

City of Casa Grande
Arts and Humanities Commission Art Partnership Funding Program
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION 2021- 12% GAMING DISTRIBUTION

PURPOSE OF GRANT (Cultural & Environmental Development and Protection)

Art Partnership Funding Program

a) Explain the perceived need and explain how the proposal will address that need.

The City of Casa Grande embraces the responsibility for expanding experiences with performing and visual arts in public places and providing diverse forms of cultural enrichment. Art in public places enable people in all societies to better understand their communities.

In 1986, the City of Casa Grande established the Casa Grande Arts and Humanities Commission to promote art in the community. The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission is dedicated to integrating the arts and humanities, including the richness of the Community's ethnic and cultural diversity, as part of the fabric of everyday life. The Commission supports that arts promote innovation and collaboration, positively impacts local economies, student learning and cultural understanding. Toward this end, the Commission serves as the entity, stimulating and supporting excellence and accessibility in the arts and humanities for all citizens in the community of Casa Grande.

Funding to support art is very limited for the community and non-profit organizations. There is a **great need to establish partnerships** to strengthen our capacity to enhance art opportunities in the community. To address this need, the Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission has established an **Art Partnership Funding Program** to offer small grants to local non-profit organizations to fund new or expand art projects in the community. Together, the Commission and non-profit organizations can build strong art exposure, develop ways to transfer creativity, and shape a vibrant art community. Through an application process, the Commission will offer local non-profit organizations an opportunity to apply for funding of their art projects (visual or performing). The Commission will use various advertising methods; e.g., social media, newspaper, etc., to notify all cross-sectors of non-profit organizations of the Art Partnership Funding Program.

b) Describe the population who will benefit from the proposal if approved.

The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission will seek to partner with non-profit organizations that will promote art experiences (performing or visual) for all sectors of our residents/population. Below is an example of non-profit organizations that would be eligible for the Art Partnership Funding Program.

Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped (AFH)
BlackBox Foundation (Performing Arts)
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society

Len Colla Recreation Center (Afterschool Program)
 Latino Familia Initiative
 Pinal Hispanic Council/Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Committee of Pinal County
 University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Pinal County 4-H
 Boys & Girls Club of Casa Grande Valley
 Friends of the Arts - Casa Grande Art Museum

c) **Include a budget of the requested funds, with the total amount requested clearly notated.**

Amount Request from Tohono O’odham Nation - \$10,000

2021 - Budget				
City of Casa Grande Arts and Humanities Commission, Art Partnership Funding Program				
Proposed Budget (list each budget item)	Amount Request from Tohono O’odham Nation	City of Casa Grande In-Kind Expense	In-Kind Expense	Total Budget
Art Partnership Funding Program to offer small grants to local non-profit organizations to fund new or expand art projects in the community.	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
Casa Grande City Staff Administration		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
*Estimated Volunteer Hours (7 Member Commission three hours yearly @ \$24.14 hourly rate)			\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$11,500.00

*Independent Sector (2017). Value of Volunteer Time.
http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

d) **List any other funding requests that have been made for this or substantially related proposal and provide the status of those requests.**

None.

e) **Indicate whether the entity has already received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O’odham Nation or other Arizona Tribes, along with the amount and date awarded.**

Arts and Humanities Commission:

2018-\$10,000 from Tohono O’odham Nation
 2016-\$10,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community
 2015-\$10,000 from Tohono O’odham Nation

2015-\$10,000 from Gila River Indian Community
2012-\$10,000 from Tohono O'odham Nation

f) Identify a designated contact person and alternate contact person for follow-up, including e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, and fax number for these persons.

Designated Contact Person

Gloria Leija, City Clerk, 510 E. Florence Boulevard, Casa Grande, Arizona 85122,
(520) 421-8639 or gloria_leija@casagrandeaz.gov

Alternate Contact Person

Karla Lange, Deputy City Clerk, 510 E. Florence Boulevard, Casa Grande, Arizona 85122,
(520) 421-8600 or karla_lange@casagrandeaz.gov

***g) Indicate which priority area the proposal falls under.**

The opportunity to fund the **Art Partnership Funding Program** falls under the priority area of **Cultural & Environment Development and Protection and Education.**

h) If the proposal is from a non-profit organization, include the name of the city, town, or county an agreement will be made with if funds are granted. A letter from the governmental entity acknowledging its agreement to work with the non-profit is not necessary for the initial proposal. However, it is necessary for those non-profits selected to receive grant funding.

See Authorization Letter to Apply.



City of Casa Grande
510 E. Florence Blvd,
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

June 10, 2021

Chairman Ned Norris Jr.
Tohono O'odham Nation
P.O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85634

Dear Chairman Norris,

I authorize the submission of the City of Casa Grande Arts and Humanities Art Partnership Project application for the 12% Gaming Distribution for the Tohono O'odham Nation. If awarded, I am authorized by the Mayor and City Council to enter into a grant agreement.

On behalf of the City of Casa Grande, thank you in advance for your consideration of city projects. The City looks forward to continuing our long standing partnership. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (520) 421-8600 or at LarryR@casagrandeaz.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Rains', written over a circular scribble.

Larry Rains
City Manager