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

Dear Council Secretary,

Please accept the following proposal from F.O.R. Maricopa food bank for consideration for the 2018 12% Grant Program.

**Purpose of Grant:**

F.O.R. (Food, Opportunity and Resources) Maricopa has been in existence since 2007, making an immediate impact in a city founded in 2003 that saw its population and needs explode in just a few short years. We have served and been supported by the residents of Maricopa, Standfield, and surrounding communities.

**F-Providing food to those in need**

**O-Providing opportunities for the community to serve those in need**

**R-Providing resources (referrals and tangibles) to those in need**

Our clients who are low income individuals and families who meet the federal poverty guidelines in Pinal County. We serve between 300 – 500 families each week that reside in the cities of Maricopa, Stanfield, and surrounding areas, including Ak-Chin and Bapchule reservations. The food and services we provide help the growth and development for the families with children. Over the past several years our funds and resources have been cut dramatically due to the economy, fewer grants available and increased competition for grants. As well as the relocation of our permanent space related to the ADOT overpass. In response to this we have reduced and or cut some of our programs. We have also not been able to launch new programs that would benefit our clients.

We have had to re-locate because of The ADOT 347 Overpass project. We are temporary location until we could find a new space. Currently, we are temporarily housed in two rooms of a local public school outside of town. We have a plan to move into a recently purchased Blue Business building once that building is up to code for the city of Maricopa. A majority of our

funds are going towards this project. We continue to be hopeful that we may get some support from ADOT but likely a small amount compared to what we need.

For the last 10 yrs we have been able to sustain the backpack and holiday food box programs that we provide to our clients and their children with our community partners, donations, grants, and fund raiser events. The No Child Goes Hungry project is new and without funding, we won't be able to provide this program to our clients. We anticipate that once we are relocated in a permanent space, we can focus our funds and energies to those projects again. Without your grant funds, we will have to put all three programs on hold until we are able to fund it on our own again. Our priority needs to be on getting moved into our new location. This will take all our funds (plus more) and time to get it done in a reasonable amount of time. We feel these are vital programs to our clients and community and hope we can continue them this year.

We want to serve additional nutritional food to 8,000 -10,000 children between 0-18 years old. Provide free backpacks and school supplies for 600 children. Provide enhanced food boxes for 600 families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Purchase a walk in freezer to be able to keep food without spoiling

### **No Child Goes Hungry in Maricopa – new program**

35% of our clients have infants and children and benefit from the food they receive at the food bank. 1 in 4 children in Pinal County go to bed hungry. Our goal is to provide more nutritional food for the children of our families. . We want to proudly say “no child goes hungry in Maricopa”. We are proposing increasing the amount of food given to families with children that contain more protein, fruit, milk, breakfast food, and bread. This would be approximately \$20,000 per year to implement our program fully and would impact 8-10,000 children in a year.

### **Annual Backpack & Supplies Giveaway**

We provide 600 free backpacks and school supplies for our families and the community with children ages 4-18 years to prepare them for the school year. We partner with Maricopa Police Dept. and our portion is traditionally \$5,000.

### **Holiday Food Box Thanksgiving & Christmas**

Annually we provide holiday boxes for our clients at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This helps our clients: individuals, seniors, and families with quality food during the holidays. We provide fixings for a holiday meal which includes: whole turkey, vegetables, bread, dessert, etc. The cost to fully implement both programs is \$12,000.

**Walk In Freezer**

We would like to purchase a new walk in freezer for our new location to keep all our food without it spoiling. We had one in our past location and were able to keep food without spoiling and in turn were able to feed more clients.

**Resources:**

Project	Funding Source	One time or Long Term	Orgs or Partners	New or Continuing	Future Funding
<b>No Child Goes Hungry</b>	Grants - TBD	Long Term	TBD	New	Grants/Donations
<b>Backpack &amp; Supplies Giveaway</b>	Donations/Community Partners	Long Term	Maricopa Police Dept	Continuing	Donations/Community Partners
<b>Holiday Boxes</b>	Donations/Community Partners	Long Term	Community	Continuing	Donations/Community Partners

If you have requested any other funding from another Arizona tribe, please list:

- Tohono O’odham Nation grant request submitted 06/16/18

Unsuccessful requests made within the last eighteen (18) months,

- Tohono O’odham Nation 12% Gaming Distribution “No Child is Hungry in Maricopa Project” May 28, 2016

Funded requests made in the last five (5) years, including the name of the tribe that awarded the funding, the project for which the funding was awarded, and the amount of the funding received.

- Ak-Chin 12% Gaming Distribution “Feeding Those in Need” September 7, 2016 – Approximately \$100, 00.
- F.O.R. Maricopa has not received Proposition 202 funding from any tribe. A 3-year commitment (not Proposition 202 funds) was received from the Ak Chin tribe as follows: 2012 - \$50,000, 2013 – 0, 2014 - \$100,000
- Vendors – we are working with individual vendors for this project to confirm their interest in donating a portion of their services or products.

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### Reports

- Our method to measure and report our progress is to show the number of children, families, and clients that receive support from these programs at the end of each program. We will track this information through our data base by the number of children served, total number of clients served for each holiday food box event. We have calculated the amount of back packs and food boxes needed based on past programs. If we give out our proposed number of back packs (600) and food boxes (600), we will have succeeded in our proposed goal. This data will be written up for an interim and final report.

**Budget:** Provide a detailed budget of how the funding will be used. With the total amount requested clearly noted

<b>No Child Goes Hungry –Serves 8-10,000 children per year</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
Protein, Fresh Vegetables & Fruit per month	\$1,666.66
<b>Total Cost for one year</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Backpack &amp; Supplies Giveaway-Serves 600 children &amp; youth</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Backpacks and supplies	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Holiday Boxes – Serves 600 clients/families per year</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Turkeys (600)	\$7,000.00
Other food for boxes*	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
*Fresh vegetables, butter, eggs, other dry goods as needed	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Walk In Freezer for New building-one time purchase</b>	\$50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,000.00</b>

F.O.R. Maricopa is dedicated to our clients to provide food, resources, and opportunities to enable them to be contributing community members. We have had many challenges over the past few years, but are striving to improve our situation and provide all the services we have in the past and continue to grow and provide new opportunities for our clients. One of our strengths has been our partnerships with the community. All Maricopa schools participate in an Annual food drive that is sponsored by Treasured Smiles Children's Dentistry. We have received over 9000 pounds of food from this drive. The City of Maricopa employees hold a food drive during the holidays. Maricopa Fire dept does an annual drive to support holiday events. The Maricopa Police department partners with us for back program. We have many partners within the community such as churches, scouting programs and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino who provide food and monetary support.

Website: <http://formaricopa.org/>

Facebook: [F.O.R. Maricopa Facebook Page](#) (Watch our video regarding Children & Poverty)

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**Backpack Recipients**



**Holiday Box Sorting Event**



**Turkeys for Holiday Boxes**