

# Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of City/Town/County/Non-Profit: <u>Maricopa Wells Middle School</u>	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: <b>THAD MILLER</b>	
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*[Signature]*

Program or Project Name: <u>Maricopa Wells Technology</u>
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input 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):
<b>The purpose of this grant is to purchase 10 laptops carts, with each cart holding 36 laptops. These carts will be used by all students at Maricopa Wells for the current district wide curriculum and mandated state assessments.</b>
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: <b>July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2024 (5 year longevity)</b>
Amount Requested: <u>\$180,000.00 (10 carts)</u> Total Cost: <u>\$180,000.00</u>
Geographic Area Served: <u>Maricopa Wells Middle School boundary, which includes the Ak-Chin Community.</u>

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: *[Signature]* Date: 6/11/19  
For the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed/Printed Name and Title: THAD MILLER – Principal

For the City/Town County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than applicant)  
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## Narrative

Maricopa Wells Middle School is a 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade public school located within the Maricopa Unified School District, in Maricopa, Arizona. Our school completed the 2018-2019 school year with 930 students.

The overall purpose of this grant is to increase the amount of available technology for all of our students who attend Maricopa Wells Middle School. If we are awarded this grant, we will use the funds to purchase 10 laptop carts for our campus. Each cart contains 36 laptops, which will provide an additional 360 computers for our campus.

Increasing the available technology will benefit our students in several different ways. We are already fully integrated within our Math and Language Arts core areas with online curriculum. With that, due to our current limited number of available laptops, our staff are forced to share computer carts, so our students do not have access to the technology every day.

In addition to every day curriculum, as we all know, every school is required to complete the mandated state assessments at the end of each school year. This current limited number of laptops for our campus forces us to share those laptops to complete the testing process. Each year, we must create a schedule to share the laptops in order to complete those state mandated assessments. Since the state assigns the dates when those assessments must be completed, this can be a challenge.

With this grant, these additional laptop carts will make the curriculum more accessible for our students on a daily basis. It will also create a much smoother process of completing our state assessments each year.

This grant will service all of the students who attend Maricopa Wells Middle School. Our school boundaries start roughly at Acacia Crossings and the Villages in the middle of the city of Maricopa,

including Senita I and II, and goes all the way south to Miller road in the Hidden Valley area. Since we cover both sides of the 347 highway going south, our school boundary includes all of the Ak-Chin Community. Since our parents and families understand the importance and value of technology in this modern era, this grant will support and build confidence in our entire school community, which covers a very large part of the Maricopa area.

The mission statement of Maricopa Wells Middle School is "To prepare our students for the high school level and beyond." This grant will allow the increase in technology to service all of our students, and help accomplish our mission of preparing our student for the high school level. Along with that, it will also help our students with future employment opportunities that this ever changing technology world is creating.

When we look at current resources, the Maricopa Unified School District has been the only support for our current technology on campus. There has been a multiyear process of slowly increasing the number of laptop carts on our campus through funds available to the district. Since there are 9 schools currently in our district, those funds must be shared appropriately. With this new project, these new laptop carts will benefit not only the current students, but the future students who will attend Maricopa Wells Middle School the next few years.

If we are awarded this grant, we will implement the process right away to purchase the carts. The district will start the purchasing process the same quarter we are approved. Having these laptop carts will be such a benefit to our campus, we will want to complete the purchase as soon as possible. All reporting will be completed in cooperation with the district. Since all of these grant funds will be dedicated to these laptop carts, reports will be finalized as we complete the laptop purchasing process to ensure all funds are accounted for appropriately. These reports will be shared with the Ak-Chin Community grant committee.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity you are allowing us to apply for this grant. Having grown up in this area, I have seen the support that the Ak-Chin Community has provided for many years, and I thank you for that. I am excited for the possibilities and the benefit that this grant can provide for our students. Thank you, again, and I look forward to hearing from you.

**Budget**

Maricopa Wells Middle School is a public school within the Maricopa Unified School District.

The Federal Tax ID Number for Maricopa Unified School District is EIN# 52 1671314.

The budget for this grant will entail the purchase of additional laptop carts.

We will purchase the additional carts, similar to what we are currently using.

The budgetary data is as follows:

<u>Price per Cart</u>	<u>Number of Carts</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$18,000.00	10	\$180,000.00

\*Please note, we are asking for up to 10 computer carts, but any amount of additional carts will be a huge benefit to our students.



June 25, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Tammy Chavis and I am writing this letter on behalf of my grandson, who recently went to school at Maricopa Wells Middle School. The middle school's use of computer technology made a significant, positive impact on my grandson, and I want to be sure the school is given the needed computers to expand, and improve, the staff's ability to help all students.

As stated above, my grandson, who has had a history of struggling in school, was enrolled at Maricopa Wells Middle School at the beginning of the second semester of his sixth grade year. He was placed in the Blended Learning Program, due to the program's use of computers. After some time to adjust to this new format of learning, my grandson began to progress and make strides towards success in school. By the time he moved out of the district, at the end of his seventh grade year, he had begun to master much of the curriculum he had been missing.

The use of computer technology, in my opinion, was largely responsible for this improvement. My grandson, like many students today, has had issues with comprehension, as well as, work completion. His mother is in the Army, and with that transient life, he has fallen behind in school. By using the computers at Wells, he was able to get additional support at home since I could access his work online. I know that many students also need this additional support at home, and the computer technology allows busy parents to keep up on their student's progress from home, at their time and convenience. This support really helps the students keep up on their schoolwork and responsibilities.

As our education system changes with the growing technology, I believe that all schools, especially Maricopa Wells, would greatly benefit from additional computers in each classroom. Teachers can use this to provide more opportunities for learning, helping all students find success in the classroom, just as it did for my grandson.

In closing, I hope that this letter demonstrates the need for an increase in computers for use in each classroom. If our district is to be truly successful, we need to provide the necessary equipment that teachers need to produce students who are prepared for their future.

Sincerely,

Tammy Chavis



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Date: 06/12/2019

Dear Ak-Chin Community,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you as a reference for Maricopa Wells Middle School in regards to the school's grant application for 10 new laptop carts. Approval of this grant would greatly increase every student's ability to access laptop computers, including students from the Ak-Chin community. Many of the programs and curriculum at MWMS requires students to have access to technology on a consistent basis. Approval of this grant would ensure all students of Maricopa Wells Middle School will have the resources needed to meet their full academic potential.

Respectfully,

Jason Szoltysik, Assistant Principal  
Maricopa Wells Middle School