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May 30, 2023

City of Maricopa
ATTN: Ms. Gia Valenzuela
39700 W Civic Center Plaza
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Dear Ms. Valenzuela,

The Maricopa Community Foundation is asking for fiscal sponsorship for the 2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community 12% Grant opportunity that is currently open. The Maricopa Community Foundation is a local 501(c)3 non-profit and this is our first request in asking for fiscal support.

The Foundation is seeking \$30,000 to meet some of the critical needs in our community by supporting other local non-profits who match the mission and vision of MCF in serving worthy causes that allow the Maricopa area to continue to grow and flourish.

Please let me know if you need anything else from our organization. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Tyler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtney Tyler
President

2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Maricopa Community Foundation (MCF) Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: President Courtney Tyler (MCF)	
Contact Person and Title: Patti Coutre – Exec Director	
Applicant Address (administrative office): P.O. Box 1650	
City: Maricopa	Zip Code: 85139
Applicant Mailing Address (if different):	
City:	Zip Code:
Phone Number: 520-252-0175	Fax Number:
E-mail Address: info@mcfaz.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: City of Maricopa, Gia Valenzuela	
City/Town/County Mailing Address: 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza	
City: Maricopa	Zip Code: 85138
Phone Number: 520-568-9098	Fax Number:
E-mail Address: gia.valenzuela@maricopa-az.gov	

Program or Project Name: Maricopa Community Foundation (MCF)	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> environment	
<input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): To assist a wide range of needful local non-profits that serve Maricopa, Ak-Chin residents and local Pinal County residents, with grant awards for projects that further each of their respective missions. These organizations, include: veterans, food banks, anti-drug coalitions, children's safety and sports organizations, community arts programs and many more.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024	
Amount Requested: \$30,000	Total Cost: \$30,000
Geographic Area Served: City of Maricopa and surrounding Pinal County region	

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: Courtney Tyler Date: 3/30/23

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Courtney Tyler, President

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

Maricopa Community Foundation's (MCF) request for Ak-Chin Indian Community 2023 Prop
202 – 12% Contribution Grant Application

– Narrative –

Purpose:

The Maricopa Community Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit that exists for the purpose of enriching the lives of residents of the City of Maricopa, Ak-Chin and the surrounding region of Pinal County residents.

Our mission is to serve the community by supporting quality of life enhancing initiatives, programs, events, and non-profit services within our community by developing resources for local organizations. Our vision is to see the Maricopa area continue to grow and flourish while maintaining its traditions, values and small town feel where community is felt and nurtured.

The MCF primarily serves as a resource and fund development organization for public, private, and non-profit organizations serving the Maricopa area. As such, MCF reviews requests for funding proposals from local organizations and supports, as resources permit, those that match the mission and vision of the Foundation. By doing this, MCF helps local service providers operate in perpetuity, rather than depend, primarily on grant applications and local fundraisers, as many local non-profits do not have the capacity to both fundraise and operate the organization. MCF through its resources can help fill these voids in these worthy and valuable service-oriented organizations. As MCF has looked to assist as many qualified and worthy regional organizations as possible, it has created a registry where each organization's validity and authenticity can be verified and known to MCF. This is an entirely free registry, but its usage helps to maintain the integrity of fund distribution to those local organizations that will best serve the regional residents of the City of Maricopa/Ak-Chin/Pinal County.

Presently the Community Foundation's Non-Profit Registry serves a number of non-profits. Please see Attachment 1 for a complete list as of the date of this application.

The purpose of MCF's request, is to help seed the 2024 year "Community Grant Program" for the ever-growing population of needful service-based organizations grant requests that exist here in the Maricopa/Ak-Chin/Pinal County region. Over the past year, MCF has helped at least 10 different organizations with necessary funding grants for programs critical for the success of their respective missions. MCF did this with funding given to it for the establishment of a "Community Grant Program", from Nikola Motor Company executives who were looking to give back to the community in the most broad-based method possible.

The Executives at Nikola, without knowing the various individual needs that existed in our community, requested that we serve as their eyes and ears to: identify, give and satisfy the many existing needs that smaller style grants could help accomplish. MCF successfully did this by helping these 10 organizations this year:

- Maricopa Community Theater - \$1,000 (Arts, Culture & Humanities) – Since it's founding in 2010, the Community Theatre has been able to bring countless plays, musicals and youth performances to Maricopa and its surrounding communities. This grant provided the licensing rights to perform a community play.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133 - \$1,000 (Community Development & Improvement) – With a mission to support and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military and their families, the grant provided tuition/conference fees for students to attend an AL program.
- Maricopa Arts Council - \$515 (Arts, Culture & Humanities) – Simply put, empowering the Arts in every ART form. Their grant provided necessary items to help the Maricopa Music Circle return to performing after being shuttered by the pandemic for several years.
- F.O.R. Maricopa - \$1,000 (Food, Agriculture & Nutrition) – F.O.R. (Food, Opportunity and Resources) Maricopa has been in existence since 2007 and is a resource center and food bank that serves the Maricopa community. Their grant provided materials for façade improvement on the building's exterior and freezer/container installation.
- Maricopa Historical Society - \$1,000 (Arts, Culture & Humanities) – The mission of the Society is to share Maricopa's heritage and make Maricopa history fun for everyone by collecting, identifying, recording, preserving, and sharing stories and items of Maricopa's past and present with current and future generations. The grant provided materials for item display/showcasing at the newly opened Historical Museum.
- Against Abuse Inc - \$1,000 (Human Service) – Assisted in providing materials for a community garden at La Casa de Paz.
- Copa Force One - \$1,000 (Community Development & Improvement) This youth foundation was created to teach kids basketball and life skills. One team, one mind, one FORCE!
- Vibrant Community - \$1,000 (Arts, Culture & Humanities) – Their mission is to enhance the quality of life in the community by fostering and supporting cultural opportunities and empowerment. In partnership with City of Maricopa Events, they provided three free Concerts in the Park which included free education and awareness stations for job recruiting, medical screenings/awareness and other vital services rendered to the citizens of Maricopa.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor - \$1,000 (Community Development & Improvement) – The Boys & Girls Clubs mission is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. The grant provided support of the Saddleback Branch club in providing after-school/out of school care and support for students from Saddleback, Pima Butte and Maricopa Elementary Schools in order to help them achieve the following outcomes: academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.
- Be Awesome - \$1,000 (Education) – Provided funding for their “Talk-o Tuesday” program with a goal of increasing conversations between parents and their children regarding substance abuse risks, and decrease youth drug abuse in Maricopa through workshops scheduled around busy families and providing dinner.

In 2024, MCF's Community Grant Program will double its award organizations, from 10 to 20+, creating an even larger diversity and breadth of resident's programs and services provided for and rendered. The program award period will be open from January 1, 2024, through Dec 31, 2024. The MCF Community Grant Program will review all qualifying applications, each quarter, on a first come first served basis, and make an award of between \$500-\$2000 to winning organizations until such time as all Grant funds are awarded.

The awards will satisfy the needs of organizations that are looking to serve the public, but require generally smaller amounts to push their programs over the finish line or complete a project or task. Should there be remaining community grant funds entering into the 4th quarter of the 2024 year, all qualifying organizations, even previous existing awardees, will be invited to resubmit, for continuing or other needs that they may have in order to award all of the remaining funds in order to comply with the Ak-Chin grant and described distribution period.

Resources:

Funding sources for the MCF Community Grant Program comes from a variety of sources, such as: larger charitable organizations and non-profits, private donors, community partners, industry, other community grant foundations and tribal partners/grants. As described above, the initial funding for this program came from Nikola Motor Company executives in the amount of a one-time \$10,000 contribution. The MCF Community Grant Program understands that various entities will have preferences to one time vs. ongoing donations, and MCF accepts and respects those decisions. MCF will work annually with its partners in order to raise funding for the Community Grant Program in order to distribute as much funding as possible in order to create and do the most good possible, for the residents of the City of Maricopa/Ak-Chin/Pinal County region.

In order to be the most fiscally prudent and get the majority of critical resources into the organizations that need it most, the MCF Community Grant Program uses its committee of volunteer and resource contributing Board Members to review and award the grant requests and reports these awards and remaining amounts to the full Board of Directors.

At this time no other tribal entity has been asked, petitioned or is currently, or has in the past contributed to this newly created Community Grant Program (est. 2022).

Reports:

Reporting to the Ak-Chin Indian Community will be done at a minimum of yearly but can make reports as needed, or as often as quarterly, after awards from the program are granted. The funding amounts granted, who the awards were given to, what the award was given for (usage-wise), and how much is remaining from the Grant, will be given to both the MCF Board of Directors and Ak-Chin for the ease of tracking and general knowledge of overall appropriate

grant fund usage. These reports will be presented/distributed by the MCF Executive Director or President or their designee.

Budget:

The MCF Community Grant Program is asking for \$30,000.

\$25,000 is to go directly to qualifying non-profit awardees, as demonstrated in our example above of past awardees. \$5,000 (16% of total award) would be used for the common and daily administrative costs, office supplies, etc. While the MCF requests the largest award possible by the Ak-Chin Tribal Council, if less should be awarded, then the MCF Community Grants Program will utilize everything awarded towards the Community Grants Program, minus a 16% pro-rata Admin costs need unless otherwise instructed directly.

Please see Attachment 2 for the budget and distribution schedule for this project.

Additional Information

The City of Maricopa has authorized participation as the fiscal agent for this grant project.

ATTACHMENT 1

Maricopa Community Foundation Non-Profit Registry

Arts & Culture:

- ❖ DSPA Gems, Inc.
- ❖ Friends of the Library
- ❖ Maricopa Arts Council (MAC)
- ❖ Maricopa Community Theater
- ❖ Maricopa Historical Society
- ❖ United Sound

Community:

- ❖ American Legion Auxiliary Maricopa, Unit 133
- ❖ Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Blue Star Mothers of Maricopa
- ❖ Boys & Girls Club of the Sun Corridor
- ❖ City of Maricopa Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Cop Force One
- ❖ Making Dreams Reality
- ❖ Maricopa Rotary Club
- ❖ Maricopa United
- ❖ Pinal County NAACP Brand #1012-B
- ❖ VFW Auxiliary Maricopa, Post 1024

Education:

- ❖ A+ Charter School
- ❖ Be Awesome Coalition
- ❖ Maricopa Football Boosters
- ❖ Nelson C Latham Counseling Center
- ❖ VETIT, Inc

Food, Agriculture & Nutrition:

- ❖ F.O.R. Maricopa

Health Care:

- ❖ Eye Care For Kids
- ❖ Steele Children's Research
- ❖ A Twist of Faith

Housing & Healthcare:

- ❖ Families United, Inc.

Human Services:

- ❖ Against Abuse
- ❖ Agnes Center for Domestic Solutions

- ❖ Boy Scout Troop 993
- ❖ Dance for Tata's
- ❖ Dolly Star Foundation
- ❖ Hope for Life International Ministries
- ❖ Maricopa Lion's Club
- ❖ Maricopa Little League
- ❖ Maricopa Senior Coalition
- ❖ Maricopa Senior, Inc.
- ❖ Maricopa Veteran Care Center
- ❖ Operation Support Military Heroes
- ❖ Opportunity Tree
- ❖ Rainbow's End Ministries
- ❖ Relay For Life Maricopa
- ❖ She Supports She Phoenix
- ❖ The Streets Don't Love You Back
- ❖ Veteran's In Need Project

ATTACHMENT 2

Maricopa Community Foundation Community Grant Budget 2024

		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
	Balance forward		
	Award of Grant from Ak-Chin Prop 202	30,000	
3/31/2024	1st Quarter Application Review <i>Provide 5 Grants at \$1,000 ea (or distribute as needed within the total amount Q1)</i>		5,000
4/15/2024	Administrative Cost <i>Copy and distribute packages, correspond with applicants, issue checks, et.</i>		1,000
6/30/2024	2nd Quarter Application Review <i>Provide 5 Grants at \$1,000 ea (or distribute as needed within the total amount Q2)</i>		5,000
7/15/2024	Administrative Cost <i>Copy and distribute packages, correspond with applicants, issue checks, et.</i>		1,000
9/30/2024	3rdQuarter Application Review <i>Provide 5 Grants at \$1,000 ea (or distribute as needed within the total amount Q3)</i>		5,000
10/15/2024	Administrative Cost <i>Copy and distribute packages, correspond with applicants, issue checks, et.</i>		1,000
12/31/2024	2nd Quarter Application Review <i>Provide 10 Grants at \$1,000 ea (or distribute as needed within the total amount Q4)</i>		10,000
1/15/2024	Administrative Cost <i>Copy and distribute packages, correspond with applicants, issue checks, et.</i>		2,000
		<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>