




**PINAL COUNTY**  
WILD GIFT OPPORTUNITY

**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming  
Application Support Form**

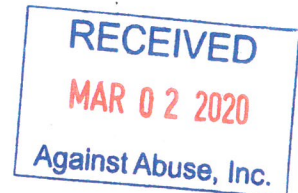
<b>Name of Tribal Entity:</b>	Tohono O'odham Nation
<b>Due Date:</b>	June 10, 2022
<b>Name of Nonprofit Organization:</b>	Against Abuse, Inc.
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Pat Griffen
<b>Contact Person Title:</b>	Executive Director
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	PO Box 10733, Casa Grande AZ 85130
<b>Street Address:</b>	119 N. Florence Street, Casa Grande AZ 85122
<b>Phone:</b>	520.836.1239
<b>E-mail:</b> <small>This will be the email address the resolution and signed coversheet will be sent when completed.</small>	Pat Griffen@against-abuse.org
<b>Website Address:</b>	www.against-abuse.org
<b>Attachment Checklist</b>	<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>
<b>Project Name:</b>	Thrift Store Job Site and Update AAI Website
<b>Amount of Funding Being Requested:</b>	\$158,888.00
<b>Summary of Project:</b>	Re-envision the Thrift Store management and agency website to include partners that use it as a job coaching site so individuals can develop job skills for future employment.
<b>Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents</b>	Job readiness prepares individuals to find jobs, subsequently contributing to the local economy. In addition, high need individuals in the community have access to what they need from the Thrift Store.
<b>Name and Signature of Agency Director:</b>	 May 25, 2022

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Employer ID number: 94-2856310  
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Feb. 24, 2020, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in January, 1983, 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 Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

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](http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs) or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

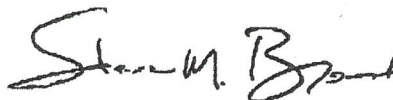
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local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Steve M. Brown, Operations Manager  
Operations 3-CIN

**Against Abuse Inc.  
Tohono O’odham Nation**

**12% Gaming Contribution Grant Application (2022)**

**THE NEED; HOW WILL THE PROPOSAL MEET THE NEED; THE POPULATIONS BEING BENEFITED**

Against Abuse, Inc. (AAI) has been operating a Thrift Store since 1990. AAI’s Thrift Store provides free clothing and household items and toys for victims of domestic and sexual violence being served by AAI. The Thrift Store is a community cornerstone that serves other high need populations as well. For example, AAI assists individuals who are homeless and have a voucher from Pinal County’s Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA); individuals working on their substance use recovery who have a voucher from Transitional Living Center Recovery; individuals with behavioral health and substance use needs who have a voucher from Horizon Health and Wellness. A variety of school districts also refer families to our Thrift Store. People directly coming out of prison, with nothing but the clothes on their backs, are also referred by local prisons. Survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence from the Gila River Indian Community also shop at the Thrift Store for the things they need.

AAI has not been exempt from the effects of the pandemic. Due to the pandemic, our Thrift Store manager of many years got COVID. She spent months in the hospital, and in the end, will not be able to return to run our Thrift Store. As a result, we have not been able to operate the Thrift Store and have temporarily closed it. Many of the organizations who have routinely made referrals have been calling us to see when we will open back up, as there is still an ongoing need for what our Thrift Store offers to our high need members of the community.

AAI does not currently have a funding source to support the Thrift Store. We have relied on revenues from the Thrift Store to support its own operations. In addition, our Manager very generously volunteered her time to run the Thrift Store. Since we have been closed, we do not have the much needed revenue to sustain other routine expenses needed to keep the doors open.

AAI is revising the Thrift Store to include working with community partners who are assisting individuals to develop job skills to enhance their opportunity of future job placement.

Organizations who have agreed to partner with us in this project include:

**Horizon Health & Wellness:** Providing an opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities in their Vocational Rehabilitation program to work with their Job Coach to learn or polish work related skills while at the same time providing much needed assistance in our busy Thrift Store. This shift aligns with Arizona’s Employment First status, which “believes working independently in the community and earning competitive wages is the preferred outcome for all people with disabilities who are of working age.” ([Collaboration with the Division of Developmental Disabilities | Arizona Department of Economic Security \(az.gov\)](#))

**AZ@Work:** Providing an opportunity for job seeking individuals to develop skills and build their resume with valuable experience working in a “retail” environment.

**Central Arizona College (CAC):** Provide opportunities for their Youth Program Career Navigator program so students can develop skills and build their resume with valuable experience working in a “retail” environment.

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It has been kindly brought to our attention that our website is outdated and clunky. In order to attract attention to this project, and other AAI services and supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, plus have an “easy to navigate” website, AAI is interested in reconstructing our website and then updating and refreshing it for the remaining 10-months. Recent estimates have suggested the reconstruction would require 320 hours of work and subsequent maintenance would include approximately 10 hours per month. The projected hourly rate for a webmaster is \$50/hour.

**BUDGET**

<b>Proposed Budget item</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Budget Explanation</b>
<b>Thrift Store Manager</b>	\$ 35,360.00	Manager will coordinate management of the Thrift Store as well as foster healthy partner relations. Intent: For sustainability, apply for funding via alternate source during future open application period.
<b>Manager ERE</b>	\$ 7,072.00	Employment related expenses at 20%
<b>DDD Work Placements</b>	\$ 39,936.00	Passthrough payment to DDD provider for work done by the equivalent of 3 part time individuals with developmental disabilities from Horizon Health & Wellness or similar agency at minimum wage:\$12.80. Intent: For sustainability, apply for funding via alternate source during future open application period.
<b>CAC Work Placements</b>	\$ 26,624.00	Passthrough payment for work done by the equivalent of 2 part time individuals from Central Arizona College at minimum wage: \$12.80. Intent: For sustainability, apply for funding via alternate source during future open application period.
<b>Thrift Store Utilities</b>	\$ 8,040.00	Payment of 12 months of utilities (average \$670/mo.)
<b>Sewer and Trash</b>	\$ 480.00	\$40/mo.
<b>Phone</b>	\$ 2,040.00	\$170/mo., includes internet
<b>Thrift Store Rent</b>	\$ 18,336.00	Payment of rent of the facility for 12 months at \$1528/mo.
<b>Webmaster</b>	\$ 16,000.00	Update AAI Website from Scratch: 320 hours at \$50/hour
<b>Webmaster</b>	\$5,000	Keep the AAI website current, \$50/hr. for 10 hours/month for 10 months. Intent: Apply for funding via alternate source during future open application period.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 158,888.00</b>	

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**OTHER FUNDING REQUESTS MADE FOR THIS AND PROVIDE STATUS OF THESE REQUESTS**

AAI recently submitted a funding request through the Gila River Indian Community so support a component of this project. We have not yet heard of we have received an award.

**INDICATE WHETHER AAI HAS PREVIOUS RECEIVED A 12% DISTRIBUTION FROM THE TO NATION OR OTHER AZ TRIBES, ALONG WITH THE AMOUNT AND DATE AWARDED**

Tohono O’odham: 12/28/21: \$24,542.70 for Air Scrubbers for AAI facilities as well as a security system.  
Ak-Chin: 12/20/20: \$39,939.63: computer workstations  
06/24/21: \$24,542.70: Air Scrubbers for AAI facilities as well as a security system.

**DESIGNATED CONTACT PERSON AND ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON FOR FOLLOW-UP**

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Cell: 480.734.7496

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FAX: 520.836.7757

**THE PRIORITY AREAS**

AAI’s Thrift Store project will support the areas of:

- Education: Individuals can learn and develop employment related knowledge, skills and abilities.
- Economic and Community Development: Individuals will be able to apply for jobs that will contribute to the local economy.
- Health and Public Safety/Protection: By learning transferable employment related skills, individuals will have the opportunity to reduce their anxiety and/or depression triggered by joblessness. Individuals who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence can work towards self-sufficiency in their new “safe” environment and community, away from their perpetrator/abuser.

**THE MUNICIPALITY WITH WHICH AN AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE**

AAI will partner with Pinal County for this funding opportunity.