



Gila River Indian Community Grant Guidelines *Grant Cycle 2020*

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Back Ground

The passage of Proposition 202 by the voters of Arizona in November 2002 set the stage for new gaming compacts between the State and the respective tribes. An important provision of Proposition 202 was the sharing of gaming revenues with the State. A portion of the revenue to be shared can be retained by a tribe and distributed itself. Specifically, Proposition 202 states:

“The Tribe shall make twelve percent (12%) of its total annual contribution under Section 12(B) in either or both of the following forms:

- (1) Distributions to cities, towns, or counties for government services that benefit the general public, including public safety, mitigation of the impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce and economic development.
- (2) Deposits to the Commerce and Economic Development Commission Local Communities Fund established by A.R.S. Section 41-1505.12.”

The Gila River Indian Community has opted for option one above and therefore distributes these “12 percent” funds directly to cities, towns, or counties through our State Shared Revenue Grants Program. Since 2003 the Gila River Indian Community has contributed over 50 million dollars to Arizona communities through this revenue sharing program alone.

Grants Overview

The Gila River Indian Community will fund Arizona municipalities in providing government services in the areas of economic development, education, healthcare, public safety and transportation. Realizing that all municipalities may not be able to internally meet the need for these services within their government structure, non-profit organizations are eligible to partner with a city, town or county to apply for a grant that meets the intent of this funding. It is the applicant’s responsibility to contact a municipality for instructions on their internal processes ***before*** applying.

The Gila River Indian Community’s policy is to generally focus distributions on nearby cities, towns, and counties (i.e., Maricopa and Pinal Counties, municipalities bordering or in close proximity to the Gila River Indian Community) but retains the flexibility to consider more distant locations in order to maximize the positive impact that Tribal gaming has on the State of Arizona.



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2020 Grants Timeline

January 2, 2020 – Grant Cycle Opens.

Applications will be accepted electronically at gricgrants@gric.nsn.us between the dates of January 2 – April 3, 2020. A complete application includes the completed GRIC coversheet **signed by the designated representative of the municipality**, the narrative portion of the application, and a proposed budget with budget detail. Non-profit applicants must also include a copy of the organization's IRS determination letter. All components submitted in one PDF file is preferred. See the Grant Application Instructions document for important information and help in completing the grant application.

April 3, 2020 – Application Deadline.

Applications that are received after 5:00 p.m. on this date will not be considered in this grant cycle. Applications that are incomplete after this date will be processed as is. We will make every attempt to notify applicants if an application is incomplete therefore submission prior to the final day is beneficial.

July 31, 2020 – On or before this date applicants will be notified of the disposition of the application. This will be in the form of a notice that the application will be moving on to the award phase, or a notice of declination.

A resolution from the city/town council OR county board of supervisors will be required for those applicants selected to move on to the award phase. The resolution will serve as the municipality's intent to accept any awarded funds and to use them in accordance with the application. A request for this document will be sent to the municipality however it is at the municipality's discretion to submit this document for consideration with the initial application.

October 2020 –all grant awards will be made on or before October 25, 2020. Grantees will be notified via email followed by formal award documents. All grant awards are at the discretion of the Gila River Indian Community, a sovereign Tribal Nation; there is no appeals process for an application not being awarded.

Target Population and Range of Grants

Grant funds may be used to serve all demographics of the population provided they are within the stated priority funding areas and provide a service that benefits the general public within the State of Arizona.

Grants for programs and projects can range in total from \$1,000 to \$300,000 and can be paid out in installments to support the program for at least one but no more than three years.



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Detailed and well justified budgets are essential. The Gila River Indian Community will determine the final amount and length of all grant awards; this may vary from the requested amount.

The Gila River Indian Community will also consider capital requests of up to \$500,000 to be paid out in installments for at least one but no more than five years however the ultimate level of capital contribution will be at the discretion of the Gila River Indian Community based on interest in the project and available funding.

Examples of programs/projects in each of the priority funding areas may include, but are not limited to the following. These are only general examples of project types and should not be used in an application as justification.

- Economic Development – programs and projects that promote and assist with employment, job readiness, economic security, entrepreneurship, tourism, and commerce within individual cities, towns and counties and the State of Arizona.
- Education – programs and projects that assist students and/or educators in achieving success in the classroom from preschool through post-secondary education; programs and projects that provide tutoring and hands on learning, scholarship programs, museums, any other type of educational programs on any topic that enhances the general knowledge of participants or promotes life-long learning.
- Healthcare – health promotion, disease prevention, wellness activities, recreational activities that promote physical fitness, nutrition, behavioral health programs, drug, alcohol or tobacco use cessation, direct patient care, health education, and other programs that may assist in improving the overall health of participants or local communities.
- Public Safety – programs and projects that enhance the efforts of police departments and fire departments, crime prevention programs, reduction of environmental hazards, environmental protection or quality, educational programs that address public and individual safety, homelessness, and homeless and transitional shelters.
- Transportation – projects that provide or improve transportation systems for the general public.

In addition to these priority areas, the Gila River Indian Community reserves the right to utilize its discretion in soliciting special programs and projects not included in the above listing.



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The Gila River Indian Community, Office of Special Funding may request additional information and/or a site visit from applicants during the review process. If a grant is approved, site visits may also be requested during the grant period to evaluate progress.

Who We Fund

The Gila River Indian Community will consider grant applications from Arizona cities, towns and counties. Non-municipal public service organizations (such as public schools, fire districts, etc.), and non-profit organizations that have tax-exempt status from the IRS, are also eligible to apply however must partner with a municipality for application submission and must provide services that benefit the general public in or around that municipality.

IMPORTANT - All grant awards are made and paid to Arizona cities, towns and counties. Non-municipal organizations that wish to apply must establish a relationship with a city, town or county who will receive the grant and then distribute awarded funds as appropriate. This is in accordance with Proposition 202, distributions by tribe to cities, towns and counties.

Who/What We Do Not Fund

- State Agencies/Departments
- Organizations from outside the State of Arizona
- Other gaming tribes
- Individuals
- Sponsorships
- Religious Activities
- Indirect or Administrative Costs
- Projects for the sole benefit of the Gila River Indian Community

How to Apply

Application materials are available on our website at <http://www.gilariver.org>. Under the "Departments" menu, click on "Executive" and then "Office of Special Funding." Applications and all accompanying materials should be submitted via email to gricgrants@gric.nsn.us no later than 5:00 p.m. on the posted deadline date. Late applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: If you do not receive an emailed confirmation of receipt of application within 24 hours after sending contact us by phone at 520-562-9698, ext. 258 or 259. Please use the **Grant Application Instructions** for help in completing the grant application.

All applications must be signed by the designated representative of the city, town or county. Applications that are not signed, or that are signed by an individual other than the authorized



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municipality representative will be considered incomplete and will be referred back to the municipality for further verification.

A resolution from the applying city or town council or county board of supervisors will be requested from all applicants that will be considered for final approval. This resolution is accepted but not required at the time of initial application however if not included, will be requested and required by a separate due date. Applications moving forward to this phase are not guaranteed approval. This resolution will serve as the Municipality's intent to accept the grant as awarded and use for the purposes specified in the grant application. The Gila River Indian Community does not enter into Intergovernmental Agreements for purposes of these grants.

If you have questions regarding the program or application process please contact Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator or Terri Enos, Secretary III in the Gila River Indian Community Office of Special Funding – 520-562-9698, ext. 258. cheryl.pablo@gric.nsn.us terri.enos@gric.nsn.us