



"Keeping Teachers Teaching"

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"Provide for our Teachers, so they may keep providing for our future"

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City of Maricopa
Attn: Cassandra Brown, Grants Coordinator
39700 W Civic Center Plaza
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Re: Fiscal Sponsorship – Ak Chin Indian Community Grant

Ms. Brown:

I am writing you today to seek fiscal sponsorship for the Ak Chin Indian Community 12% State Shared Revenue grant opportunity that is currently open. My organization Keeping Teachers Teaching is a local 501c3 nonprofit that has been a previous sponsored by the City of Maricopa for their and other Tribes grants.

This year, KTT, is seeking \$75,000 for our National Youth Education program. NYE is a mentorship program for juniors and seniors in High School that are potentially interested in the education field. The students would be paired up with a retired and/or current teacher to help guide them through the decision process, but provide them with their own stories of why they entered into the education field. As we see today with #RedforEd, the walkouts, the strike, and our current state of education overall, we could use a boost to our crop of potential educators in the future. Our hope is that these retired and current teachers can reach the students on a level that helps inspire to pursue education as a profession. Our target demographics will focus on the minority populations: African American, Hispanic, and Native American. In Arizona, the Native American population is the lowest performing followed by the other two ethnicities. One reason is the connectedness of the teachers with the students. If we can get more minority teachers teaching these students, we will see an increase in their performance.

Please let me know if you need anything else to be considered for Fiscal Sponsorship. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Darryl Gooden

Darryl Gooden,
KTT President