



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: This will be the email address the resolution and signed coversheet will be sent when completed.	
Website Address:	
Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Support Form• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter• Completed application including coversheet
Project Name:	
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	
Summary of Project:	
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	

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In reply refer to: 0752253593
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Employer ID number: 86-0180419
Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Jan. 26, 2021, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in January 1965, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Section 509(a)(2).

Under IRC Section 170, donors may be eligible to deduct contributions they make to you exclusively for the charitable purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3). If you solicit contributions or gifts for non-501(c)(3) purposes, you must include a statement indicating that these payments aren't deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

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If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Teri M. Johnson
Operations Manager, AM Ops. 3

May 25, 2022

Chairman Dr. Ned Norris Jr.
Tohono O'odham Nation
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Dear Chairman Norris,

The Opportunity Tree (TOT) is respectfully requesting \$20,000 to support our Youth Transition Program. Programming will take place in Pinal County, and they will be our municipal partner. The program will address Tohono O'odham Nation's education priority by providing educational services for youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) who are transitioning to adulthood. The program will be done during after-school hours, school breaks, and over the summer, and will include employment preparation, social skills, health, and life skills training. These activities will prepare youth for their transition from high school to adulthood. The Opportunity Tree appreciates the opportunity to apply for funds from Tohono O'odham Nation.



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

Every year 150,000 - 200,000 students with disabilities age out of special education. Most of them are likely to have IDD. The transition from public school into the adult world offers no services for further education, goals, and career training. (The Arch, 2017). Because there is no support in transitioning, young adults with IDD are left to continue living at home without having the opportunity to engage in the community. Oftentimes, loved ones do not have the bandwidth to support the people they care for with IDD. This means that there are no options to socialize, exercise safely, and create concrete goals. The increased life expectancy of adults with IDD (the average adult with Down syndrome is expected to live well past 60, according to the National Down Syndrome Society) means that most of these adults will long outlive their parents. This can be frightening for young people with IDD who have never had the opportunity to be independent before.

This grant would help support our Youth Transition Program, which prepares youth with IDD, ages 14-22, for successful transitions from high school to the adult world. The Opportunity Tree helps youth achieve goals through the Youth Transition Program.

Our objective is to prepare youth with IDD for a successful transition from high school to independence and life as an adult. For many youth with IDD, the transition from high school to the adult world can be filled with



confusion and apprehension. The Youth Transition Program provides center- and community-based services, including after-school and structured programming during the summer months. Youth focus on vocational and employment training, while also participating in life and social skills training, physical fitness, and healthy living sessions.

To implement this program successfully, our instructors use evidence-based curriculum and modalities to provide individualized support to our members and their families. We will increase our youth participants' opportunities for success with the following activities: 1) Conduct outreach to special education classrooms throughout Pinal County; 2) Provide one-on-one case management for families who need assistance with assessment and transitions planning; 3) Encourage students to enroll in and complete our structured training programs (Transition to Employment Program and/or Pre-Employment Transition Services workshops); and 4) Offer workshops that outline resources available to support families and youth through transition (e.g. guardianship process, financial planning, Social Security programs, day programs, vocational training programs, and residential services).

At The Opportunity Tree, the Youth Transition Program helps individuals with IDD become their own advocates and champions, and as a result, become more independent in their employment, and develop capabilities to live happy and fulfilling lives.

B: Describe the population who will benefit from the proposal if approved.

With this funding request, The Opportunity Tree plans to serve at least 50 youth with developmental and intellectual disabilities, ages 14-22, in Pinal County over one year. Youth served will come from diverse races, ethnicities, and income levels and have developmental disabilities including autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and cognitive impairment.

TOT measures outcomes and successes through the number of clients participating in the program, data collected in case management files on each member's progress and program modules completed, and staff and direct service professional observation.

Our Youth Transition Program will fulfill the following objectives:

- 50 youth with IDD will receive workforce and life skills training.
- 85% of participating youth will gain the skills to prepare them for successful transition out of high school.
- 100% of participating youth will gain increased self-confidence and social skills.



Beyond these outcomes, the success of our Youth Transition Program is also measured by our impact on our clients. This success is demonstrated in testimonials from our clients like mom Dorothy, who said: "I've really seen a lot of growth in David since he started going to your Youth Transition Program!"

C: Include a budget of the requested funds, with the total amount requested clearly notated.

Income	
Foundation Grants	\$ 30,000
Government Grants	\$ 68,687
Donations	\$ 15,000
<i>Tohono O'dham Nation Request</i>	\$ 20,000
Total Income:	\$ 133,687
Expenses	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 91,403
Insurance	\$ 1,260
Printing and Marketing	\$ 1,575
Occupancy Costs	\$ 5,670
Program Supplies, Curriculum, and Materials	\$ 27,510
Telephone	\$ 48
Administrative Program Costs	\$ 6,221
Total Expenses:	\$ 133,687



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

Funding requests for this program include:

Gila River Indian Community for \$25,000- application submitted; Phoenix Suns Charities- \$25,000- application submitted; Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation \$15,000- application submitted; Summer Youth Program Fund Arizona Community Program \$5,000- application submitted

E: Indicate whether the entity has previously received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'dham nation or other Arizona Tribes, along with the amount and date awarded.

The Opportunity Tree applied for and was awarded \$15,000 from the Ak-Chin Indian Community to support our Healthy Habits Program in 2018, 2020, and 2021. We also received funding for our youth transitions program from the Gila River Indian Community in 2019 for \$25,000 and in 2020 for \$20,000.

F: Identity a designated contact person and alternate contact person for follow-up. Include the following information for each



contract person: e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, and fax number.

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

The Youth Transitions Program falls under the Education Priority area by providing education and training that prepare young adults with IDD for employment benefiting individuals, the greater community, and the local economy.

Our program offers high school students individualized education and a structured training program that can translate into vocational training, jobs, and employment potential that will assist in their transition into adulthood.



H: If the proposal is from a non-profit organization, include the name of the city, town, or county an agreement will be made with if funds are granted. A letter from the governmental entity acknowledging its agreement to work with the non-profit is not necessary for the initial proposal. However, it is necessary for those non-profits selected to receive grant funding.

The Opportunity Tree is a 501c3 non-profit organization. We will partner with Pinal County to facilitate any potential agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation and to deliver services.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kelli O'Toole in cursive.

Kelli O'Toole





**The Opportunity Tree
Tohono O'odham Funding Request 2022
Youth Transition Program Photo Attachment**

