



## PINAL COUNTY

WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

**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

**Due date of the application to the Tribal community:** July 7th, 2023

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:** Hope Women's Center

**Contact person/title:** Tammy Abernethy, CEO

**Email address:** tammy@hopewomenscenter.org

**Address:** 1640 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006

**Project name:** Hope Grows in Maricopa

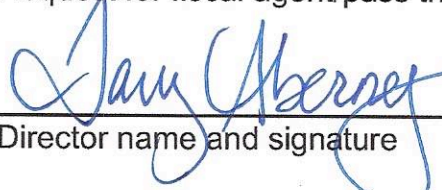
**Amount being requested:**


**Project summary:** Constructing a new building to better serve the women of Maricopa, AZ.

**Beneficiaries:**

**Supervisor District:**

The undersigns 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.

  
Director name and signature



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1640 E MCDOWELL RD  
PHOENIX AZ 85006-3032

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Employer ID number: 86-0668354  
Form 990 required: YES

Dear HOPE WOMENS CENTER INC:

We're responding to your request dated Mar. 13, 2019, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in JANUARY, 2011, 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,



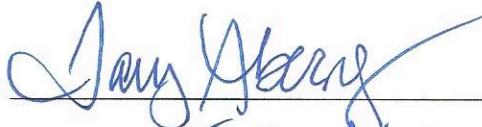
Teri M. Johnson  
Operations Manager, AM Ops. 3

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

Name of Applicant: Hope Women's Center		Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Nonprofit</u>	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Tammy Abernethy			
Contact Person and Title: Tammy Abernethy, CEO			
Applicant Address (administrative office): 1640 E. McDowell Road			
City: Phoenix, AZ		Zip Code: 85006	
Applicant Mailing Address (if different):			
City:		Zip Code:	
Phone Number: (602) 715-0999		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: tammy@hopewomenscenter.org			
Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County (Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent)			
Contact Person: Heather Patel, Grants Administrator			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: PO Box 1248			
City: Florence, AZ		Zip Code: 85132	
Phone Number: 520-866-6422		Fax Number:	
E-mail Address: heather.patel@pinal.gov			

Program or Project Name:	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): The purpose of this grant is to fund the construction of a new building with enough space to adequately serve the women who rely on Hope Women's Center to meet their physical, intellectual, and emotional needs. We currently serve XXXX women in Maricopa with only 1300 square feet. Our programs include job training, life skills training, mental health services, mentorship, and other assistance with food and housing.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: January 2024-January 2025	
Amount Requested: \$500,000	Total Cost: \$500,000
Geographic Area Served: Maricopa, AZ	

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:  Date: 6/1/23  
 For the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Typed/Printed Name and Title: TAMMY ABERNETHY, CEO  
 For the Fiscal Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If applicable)





## Ak-Chin Indian Community 2023 Prop 202 Grant Application Narrative from Hope Women's Center

### Purpose of the Grant

Underserved women in Arizona face a range of adversities — addiction, domestic abuse, sexual abuse, unplanned pregnancy, feeling overwhelmed by parenting, unemployment, loss of confidence or support system, human trafficking, family conflict or change, children in the foster care system, or homelessness. When left unhealed, these traumatic experiences create vicious cycles of poverty, abuse, and neglect for women and their children.

Hope Women's Center exists to serve these women.

Our mission is to engage, encourage and equip women and teen girls facing any difficult life situation by providing support for her physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. As we refine and expand the work of Hope Women's Center, it is our longing to see our clients, and the community profoundly transformed.

Our trauma-informed lens shapes services that address the holistic health and needs of women in crisis. Programs such as life skills classes, job training, support groups, mentoring, abuse prevention and evidence-based parenting classes, postpartum mental health support, case management support for parents seeking reunification, and crisis counseling are available at no cost and without restriction. Free childcare is provided for mothers in programming and all program participation accrues points for food, clothing, diapers, household items, and utility assistance.

Hope Women's Center addresses three priority funding areas of the Ak-Chin Community: education, healthcare, and economic development.

### The Need in Maricopa

In December 2020, Hope Women's Center opened a center in Maricopa to serve the local women experiencing crisis. We chose Maricopa because it is one of the fastest growing cities in Arizona, which always leads to increased levels of inequality. The programs offered out of our center are shaped by a holistic approach that seeks to help the underserved women of Maricopa, regardless of the challenges they face.

Our center is a 1,300 square foot home that we use to offer all our programs. This building was sufficient for our first year of operation, in which we served a total of 57 women and 36 children with an average of 67 client visits per month and over 2,400 classes and services offered.



Every year since then, however, more and more women have started coming to our Maricopa center to find hope and healing. In the first four months of 2023, our Maricopa center has already served 64 women and 17 children—that is 45% growth from 2022, and 400% growth from 2021!

Despite this explosive growth, Hope Women's Center Maricopa is still operating out of a 1,300 square foot building. So many women are interested in our services that we no longer have space to host them. By summer of 2023, we anticipate that we will be forced to turn women away due to lack of space. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, there were 21 women in class, all crammed into a 1,300 square foot house that has a kitchen, bathrooms, and a boutique!

### Project Description

If Hope Women's Center is to keep providing healing, mentorship, and support to the women of Maricopa at no cost, we need more space. In 2020, we purchased the 1,300 square foot building we currently use and the land upon which it sits. This purchase was strategic because we knew the land we purchased could support a much larger building.

Our proposed project is to construct a new 3,000 square foot building on our land in Maricopa. Our other centers that host a similar number of client visits per month (180-200) are usually over 4,500 square feet. After building this new building, and keeping the existing building, HWC will have 4,200 square feet.

The additional 3,000 sq ft second building will be used as our main space for classes, programs, and mentoring. The current 1,300 sq ft building will be used for childcare and the Boutique where women can use "credits" they gain by taking classes to "purchase" clothes, beauty supplies, and hygiene products.

HWC Maricopa offers the following programs that will be benefited by the additional space:

#### **Program: Hope Empowers**

##### *Mentorship*

Mentorship is a key component of the transformational process that happens at HWC. Our holistic program matches volunteer mentors with women seeking emotional and spiritual healing from the widespread effects of abuse trauma and neglect.

#### **Program: Hope at Work**

##### *Work and Employment*



Hope at Work equips women with job skills and life skills, classes, entrepreneurial training, and classes that boost emotional intelligence. By providing free education and support to women as they seek, secure, and sustain employment, a woman is more likely to be hired, her potential to earn profitable income increases, and her ability to support herself and/or her family makes her less vulnerable to abusive relationships, homelessness, and chronic poverty.'

**Project: Hope Equips**

*Life Skills*

Our educational program offers life skills classes like financial literacy, job training, parenting, and abuse recover to equip our clients with resources and knowledge.

**Project: Hope Provides**

*Food and Material Assistance*

We help meet the immediate tangible needs through material assistance of items like food, clothing, and toiletries. Our unique point-system encourages our clients to be active participants as they accrue points to purchase items they need.

**Project: Hope Heals**

*Counseling*

Hope Heals expands our mentoring program, adding a licensed therapist to our staff who will provide free crisis counseling, trauma assessment and support. With Hope Heals, our women will receive much-needed mental health assessments and crisis counseling without leaving the safety and familiarity of our Center. For clients with children, appointments are available when free childcare is offered.

**Project: Hope Initiative/Every Mother's Advocate**

*Preventing Family separation and reuniting children with parents*

In our Hope Initiative HWC is becoming an affiliate of ĒMA. ĒMA is a program that partners with mission-aligned affiliate organizations to eradicate the preventable causes of family separation through mother advocacy. The ĒMA program is an evidence-based, court-approved prevention program designed to empower moms in crisis to preserve their families.

**Who We Serve**

Hope Women's Center welcomes any woman, regardless of their ethnicity, age, or socio-economic status. We keep meticulous track of the women they serve at all of their centers.



### **Economic Demographics**

88% of the women who come to our Maricopa center make less than \$14,000 per year.

### **Ethnic Demographics**

23% of our clients are Native American

11% are African American

16% are Hispanic

38% are Caucasian

### **Geographic Demographics**

95% of our clients live in Pinal County, while 3% are homeless.

## **By the Numbers**

Through April of 2023, we have recorded the following statistics at our Maricopa Center:

- 64 adult women served
- 1,287 classes or mentorship sessions attended
- 1,194 instances of material assistance (meal provided or other assistance such as clothing or hygiene)
- 836 hours given by volunteers
- 328 hours of free childcare

At this rate, we expect to serve over 200 women at our Maricopa center in 2023, all while operating out of a 1,300 square foot home.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Our goal for this project is to build a new center for the Women of Maricopa by the end of 2024. This will allow us to serve over 500 women in 2025.

More broadly, Hope Women's Center defines success as total life transformation. This includes making a positive life change, learning new skills for employment, securing housing, connecting with additional community resources, breaking cycles of abuse, and becoming emotionally and relationally healthy — total life transformation.

## **The Plan**

HWC Maricopa has already received permission from city of Maricopa to add a building, and we have attached preliminary site plans that outline the location of the new structure. Upon receipt





of funding, HWC will enter the bidding stage of the process. We will seek bids from three distinct licensed contractors and we hope to go under contract in early 2024.

Beginning in 2024, we will break ground for a new commercial building that will house classrooms, an industrial kitchen and pantry, a large meeting space for family events, and showers for clients.

We estimate that building, labor, and supplies are estimated to cost \$400,000.

## Resources

Hope Women's Center is entirely funded by generous donors so that we can offer our programs at no cost. We receive funding from individuals, foundations, corporations, and government grants. Currently, we have not received any donations designated for this specific project.

This is a new project for Hope Women's Center, and once the building is constructed, there will be a small increase in maintenance costs which will be covered by our annual fund.

## Reports

Hope Women's Center has a successful track record of accurately reporting the use of granted funds back to funding organizations. Using our accounting software, HWC will track expenses related to the construction of the new center in Maricopa and will send quarterly reports to Pinal County and Ak-Chin Indian Community.

## Budget

HWC Maricopa Building 2023 Budget	
Expenses	
Excavate/Concrete	\$31,875.00
HVAC	\$75,375.00
Electrical	\$74,625.00
Insulation	\$22,350.00
Drywall	\$28,487.00
Framing	\$49,725.00
Plumbing	\$76,650.00
Flooring	\$31,781.00
Roof	\$21,200.00
Windows	\$22,762.00
Paint	\$40,500.00
Kitchen	\$25,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$500,830.00</b>

