


PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming
Application Support Form**

Name of Tribal Entity:	Tohono O'odham
Due Date:	6/10/2022
Name of Nonprofit Organization:	F.O.R. Maricopa
Contact Person:	Jill Wyckoff
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Attachment Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Support Form• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter• Completed application including coversheet
Project Name:	Backpack Attack
Amount of Funding Being Requested:	\$23,000.00
Summary of Project:	Providing backpacks and nutritious food to our clients children to help them grow and learn to their fullest potential.
Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents	All our clients reside in cities and towns in Pinal County. We work with the school district to provide a solid foundation to learn.
Name and Signature of Agency Director:	 Wendy Webb, Executive Director

Tohono O'odham Nation

Re: Arizona Revised Statute 5-601-02 L2Yo Gaming Distribution RFP

Background:

F.O.R. Maricopa food bank in Maricopa, AZ (**Food:** Providing food to those in need, **Opportunity:** Providing opportunities for the community to serve those in need, & **Resources:** Providing resources, referrals, and tangibles to those in need) has been in existence since 2007, making an immediate impact in a city founded in 2003 that saw its population and needs explode in just a few short years.

What began as an effort to feed and aid just a few families – first out of the trunks of cars via home delivery and then by pickup at a local grocery store parking lot – has evolved into a full-fledged food bank and resource center. Serving low-income individuals and families who live in the cities of Maricopa, Stanfield, Mobile, Ak-Chin & Bapchule Indian Reservations in Arizona. On an average week, F.O.R. Maricopa serves approximately 300 households. We're open two days a week for food distribution. Clients can receive food once a week.

In 2013 the food bank moved into a 4000 Sq. foot building with a lease from Pinal County for 10 years. Four years into the lease the food bank had to relocate because of the ADOT 347 Overpass project. It was very difficult to find a location in Maricopa. In 2019 we purchased the Blue Business Building and have been renovating it to bring it up to city code over the last 3 years and to meet our needs. With Covid being our main focus for our town for the past couple of years, it was challenging to have fundraisers and generate support for capital projects that were not Covid-related. We have applied for the Tohono O'odham 12% grant in 2016 & 2018 and Ak-Chin 12% grants in 2016 & 2018. We did not receive any funds from any of these submissions.

Contacts for this grant are:

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Pinal County has agreed to be our fiscal agent.

Proposal: Backpack Attack & Food for Brains

We serve 35-45,000 people (in need) each year. Our clients are from all age categories, genders, and ethnicity. All of the clients we serve at our food bank are at or below the poverty level. Our food bank supports residents of our town (Maricopa and AK Chin community) in Pinal County. In addition, we cover households from other nearby towns without a food bank (Laveen, Sacaton, Stanfield, Bapchule Indian Reservation, Eloy, Coolidge, and Arizona City) There are 2 food banks in our area that support well over 60k residents. The town of Maricopa is increasing its population exponentially and we will continue to serve those in need.

Backpack Attack

We started our “Backpack Giveaway” program in 2007 directed at school age children between 4-18 years old. We distribute backpacks and supplies before school starts so children are ready for the first day of school. This program has evolved and grown to meet the needs of the community. The last 3-4 years we have handed out approx 4-500 backpacks with school supplies.

We have worked with the local school district MUSD20 to find out what School supply items are on the lists posted by teachers. We focused on the basics such as backpacks and supplies (paper, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, etc.) to be ready to learn.

Maricopa Police Department has been a sponsor for this program in 2018,2019 & 2020 In addition, MPD also donates some bike helmets and come to help hand out the school supplies and back packs. We appreciate MPD involvement as we hope this will help kids see Police as their friends and someone they could reach out to when they need help.

Harrah’s Ak Chin employees have done a backpack and school supply drive 2019, 2020, 2021. They have also notified us that they plan to do another drive for this year. We continue to look for sponsorship and expanding our program (purchasing more backpacks and supplies). In 2021 Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino in Maricopa, AZ helped sponsor this program with a monetary donation of \$500.

Food for Brains

F.O.R. Maricopa serves low-income families who meet the federal poverty guidelines. 35% of our clients have Infants and children who are school age and who benefit from the food they receive at the food bank. One in four children in Pinal County goes hungry every night. We would like to proudly say, “No child is hungry in Maricopa.”

Our goal of this program is to provide more nutritious food for the children of these families. So they are well prepared to get the most out of their education that they. We are proposing increasing the amount of food given to families with children that contain more protein, fruit, breakfast food, and bread for an entire year.

We are focusing our project under Education and Child Advocacy. In order to help kids, have the best opportunity of learning.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has identified the importance of healthy eating in children:

- Proper nutrition promotes the optimal growth and development of children.¹
- Hunger and *food insecurity* (i.e., reduced food intake and disrupted eating patterns because a household lacks money and other resources for food) might increase the risk for lower dietary quality and undernutrition. In turn, undernutrition can negatively affect overall health, cognitive development, and school performance.¹
- Eating a healthy breakfast is associated with improved cognitive function (especially memory), reduced absenteeism, and improved mood.

\$23,000 per year is the cost to implement our program fully and would impact 685 kids for one year. We currently provide food for our families once a week. This program would increase the amount of food they received on that weekly visit. We have plenty of bread donated; we will focus on buying more meat/protein sources, breakfast food and canned/fresh fruit weekly. We will continue to reach out to other funding sources in our community to fully fund this project as needed.

Budget:

Item	Cost
Backpacks and School Supplies for 600 kids	\$6,000.00
Additional food weekly x 52 weeks	\$17,000.00
Total Cost 2022-One year	\$23,000.00
Total Amount Requested	\$23,000.00

Other funding:

We have applied to the Maricopa Police Department to see if they will help fund the purchase of Backpacks this again this year.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Employees will be doing an Employee Backpack & School supply drive.

We are looking for funding for both programs but primarily, the Food for Brains portion. We will continue to seek out funding as both parts of this program are very important.



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Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:
Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:
July 8, 2008

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.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

F O R MARICOPA

Sincerely,

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC