

City of Casa Grande
Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program
12% Gaming Distribution
Tohono O'odham Nation
June 2021

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

Many low income families, disabled individuals, elderly people, and families with children are living in unsafe and inadequate housing and have emergency housing or accessibility repair needs.

The goal of this project is to provide a decent and safe living condition to vulnerable population, specifically the elderly and disabled individuals who are low-to moderate-income residents of the community, and who are in need of emergency repairs to their homes.

With current funding, there are very little funds to assist those who have emergency housing or accessibility repair needs. The Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program will provide funds to remove urgent, emergency health and safety hazards, and addresses physical accessibility barriers that improve housing conditions.

Eligible repairs include but not limited to:

1. Roof repair/replacement,
2. HVAC repair/replacement,
3. Plumbing or sewer repairs,
4. Wheelchair ramp installation,
5. Bathroom adaptability-hand railing/grab bars

Program Goals:

- 1) To provide emergency minor repairs to housing units owned and occupied by low-and moderate-income persons and to remove imminent health and safety hazards.
- 2) To make necessary adaptations and/or improvements to housing units owned and occupied by low-and moderate-income persons with priority to the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Activity 1: Conduct inspection and determine rehabilitation needs.

Activity 2: Prepare cost estimates and bid proposals for public bid.

Activity 3: Incorporate building and zoning codes within the scope of work.

Activity 4: Contract with local contractors for housing repair services.

Activity 5: Supervise and manage the rehabilitation work for the homeowner.

b) Describe the population who will benefit from the proposal

The target population for the Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program is the *elderly and disabled persons who are low-to moderate- income*. We are proposing to provide emergency home repairs for approximately eight (8) homeowners within a program year, but the total number of persons who benefit will far exceed that number, especially since family size varies.

Providing emergency home repair services will improve the living conditions and will enhance safety of the elderly and disabled homeowners. The Bureau of Census shows that 16.49% of the City’s population is the below poverty level. Many homeowners are living in unsafe and inadequate housing. Over 4,000 of the housing stock are 50 years old. Some of these homes were built from early 1939 to approximately 1987. Unfortunately, the target families are very low income or on a fixed income, therefore, housing repairs are cost prohibitive to complete on their own. Examples of the rehabilitation needs are leaks in roofs and ceilings, electrical and plumbing issues due to the age of the homes or storms damage, heating and cooling issues due to age of the units and lack of handicap accessible bathrooms and wheelchair ramps. With the summer months breaking records, we would like to focus on assisting the elderly and physically disabled with emergency air conditioning services. The extreme temperatures put this population at risk.

The Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program is designed to address the urgent nature of the homeowner’s housing needs or whose homes are in dire need of immediate repair to address the health and safety issues of the residents, and to terminate further damage to their housing units.

c) Budget

Proposed Budget Item	Amount Requested from Tohono O’odham Nation	City of Casa Grande Administration and Indirect Costs	Total Budget
Household #1	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #2	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #3	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #4	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #5	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #6	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #7	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Household #8	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$6,200
Total Budget	\$40,000	\$12,000	\$52,000

d) Other Funding Requests

The City of Casa Grande will provide a cash match of \$12,000 for program administration and staffing as in-kind.

A funding request for housing rehabilitation services in the amount of \$40,000 will be submitted to Ak-Chin Indian Community in July 2021. If awarded, we will notify Tohono O’odham Nation.

e) 12% Distribution Awards

Funded Projects			
Ak-Chin Indian Community	2020	City of Casa Grande-Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$40,000
Gila River Indian Community	2017	City of Casa Grande-Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$20,000
Tohono O’odham Nation	2017	City of Casa Grande-Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$40,000

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g) Priority Area

The Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program addresses **Economic Development** by providing an immediate fix to minor housing needs and preventing physical deterioration of existing affordable housing stock in older neighborhoods. Deteriorated housing units have the tendency of lowering home values of the neighborhoods. The program also addresses **healthcare needs** of handicapped individuals who have physical constraints, and will be subjected to hazard from falling due to insufficient accessibility within and outside the housing unit.

Outcomes from Emergency Home and Accessibility Repair Program will have long term effects for the homeowners as well as the neighborhoods. Home values will increase, utility expenses will be reduced with the installation of energy efficient appliances and weatherization upgrades,

and safety hazards will be eliminated. Fall prevention helps save the elderly and disabled person from being injured and/or hospitalized. Homeowners who are disabled are provided assistance with making their bathrooms handicapped adaptable. Repairing or replacing heating and cooling systems can prevent occurrences of health-related ailments to those who suffer from respiratory, diabetes or cardiac illnesses from further health complications. Statistics show the longer the elderly and disabled persons can remain in their own homes, the higher quality of life they can benefit from.

The City of Casa Grande has supported and staffed a Housing Division for the past 40 years. The City of Casa Grande Housing Division has received numerous awards throughout the years as well as successful grant monitoring by the Arizona Department of Housing. The Housing Division can also boast as they rehabilitated more than 600 homes in Casa Grande. We continue to improve the lives of so many low-and moderate- income elderly and physically disabled residents in Casa Grande by improving their living condition and promoting sustainability of the community. *See attached pictures of successful projects.

h) Authority to apply

Larry Rains, City of Casa Grande City Manager, gave authorization to submit an application.

Example of Casa Grande Emergency Housing Repair Project:

Before “Emergency Housing
Repair Assistance”



After “Emergency Housing
Repair Assistance”

