

City of Casa Grande
Casa Grande Police Department
Team Policing Initiative
Tohono O’odham Nation-12% Gaming Distribution
June 2021

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

Partnerships between police and the public are effective in building safe and thriving communities. Law enforcement must be proactive in reaching the public, addressing safety issues, and developing solutions. Addressing crime, fear of crime, public order, quality of life, and public well-being is a responsibility of all police officers and their community. Partnerships must be established so a climate of trust, communication, and mutual assistance can evolve.

The mission of the Casa Grande Police Department is “*to protect, serve and sustain supporting partnerships with the community.*” This is accomplished by fostering community-oriented programs that reduce crime while improving quality of life. Team Policing helps acculturate officers and supervisors with the community policing philosophy, enhance consistency, develop greater officer/citizen communication, provide a stronger foundation for crime reduction strategies, and provide greater service delivery to the community.

With Team Policing, officers are assigned to Beat Teams whose focus is on the geographical area of the City they are assigned. Beat Teams partner with stakeholders – to include community members, local leaders, other city departments, clergy, and businesses to increase capable guardianship, develop better handlers, and harden targets. The initiative empowers officers to hold community meetings, address problems, develop solutions, become leaders, enhance crime-fighting efforts, and elevate communication with each other and the citizens they serve.

Goal 1 of Team Policing is to help the Casa Grande Police Department Reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents. The program offers a focused effort to multiple locations at the micro-level, differing from current macro-level approaches being deployed. It will unify patrol officers who work a common beat, even though they work different days and hours during the week. Patrol Beat Teams will breed community policing engagement at all levels within the organization, will enhance internal consistency, develop greater officer/citizen communication, and provide a stronger foundation for crime reduction strategies.

The **First Objective of Goal 1** is to reduce crime by 15% citywide, which requires internal and external partnerships. There will be 5 Beat Teams, one for each patrol beat. This allows officers working days to interact with those working nights and for those working weekends to interact with those on weekdays to discuss the issues going on within their shared beat. The teams will identify annual goals that will be evaluated and tracked every quarter. This program identifies and empowers the officers who all work the same area each day to address beat specific problems they are most familiar with, which elicits greater buy-in.

The **Second Objective of Goal 1** is to give residents a voice in the fight. Viewing their efforts through Routine Activity Theory, officers will partner with residents to strengthen capable guardianship and harden targets within their assigned beats. Routine Activity Theory outlines

how three elements must be present for crime to occur - motivated offenders, suitable targets, and the absence of capable guardians.

Goal 2 of Team Policing is to enhance internal and external communication. The Beat Teams will meet with each other monthly and with stakeholders bi-monthly. The stakeholders in each beat will include community members, local leaders, other city departments, clergy, businesses, social networks, courts, and sister law enforcement agencies. In these meetings, they will share information, solicit input, and problem solve.

The **First Objective of Goal 2** is to facilitate greater communication between officers who work different shifts and different days of the week, which in-turn enhances problem solving and teamwork. All officers who work a common beat will communicate with each other regularly through the Microsoft Teams Program on their desktop and in-car computers. They will also meet as a group once per month in addition to the community meetings they will organize.

The **Second Objective of Goal 2** is to facilitate public meetings where Beat Teams can share information with the community and the community can share information with the officers. This shared information will be communicated publicly via officer contacts and social media. Beat specifics will be outlined in beat profiles, which will establish crime trends unique to that area, and the potential reduction efforts to deploy. This data will be available to the public on the city's website.

The Casa Grande Police Department seeks every opportunity to deliver proactive programs to the community. These funds would provide overtime needed for community policing activities, materials, and supplies to assist Beat Teams in reaching the community for crime prevention efforts – to include facilitation of bi-monthly meetings. If we are unable to fund community policing through the Beat Team Initiative, our community partnerships will be limited, internal and external communication will suffer, crime reduction efforts will be hindered, and community meetings will be nonexistent.

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

The agency's target population includes its nearly 60,000 residents, 15,000 to 20,000 winter visitors, and daily service population of nearly 100,000. Among this population, beneficiaries include stakeholders such as residents, business owners, educators, clergy, social workers, City partners, public safety servants, and students. Team Policing is designed to bring these stakeholders together to identify and solve social problems that lead to crime. The Casa Grande Police Department maintains a strong partnership with local, state, tribal, and federal agencies in this effort. We also partner with local civic organizations such as Cenpatico, Seeds of Hope, The Casa Grande Alliance, CAHRA, Head Start and the Boys and Girls Club of the Casa Grande Valley.

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

Proposed Budget Item	Amount Requested from Tohono O’odham Nation
Personnel Costs (Overtime and Fringe Benefits) for Team Initiatives such as neighborhood clean-ups, playground/park refurbishments	\$20,000
Supplies/Tangible Resources	\$10,000
Total	\$30,000

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

The Casa Grande Police Department is in the process of submitting a similar grant request to the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

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

The Casa Grande Police Department has been fortunate to receive the following grants in the past 5 years:

- 2018 – Gila River Indian Community awarded the Casa Grande Police Department \$51,080.60 for the purchase of two Wireless Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) solar trailers.
- 2018 – Ak-Chin Indian Community awarded the Casa Grande Animal Care and Adoption Center \$28,489.00 to install a shade structure over the intake and receiving area and play area at Animal Care and Adoption Center.
- 2020 – Gila River Indian Community awarded the Casa Grande Police Department \$85,146.08 for Motorcycle replacements.
- 2020- Ak Chin Indian Community awarded the Casa Grande Police Department \$30,034.24 for Forensic Phone Investigation tools.

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

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g) Indicate which priority area the proposal falls under.

The priority area is **Public Safety**. The Team Policing Initiative is a new approach, having been initiated in 2020; however, it is a long-term cultural shift in the way the Casa Grande Police Department addresses crime and community concerns. Beat Teams look at the “big picture” when identifying these issues, identifying social barriers that facilitate crime. They are given the autonomy to address quality of life issues police departments historically may have overlooked.

The Casa Grande Police Department has initiated the Team Policing Initiative and plans to facilitate it indefinitely. The grant funds we seek will significantly help supplement limited budgetary funds; however, the organization is already maneuvering funds from various areas to support the program before and after grant funds are made available. The department will also expend some overtime, which is accounted for in the existing budget. Additionally, the organization has established a budget line for the initiative for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Whereas these grant funds will help successfully launch the program, The Casa Grande Police Department is making every effort to sustain it in the absence of such funds. If the Project is awarded a grant, the City would continue to seek additional funding sources prior to expending the funds to ensure the initiative continues to thrive.

h) Authority to apply

See authorization letter.



City of Casa Grande
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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 Team Policing Initiative 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 stamp or mark.

Larry Rains
City Manager