

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
2025 Prop 202 - 12% GRANT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. BACKGROUND

In 2002, Arizona tribes and the Governor concluded negotiations of a new standard form Tribal/State Gaming Compact (“Compact”), which was subsequently approved by the Arizona voters as “Prop 202.” In Section 12 of the Compact, each tribe agreed to contribute a portion of its gaming revenues in exchange for substantial exclusivity covenants by the State. Tribes must deposit 88% of this contributed revenue into the Arizona Benefits Fund. By law, the State must use this contributed revenue to support education, healthcare, and other programs that benefit Arizona residents. A tribe may elect to distribute the remaining 12% (the “12% Contribution”) directly to the cities, towns and counties of its choosing.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“Community”) has elected to award the 12% Contribution generated in 2025 directly through its Prop 202 12% Grant Program (“Grant Program”). Through the Grant Program, the Community accepts applications from cities, towns, counties, and other organizations supported by a city, town, or county, seeking funding to support services that benefit the general public. The Community looks forward to supporting the Arizona community with grants made through the Grant Program.

B. PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Applications should only request funding for programs or services that benefit the general public. Examples of eligible programs include, but are not limited to, programs or services in the areas of education, public safety, health, environment, promotion of commerce, and economic and community development.

APPLICANTS SHOULD NOT REQUEST FUNDING TO SUPPORT SALARIES OR WAGES.

C. ENTITIES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:

1. Cities, towns, or counties (“Eligible Governments”) are automatically eligible.
2. A non-profit or other organization, including Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts (collectively “non-profits”), can become eligible if the non-profit can provide all of the following:
 - a. Proof of tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), Arizona Revised Statutes §48-853, or some other similar law affording special tax status; AND
Such proof shall be in the form of a resolution, duly adopted by an Eligible Government showing that the Eligible Government will act as a fiscal agent and accept funding on the non-profit’s behalf. The non-profit’s Application shall bear the signature of an authorized official of the Eligible Government. The Community reserves the right to reject any non-profit’s Application that does not provide proof of willingness to act as a fiscal agent from an Eligible Government; and
 - b. Proof that an Arizona city, town, or county is willing to act as fiscal agent for the applicant.

D. APPLICATION

1. Entities interested in applying for a grant must complete the following (collectively, the “Application”):
 - a. Community Grant Cover Sheet;
 - b. A written narrative using the Community Application outline structure, which shall be no more than 5 pages total (not including attachments);
 - c. A budget justifying the amount requested; and
 - d. If the Applicant is a non-profit:
 - a. proof of tax status,
 - b. resolution of support from an Arizona city, town, or county, and

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2. The Community Council reserves the right to reject any proposal submitted that does not follow the Application format or these guidelines.

E. AWARD OF FUNDING, TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

Although the funding for the 2025 12% Contribution is generated throughout calendar year 2025, **the funding will not be made available to selected grantees until calendar year 2026**. Applicants should not request funding for projects that will be completed in calendar year 2025. In general, the time for performance is one year from the date of execution of a Grant Agreement by all involved parties. The Community reserves the right to reject any proposal that requests multi-year funding or which includes a time for performance that exceeds one year. The time for performance shall be calculated from the date upon which the last party signs the Grant Agreement, not the date that the grant funds are made available.

F. AVAILABLE FUNDING AND FUNDING INFORMATION

1. Because the amount available to contribute is based on revenues earned, there is no way to accurately predict the amount available to contribute in advance.
2. The Community has only a limited amount of funding available to offer. In some instances, the Community may choose to offer an applicant partial funding. When preparing the budget for the proposal, applicants are encouraged to break costs down in a way that would be conducive to awarding partial funding.

G. SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applications must be mailed. Mailing includes sending the Application through FedEx, UPS, or other express mail service. Please write **“12% Application”** clearly on the envelope. The Community reserves the right to reject any Application that is faxed, e-mailed, hand delivered, or provided through any other method. Applications shall be mailed to:

Ak-Chin Indian Community
c/o Council Secretary
42507 W. Peters and Nall Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

H. TIMELINES

The following timelines apply to the 2025 Grant Program. The Community will accept and review applications only once during 2025. Timelines should be observed carefully when submitting applications. Non-profit applicants should be aware that cities, towns and counties have their own processes and timelines for requests to act as a fiscal agent. The Community does not have any role in assisting applicants with obtaining an Eligible Government fiscal agent. Failure to provide proof that an Eligible Government is willing to act as a fiscal agent for a non-profit may result in rejection of an application. **Applications are considered received on the date ACTUALLY RECEIVED, not the date on which the application is postmarked.** Please time your Application submission accordingly.

July 15, 2025	Application deadline. All applications must be RECEIVED no later than Friday, July 15, 2025. Applications received on or after July 16, 2025 may be rejected and/or may be held for consideration in the future.
July 16 - September 5, 2025	Applications will be reviewed. During this period applicants may be requested to provide additional information.

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On or after, September 8, 2025	The Community will begin contacting selected applicants to begin negotiating grant agreements. Applicants who do not receive a written notice that an application was selected for funding should assume the application was not selected for funding.
On or after January 1, 2026	Funds will be issued to selected recipients on or after January 1, 2026.

I. IF SELECTED

Applying and being selected are only the first steps towards obtaining grant funding. If your Application is selected, a grant agreement providing the terms of the grant award must be negotiated before the end of the calendar year. If a grant agreement is not negotiated and signed by all parties by the end of the calendar year, the Community is under no obligation to provide funding. Therefore, if selected, you are encouraged to work with the Community to negotiate grant agreements in a timely manner. The Community may retract offers if progress on the grant agreement negotiations stall or are delayed unnecessarily.

J. COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT ANY APPLICATION

THE COMMUNITY MAY, IN THE COMMUNITY'S SOLE DISCRETION, REJECT ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED.

K. QUESTIONS

Please direct all questions about the Grant Program to the Council Secretary at (520) 568-1000 or VSmith@ak-chin.nsn.us.