



**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming  
Application Sponsorship/Support Form  
Requesting Pinal County serve as the Fiscal Agent/Pass Through Entity**

**Name of the Tribal Community:** Ak-Chin Indian Community

**Due date of the application to the Tribal community:** July 7 by traditional mail.

The following information will be used by Pinal County to 1) send the resolution and grant documents for the applicant to submit to the Tribal community, 2) send the funds, if awarded.

**Name of the Non-profit:** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley

**Contact person/title:** Emily Denes, Director of Community Engagement

**Email address:** emily.denes@bgcaz.org

**Address:** 4309 East Bellevue Street, Building 14, Phoenix, AZ 85008-5409

**Project name:** Boys & Girls Clubs in Pinal County

**Amount being requested:** \$30,000

**Project summary:** To provide out-of-school-time youth development programming supporting youths' academic success, development of healthy lifestyles, good character and leadership, and career pathways and workforce development.

**Beneficiaries:** Over 1,200 Pinal County youth ages 5 through 18; 57% living with a single parent or person other than a parent, 41% qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

**Supervisor District:** Districts 2 and 5

The undersigned hereby certifies they have read and comply with the responsibilities set forth in the PINAL COUNTY TRIBAL GAMING GRANT PROGRAM Request for fiscal agent/pass through support documentation.

Marcia Mintz, President & CEO

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Director name and signature

## 2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley		Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other 501(c)(3) Nonprofit	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Marcia Mintz, President & CEO			
Contact Person and Title: Emily Denes, Director of Community Engagement			
Applicant Address (administrative office): 4309 East Bellevue Street, Building 14			
City: Phoenix		Zip Code: 85008-5409	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): Same as above			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: 602-954-8182		Fax Number: 602-956-3320	
E-mail Address: Emily.denes@bgcaz.org			
Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County ( <i>Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent</i> )			
Contact Person: Heather Patel, Grants Administrator			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: Pinal County, P.O. Box 1348			
City: Florence, AZ		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: 520-866-6422		Fax Number: None	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name: Boys & Girls Clubs in Pinal County	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):	
Funding is requested to support youth development programming for youth ages 5 through 18, concentrating on their Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, Good Character & Leadership, and Career Pathways & Workforce Readiness.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	
Amount Requested: \$30,000	Total Cost: \$1,196,740
Geographic Area Served: Pinal County, Arizona	

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes.

Signature:

For the Applicant:  Date: May 30, 2023

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Marcia Mintz, President & CEO

For the Fiscal Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_



**Ak-Chin Indian Community  
2023 Prop 202 – 12% Contribution Grant Application  
Narratives**

***A. Purpose of Grant***

**Project Needs and Response:** In Pinal County, of the 35,500 students participating in the AzMERIT test, only 33% passed the English Language Arts and 31% the mathematics portions of the exam (Arizona Department of Education, posted January 2020 – the most recent available.) Arizona’s high school graduation rate remains at 78%, lower than the national average of 83%. This data is troubling, because STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) jobs in Arizona are expected to increase by over 20% by 2027. We must ensure youth are prepared for these well-paying jobs. In Pinal County, 57% of youth participating in Boys & Girls Clubs (BGCAZ) come from single-parent households or live with someone other than their parent and 41% qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. These factors make the cost of after-school programs out of reach; yet, such programs improve academics, provide supervision, and enhance the social/emotional growth of participating youth.

In response, BGCAZ provides low or no-cost evidence-based out-of-school-time (after school and during school breaks) youth development programming using Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Formula For Impact to help youth achieve four priority outcomes:

1. **Academic Success** – Members engage in daily academic enrichment activity with supportive adults facilitating homework help and education programs that complement and reinforce what youth learn during the school day. Rooted in social/emotional development practices, members develop key skills such as curiosity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking. Academic Success is a primary focus daily. Upon arrival after school, everyone starts the afternoon with dedicated time for completing and receiving assistance with homework. This daily consistency serves the dual purpose of completing the day’s work and its immediate learning objectives, as well as building a strong daily practice of work completed before fun begins. During school breaks, activities take place to ensure that members don’t experience learning loss and fall behind. Additional activities are offered to reinforce and develop interest in STEM learning, provide opportunities to engage in fine and performance art, and learn basic financial literacy.
2. **Healthy Lifestyles** – BGCAZ prioritizes safety and wellness by focusing on social/emotional development so youth can understand their emotions and how to cope in a healthy manner. Members engage in daily physical activity, make healthy nutrition choices, learn to employ good resistance and decision-making skills, and refrain from participating in risky behaviors.
3. **Good Character & Leadership** – Members have access to caring and supportive adults who help foster resilience to challenges, stress, and bullying, while also learning to treat each other with respect. Members demonstrate leadership and service to others in the Club and in the community while understanding their rights and responsibilities as community members.
4. **Career Pathways & Workforce Readiness** – Members engage in career pathway and workforce readiness learning and internship opportunities to explore a variety of careers in order to develop their own personalized plan for success.



In Pinal County, BGCAZ operates three Club facilities with over 1,200 Club members and service to their families, of which 3% identify as Native American. Club participation facilitates the ability of adult caregivers to maintain employment, knowing that their youth are safe and well cared for after school and when school is out of session. Youth are kept safe from the temptations of the streets and/or unsupervised online use.

**Target Population:** BGCAZ serves Pinal County youth ages 5 through 18. As mentioned previously, 57% come from single parent households or live with someone other than their parent and 41% qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. 38% identify as a person of color with 30% identifying as Hispanic. 3% of youth served at our Pinal County Clubs identify as Native American. 2% of youth identify with the LGBTQ+ community.

**Goals and Objectives:** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley empowers young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community. Our vision is to be the premier out-of-school-time provider and leading voice for youth development in Arizona, ensuring youth and teens have the skills and resilience to successfully navigate childhood and prepare for adulthood. We understand to achieve our vision, it is not just a matter of how many youth are served, but that we are able to demonstrate achievement of measurable outcomes.

Therefore, BGCAZ targets specific outcome achievements for youth participating in Club programs. These are:

- Youth will feel less socially isolated; 89% will report that people at the Club accept them for who they are and 80% will report that people listen to them at the Club.
- Youth will improve their academic success and stay on track in school; 95% of members will be on grade level for their age at the end of the grant period.
- Preparing youth for their futures and raising expectations for themselves is reflected in that 90% of members will report they expect to graduate high school.
- An increased number of youth will participate in social-emotional development activities, indicated by 90% of members reporting that they understand how their emotions influence their actions.

To determine outcomes, each Club completes an extensive annual Impact Assessment for Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), which compiles information and data points across all Club operations. Club members complete annual surveys as part of BGCA's National Youth Outcomes Initiative, which measures and analyzes members' experiences on local, organization-wide, statewide, and national levels. Program feedback is collected from members, families, and staff through anonymous surveys. BGCAZ uses this data to determine Club performance and inform each Club's annual Continuous Quality Improvement Plan. The data collected through this initiative allows BGCAZ the ability to report, with veracity, on targeted outcomes for Pinal County youth.

Additionally, BGCAZ recently conducted an Economic Impact Study in partnership with researchers at Arizona State University. The current report states, "The safe, supervised, and affordable after-school



environment in BGCAZ enables parents to continue to be productive members of the local economy. Every time a parent is able to keep their job as a result of BGCAZ, on average \$32,018 in income is

generated in the community. This, in turn, could reduce the burden of social programs on taxpayers, and potentially improve the quality of life for families."

**Timetable:** Parents/caregivers may enroll their child/children in BGCAZ at any time during the year. Most enrollments coincide with the beginning of the academic year and programming continues year-round.

### **B. Resources**

**Current Funding Sources** BGCAZ, for the implementation of all Club programming, holds a number of contracts for service and receives significant grants. Those listed as "One-Time" indicate a need to re-apply through a regular application process. A partial listing of funders includes:

U.S. Department of Agriculture for Food Service	Long-Term
CDBG grants through local municipalities	One-time
U.S. Department of Justice for Juvenile Mentoring	One-time
U.S. Department of Education/various	Long-Term
The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation	One-Time
Chandler Compadres	One-Time
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Long-Term
Taco Bell Foundation	One-Time
Simone Charitable Foundation	One-Time
Panda Cares Foundation	One-Time
Pharos Foundation	One-Time
The Thunderbirds	One-Time

**Partners and Roles:** Principal project partners include schools, law enforcement, and social service agencies who recommend BGCAZ participation to parents/caregivers for their children. Additional partners include companies who offer internships for older youth, allowing for their career exploration. BGCAZ is responsible for program enrollment, data collection and tracking, and program delivery.

**Sustainability:** BGCAZ has offered programming to the community since 1946, maintained steady growth throughout that time, and has demonstrated an ability to generate the necessary funds to not only sustain, but to grow, the number of youth served. To do so, BGCAZ practices a strategic, planned, balanced fund development program that includes grants and contracts for service from federal, state, and local municipalities, corporate and foundation grants, individual donors, and special events. With your consideration of this request, we are confident in our ability to sustain programs into the future.

### **Funds from other Arizona tribes:**

**Pending over last 18 months:** BGCAZ has an application pending with the Tohono O'odham Nation seeking funding for facility needs.



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**Experience over last 5 years:**

Tribe	Request of	In	For	Result
Tohono O'odham	\$30,000	2022	Club Programming	\$30,000 declined
Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise	\$5,000	2021	Event Sponsorship	\$5,000 awarded
Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise	\$30,000	2022	Club Programming	\$30,000 declined
Gila River Indian Community	\$120,000	2020	Club Expansion	\$120,000 awarded
Gila River Indian Community	\$100,000	2022	Club Expansion	\$100,000 awarded
Gila River Indian Community	\$300,000	2023	Club Expansion	\$300,000 awarded

**Reporting:** BGCAZ, as the recipient of federal, state, and federal pass-through funds, has the accounting system and experience to keep track of grant awards and expenses charged against those awards to ensure fidelity to contract requirements. All youth information, including demographic data, is entered into our KidTrax software where it is maintained and updated. This software system provides us with the ability to report accurately on the youth being served. Finally, the annual Boys & Girls Clubs of America Impact Assessment provides detailed outcome information for each Club site, enabling us to segregate outcomes achieved at each Club facility. We have the internal processes and systems in place to enable us to meet any reporting requirements.

**Budget and Budget Justification:** The following is the program budget for the three Pinal County Boys & Girls Clubs locations.

LINE ITEM	AMOUNT
Staff Salaries & Wages	\$790,155
ERE	\$158,549
Contracted Services	\$594
Telephone	\$6,749
Insurance (other than payroll)	\$28,189
Program Materials and Supplies	\$67,465
Program Equipment & Maintenance	\$55,529
Occupancy	\$78,077
Transportation	\$11,433
TOTAL	\$1,196,740



**Budget Justification:**

- Staff Salaries & Wages covers the compensation of all full- and part-time staff engaged in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of direct program services to youth.
- ERE covers payroll taxes and employee benefits for those who qualify, calculated at an average of 17% of salaries and wages.
- Contracted Services may include official sports game referees for games as needed, payroll processing fees, janitorial services, landscaping, and IT services.
- Telephone covers phone and internet access for all program sites.
- Insurance covers the cost of facility and liability insurances.
- Program Materials & Supplies covers the cost of materials consumed in the delivery of program services, including food costs for your meals and snacks.
- Program Equipment & Maintenance covers the costs and care of equipment used in the delivery of program services with planned longevity of more than 12 months (i.e., sports equipment, IT, etc.)
- Occupancy includes the cost of space and maintenance for sites.
- Transportation includes mileage reimbursement and transportation for youth to off-site events as needed.

**Additional information**

BGCAZ is proud of our successful programs which impact youth across the Valley. Recent program results for the most recent complete year (2021-2022) include:

- 95% of Club members were on track to advance to the next grade level.
- 80% of Club members had improved health through regular physical activity.
- 80% of Club members demonstrated pro-social behaviors and leadership traits.
- 90% of Club members planned to pursue post-secondary education.
- 100% of Club members had reduced food insecurity.

Our success is not only represented in the data and numbers we report, but in real stories about the many youth who have been impacted by the services received.

Alyha might be considered a typical Club member. When she started coming, she was often in tears and exhibited a poor attitude. She slowly evolved from a follower into a leader, excelling in the Lego Robotics team, esports, and soccer. Her positive attitude and engagement with her peers have turned her into a fantastic participant in many BGCAZ programs, encouraging full participation of other Club members. She is a true leader and will have a definite impact on her community for years to come.





Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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Employer ID number: 86-0550646  
Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Apr. 02, 2020, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in NOVEMBER 1986, 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,

*Stephen A. Martin*

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Director, EO Rulings & Agreements