid to low to moderate income individuals and families in Pinal County
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	Our stop-gap food assistance will benefit low to moderate income individuals and families in Pinal County, as good nutrition is essential for keeping people of all ages healthy.
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	

Cover Sheet

Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 5/26/2022 (NOTE: Click field or use up/down arrow keys to move among fields)	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Pinal County	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Jeffrey McClure	
4. Mailing Address: 31 North Pinal Street, P.O. Box 1348	
5. City: Florence	State: Arizona
Zip Code: 85132	
6. Acknowledgement of Submission by Authorized Municipality Representative: Typed Name/Title: Click here to enter text. Email Address: grants@pinal.gov Signature:	
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: Hope International Food Pantry	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit 📎 If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Audrey Warren Title: President	
10. Phone Number: 480-826-3775	
11. Mailing Address: 1280 N Arizona Blvd.	
12. City: Coolidge	State: Arizona
Zip Code: 85128	
13. Email Address: audri42@gmail.com Website Address: www.HopeInternationalFoodPantry.org	
Project Information	
14. Project Name: Hope International Food Pantry Demand-Focused Capital Upgrades	
15. Purpose of Grant: To fund upgrades to capital equipment, including refrigeration units, vehicle, shelving, storage	
16. Priority Funding Area	Healthcare
17. Annual amount requested	\$37,600
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$37,600
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	Pinal County

For Office Use Only:		
Data Entry	Receipt	Evaluation
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval – Amount/Term \$		<input type="checkbox"/> Denial

Hope International Food Pantry Tohono O'odham Nation Revenue Sharing Grant Proposal

Explain the perceived need and explain how the proposal will address that need.

Though many of us may not realize the grave disparities that exist in our own communities, people struggle with hunger in every community in Arizona, including Pinal County. In some communities, more than half of all residents are food insecure. Hunger and food insecurity don't discriminate: they affect people of all ages, races, and genders. They happen everywhere and could be affecting someone in your neighborhood today. They could be our neighbors, kids in our children's classes.

Food insecure households often survive on limited budgets and are confronted with choices between paying for food and paying for other essentials. These dilemmas can put households in the position of choosing between competing necessities. A majority of food insecure households report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities (69%), transportation (67%), medical care (66%), or housing (57%) at some point during the year. Among households making these spending tradeoffs, typically one-third report doing so every month. These households make choices between food and educational expenses least frequently, perhaps because not all households contain students, although 31 percent of households still report choosing between food and education at some point in the past year.

Food Stamp benefits, income deductions, and other qualifications for federal nutrition assistance have not kept pace with inflation, nor do they accurately reflect rising household and living expenses, such as the price of gasoline, electricity, food, or medicine. Families need additional support to thrive. Fortunately, together charitable food assistance programs like ours and federal nutrition assistance programs weave a nutritional safety net for households in need.

Now, the pandemic has changed everything. Before the pandemic, the monthly poverty rate for white individuals was 11 percent, versus nearly 24 percent for Black and Hispanic individuals. While the estimated poverty rate crept up to 12.3 percent for white individuals in August, it increased to 26.3 percent for Black individuals and 26.9 percent for Hispanic individuals that same month. In other words, the poverty gap between white people and Black and Hispanic people widened during the pandemic.

To address this need, our primary initiative is an emergency food relief program. Unfortunately, we are living in a time where it is becoming harder for families to make ends meet and to put adequate, healthy food on the table. Hunger and food insecurity are very real concerns for many Americans, and Pinal County is no exception. Our food outreach program equips at-risk, struggling individuals and families, immigrants, the unemployed, and others facing personal or financial crises with fundamental resources in order to position them to be successful, self-sufficient, productive members of their communities.

Our food pantry thus distributes emergency food boxes every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 8:00-10:00 a.m. These boxes contain a variety of fresh, frozen, and

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nonperishable food items, seeking to provide each recipient with the necessary elements of a well-balanced diet.

Hope International Food Pantry is a participant in The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). We also work closely with local churches, other local pantries, and other not-for-profit agencies to provide for the needs of our communities. Some of our partners currently include Arizona Midwest Food Bank and United Food Bank. We purchase food in bulk from wholesalers to supplement donations received from various individuals, churches, businesses, and community groups. In addition, we aim to serve local residents with other social services, such as emergency cash assistance, clothing aid, and assistance with shelter and other immediate needs.

Our overarching goal is to alleviate hunger in our community. In 2022, our organization aspires to:

- Encourage quality nutrition, and thus enhanced health and wellbeing, through the distribution of nutritious food to those in need.
- Provide continuous socioeconomic support in the Pinal County area through comprehensive community support initiatives.
- Build long-standing partnerships with other organizations in the community that share the same vision.

Specifically, our quarterly and annual outcome objectives include:

1. Increase food distribution participation to serve 1,000 unique families in 2022.
2. Distribute at least 1,250 emergency food boxes quarterly and 5,000 annually during 2022.
3. Provide other charitable aid, such as cash, clothing, and medical assistance to 100 individuals annually during 2022.

As a result of the growing demand for stop-gap food assistance in Pinal County, our organization's resources have become strained. In order to continue to maintain adequate food inventory to meet the demand, and to successfully serve these families with vital basic aid, it is essential that we invest in capital improvements. Specifically, we face a need to obtain a cooler van for efficient transport of refrigerated food items, more efficient refrigeration, and additional shelving and storage options.

Describe the population who will benefit from the proposal, if approved.

Our stop-gap food assistance will benefit low to moderate income individuals and families in Pinal County. We realize the importance of being an outcome-based organization and thus will focus heavily on producing sustainable results for those we serve. The effectiveness of our programming is determined by assessing the impact of our programs on individuals and families, using a number of criteria to evaluate their progress in academic, economic, and professional areas. We plan to develop a database through which to effectively track the

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number of clients served, the resources provided, and the impact achieved, potentially including the following metrics:

- Total clients served
- Total number of food boxes distributed monthly/quarterly/annually
- Total partnerships maintained
- Average duration of client participation
- Number of positive placements with other resource programs
- Percent of clients achieving self-sufficiency
- Other measurable metrics, as identified

d) List any other funding requests that have been made for this or substantially related proposals and provide the status of those requests.

We have applied for revenue sharing funds from the Gila River Indian Community and that request is currently pending.

e) Indicate whether the entity has previously received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation or other Arizona tribes, along with the amount and date awarded.

Hope International Food Pantry has not yet received a 12% distribution from any Arizona tribes.

f) Identify a designated contact person and alternate contact person for follow-up.

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g) Indicate which priority area (from the above list) the proposal falls under.

Tohono O'odham Nation guidelines give priority to projects promoting healthcare, and adequate nutrition is a critical part of health and wellness. We recognize that good nutrition is essential for keeping people of all ages healthy across the lifespan. Malnutrition adversely affects the physiological and mental capacity of individuals; which in turn hampers productivity levels, making them and their respective countries more susceptible to poverty. A two-way link exists between malnutrition and poverty, creating a vicious cycle with each fueling the other. Malnutrition produces conditions of poverty by reducing the economic potential of the population and likewise, poverty reinforces malnutrition by increasing the risk of food insecurity.

On the other hand, adults who eat a healthy diet live longer and have a lower risk of obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers. Healthy eating can help people with chronic diseases manage these conditions and prevent complications, as well as help healthy people fight off disease.

Project Budget

Proposed Budget Expense (list each budget item)	Amount requested from Tohono O'odham	Amount requested or secured from other sources	In Kind contributions	Total Budget
1. Building Lease	\$0	\$38,400	\$0	\$38,400
2. Storage Unit	\$0	\$4,560	\$0	\$4,560
3. Utilities	\$0	\$17,040	\$0	\$17,040
4. Food Distributions	\$0	\$25,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
5. Shelter Aid to Inds	\$0	\$3,600	\$0	\$3,600
6. Other Aid for Basic Needs	\$0	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400
7. Back to School Supply Event	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
8. Women's Dress for Success Event	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
9. Small Biz Expo	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
10. Thanksgiving Baskets	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
11. Christmas Dinners/Gifts	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
12. Nonemployee Compensation	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
13. Shelving/Storage/Supplies	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
14. Freezers/Refrigeration	\$9,600	\$0	\$0	\$9,600
15. Cooler Van	\$18,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,000
Total Budget	\$37,600	\$109,200	\$175,000	\$321,800

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

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HOPE INTERNATIONAL FOOD PANTRY
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COOLIDGE, AZ 85128-0000

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DLN:
26053500001960
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
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:
March 5, 2020
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. 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.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL FOOD PANTRY

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements