




**PINAL COUNTY**  
WIDE OPEN 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>	Manes and Miracles
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Lindsey Pittman
<b>Contact Person Title:</b>	Director of Operations
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	43421 N Friend Ave, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140
<b>Street Address:</b>	43421 N Friend Ave, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140
<b>Phone:</b>	(480)359-6470
<b>E-mail:</b> <small>This will be the email address the resolution and signed coversheet will be sent when completed.</small>	<a href="mailto:lindsey@manesandmiraclesaz.org">lindsey@manesandmiraclesaz.org</a>
<b>Website Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.manesandmiraclesaz.org">www.manesandmiraclesaz.org</a>
<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>	Scholarships for Equine-Assisted Therapy
<b>Amount of Funding Being Requested:</b>	\$8,060
<b>Summary of Project:</b>	The establishment of a scholarship fund to provide equine-assisted therapy at little to no cost to underprivileged special needs children.
<b>Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents</b>	Evidence shows the far reaching benefits of incorporating horses into therapy programs, not just for those receiving therapy but for the volunteers assisting with each session. We aim to make these benefits financially available to all.
<b>Name and Signature of Agency Director:</b>	 Lindsey Pittman



A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Equine-Assisted Therapy Facility Bringing Hope, Happiness and Healing to Special Needs Children.  
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May 24, 2022

Heather Patel, GPC  
Grants Administrator  
Pinal County Grant Department  
31 N Pinal St  
Florence, AZ 851432



**RE: Tohono O'odham Nation Proposal**

Dear Ms. Patel,

Thank you for your invitation to apply for the Tohono O'odham Nation's 12% Gaming Distribution grant. We are requesting \$8,060 for equine-assisted therapy scholarships at Manes and Miracles at 43421 N Friend Ave, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140. We believe that this request fits under the Tohono O'odham Nations priority areas of Healthcare and Child Advocacy because we are an equine-assisted therapy facility partnering with five physical therapists and two occupational therapists to serve special needs children in Pinal and Maricopa counties.

Our vision and mission are central to the development of a scholarship fund. Our mission clarifies our dedication to improving the lives of those in Arizona's East Valley who have physical, mental, and emotional disabilities by providing a first-rate therapy facility with unique, effective, and highly motivating tools such as equines and indoor and outdoor play gyms. We aim to affordably enhance the lives of those we serve through the connections they share with our specially trained horses, committed therapist partners, and caring volunteers.

We seek your assistance in the establishment of a scholarship fund in order to ensure that access to life-changing equine-assisted therapy remains available to all, regardless of their financial situation. Please reach out with any questions or comments at (480)359-6470 or [lindsey@manesandmiraclesaz.org](mailto:lindsey@manesandmiraclesaz.org).

Thank you for your consideration,

Lindsey Pittman  
Co-Founder & Director of Operations, Manes and Miracles



## Manes and Miracles Tohono O'odham Proposal 2022 Consideration



**A)** Evidence shows the far-reaching physical, mental, emotional, and cognitive benefits of using horses and other unconventional, yet highly effective tools as a part of a therapy program for individuals with disabilities. Unfortunately, the high cost of operating such a vast facility generally makes it out of reach for the children and families who benefit from it most. With your help, we aim to change that!

As a single mother of four disabled children, Kara longed for her children to participate in physical therapy with equines but thought it was not within her means to afford. That is until she learned about scholarships with Manes and Miracles. She received full scholarships for her children and is amazed at the progress they quickly achieved at the Ranch.

Kara's story is quite common. The burden of medical care expenses that families with special needs children are saddled with is immense. We firmly believe that finances should not play a role in determining the best plan of care for a child. We seek to lift this burden by offering the life-altering healing that comes with equine-assisted therapy at little to no cost.



As Manes and Miracles works to fulfill our mission of affordably enhancing the lives of those we serve, we also battle the extensive expenses of operating a safe and effective working 3.3 acre ranch with a large herd of 11 equines. While we earnestly strive to keep expenses to a minimum, maintaining the herd and facility are the most expensive and important elements to a successful equine-assisted therapy program.

Each session costs Manes and Miracles \$124. Since our founding in 2018, we have absorbed most of this cost by pulling from our general budget to offer heavily discounted services. Where similar facilities may charge between \$30/session to \$200/session, we proudly ask a mere \$10/session and offer full scholarships to disadvantaged families. However, as we have grown to serve 50-60 children each week, we have seen a sharp rise in the number of clients in need of financial assistance. We have struggled to maintain scholarship expenses from the general

budget while still funding facility and program development and upkeep. Our request for \$8,060 will provide scholarships for up to 70 equine-assisted therapy sessions.



**B)** Manes and Miracles serves children between 3 and 21 years old with developmental disabilities in Pinal and Maricopa counties. There are actively 59 children receiving deeply impactful services with us. This number is ever-growing as we regularly have around 20 children on our waitlist. Additionally, over 350 volunteer hours are logged each week, many from individuals with disabilities themselves such as autism and PTSD. Individuals seeking to benefit from this proposal will apply for assistance based on their financial need and the

recommendation of their supervising therapist ensuring that the funds are honored as disclosed in this application. Manes and Miracles does not discriminate nor require the disclosure of race or heritage.

**C) Manes and Miracles is requesting \$8,060** from the Tohono O’odham Nation’s 12% Gaming Distribution to be used for equine-assisted therapy scholarships.

Manes and Miracles Scholarship Program Budget			
	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budgeted	Explanation
<b>Program Specific Revenue contributing to the Scholarship Fund.</b>			
Restricted Donations	\$10,000	\$15,000	Donations specifically gifted towards program expenses.
Grants	\$1,855.40	\$32,000	
Program fees	\$8,988.48	\$12,170	90% of clients @ \$10/session
Fundraisers	\$28,164.05	\$25,000.00	Program specific expenses are 57% of total expenses. Therefore 57% of net fundraising dollars are allocated to the program budget.
Sponsorships	\$9,456.77	\$16,080.00	Private sponsorship of each of the animals for revenue of \$1,340/month
Other	\$31,501.91	\$0	Compensation from general budget
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$89,966.61</b>	<b>\$100,250</b>	

<b>Program Specific Expenses Requiring Scholarship Funds</b>			
Horses	\$15,197.11	\$17,479.00	Feed and supplements, vet care, farrier(hoof care), chiropractor, bedding, etc
Facility	\$37,058.64	\$37,057.00	93% of the 3.3 acre facility is used for the program exclusively. Therefore, 93% of the lease is included as a program expense as well as maintenance relevant to program use.
Barn Manager	\$20,968.63	\$23,400.00	Part time barn manager oversees the safe and effective care and handling of the horses with the volunteers during program use.
Volunteer Coordinator	\$4,387.44	\$8,400.00	Part time coordinator recruits, trains, schedules, and coordinates program volunteers.
Insurance	\$933.80	\$1,300.00	
Volunteer & donor appreciation	\$2,997.32	\$3,500.00	Snacks and drinks for volunteers helping with therapy sessions, recognition for program contributions by volunteers and donors.
Utilities	\$8,423.67	\$8,725.00	Water for the animals & shade trees, electricity for arena lighting, waste removal, etc.
Total expenses	\$89,966.61	\$99,861.00	

Through the immediate establishment of the Scholarship Fund, scholarships will be provided to offset the cost of therapy sessions to the families without taking away from the general budgetary needs.

**D)** To indefinitely sustain our Scholarship Fund, we have laid out a plan to engage the community through relationships with foundations, in-kind partners, donors, and businesses whose visions align with our core values including, but not limited to the current following requests:

- Thunderbirds Charities, \$20,000 grant. Application pending approval
- Private donor, \$15,000 donation. Recurring donor not yet guaranteed for 2022-2023 season.

**E)** We have not previously received a grant as part of the 12% distribution from the Tohono O’odham Nation or other Arizona tribes.

F) Designated contact and alternate contact:

Designated Contact

Lindsey Pittman

Co-founder & Director of Operations

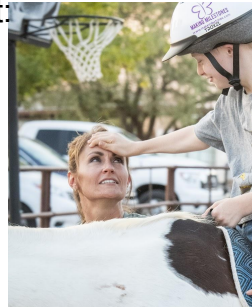
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G) The equine-assisted therapy scholarship proposal falls under the priority areas of **health care** and **child advocacy**.

H) Manes and Miracles will make an agreement with **Pinal County** if funds are granted.

*Thank you for your time and consideration!*



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

**MAY 11 2018**

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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:  
April 20, 2018  
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](http://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.

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