

Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: City of Casa Grande	Applicant is a: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Contact Person and Title: Mary Allen, Community Development Manager	
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Phone Number:	Fax Number:
E-mail Address:	

Program or Project Name: Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):
To assist low income elderly and disabled homeowners with emergency housing repairs, to
Remove urgent, emergency health and safety hazards and address physical accessibility
Barriers to improve housing conditions.
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: December 2021-December 2022
Amount Requested: \$40,000 Total Cost: \$52,000
Geographic Area Served: City of Casa Grande Limits

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes

Signature:

For the Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Mary Allen, Community Development Manager

For the Fiscal Agent: _____ Date: _____
(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

City of Casa Grande
Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program
Ak-Chin Indian Community
2021 Prop 202-12% Contribution Grant Application

A. Purpose of Grant.

1. Describe the proposed program or project (collectively, the “Project”).

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 a 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

2. Identify the target population that will be served by the Project.

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 ten (10) 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 in Casa Grande 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 storm 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 and heating for the cold winter nights. 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.

3. Describe the Project goals and objectives, and your plan to meet them.

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.

4. Provide a timetable for implementation of the Project.

Date	Activity	Person Responsible
December 2021	Contract Award	City of Casa Grande Community Development Manager
Begin January 2022-December 2022	Development of Scope of Work and Bid Solicitation for 10 projects	City of Casa Grande Housing Rehabilitation Specialist
January 2022-December 2022	Housing Rehabilitation Construction	Contractor/ City of Casa Grande Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

B. Resources.

1. Identify current funding sources for the Project and characterize each funding source listed as either a one-time-only or long-term funding source.

The Casa Grande Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program gets a portion of the total allocation from the Federal Office of Housing and Urban Development to the City as part of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. However, funding is so limited and the needs are great. Staff is continuously seeking for additional funds to leverage the federal funds. There are several priority needs identified in the community and Affordable Housing is one.

Often many of the applicants for the Casa Grande Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program have blemishes on their home's title/deed. Unfortunately, federal guidelines prohibit us from assisting them with home repairs. Families often don't income qualify with the HUD income guidelines but are in need because of urgent medical conditions.

2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating in or contributing to the Project.

The City is an independent organization that has the capacity to solely implement this program. If and when it is necessary, the City will partner with the other local agencies for repair assistance without duplicating the work on the property or funding sources.

3. Define the Project as a new or continuing project.

The Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program is a continuing program with very limited funds. If funded, the service will abate the housing emergency need of the household. The City can further assess the family's housing needs and the physical condition of the unit to see if it can be further assisted through the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR) Program of the City. It will be the immediate funding source for any housing emergency repair needs for low income households. If additional repairs are required as a result of the City's initial inspection, staff will put the homeowner on the wait list for HUD funded programs.

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

The Casa Grande Community Development Division applied for funding for the Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program to the Tohono O'odham Nation. We will notify all tribes if funding is received by any of the tribes.

a. Unsuccessful requests made within the last eighteen (18) months, including tribe to which the request was made and the project for which a grant was requested.

N/A

b. Funded requests made in the last five (5) years.

The Casa Grande Housing Division was fortunate to receive the following funding from neighboring tribal communities:

- 2020-\$40,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community for Owner Occupied-Emergency Housing Repair Program
- 2017-\$40,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community for Owner Occupied-Emergency Housing Repair Program
- 2017-\$20,000 from Gila River Indian Community for Owner Occupied-Housing Rehabilitation Program

C. Reports. How will you account for and manage the funding if you are selected? Describe your plan to document Project progress and results. Interim and final reports will be required for each grant awarded.

Funds will be in a restricted account and will be used for this specific project only. We will track all deposits and expenditures and can report on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.

The Casa Grande Community Development Division will implement this project, monitor the progress and activities of the Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Assistance Program to ensure the implementation of the project is on task. The Community Development Division has the capacity to manage and complete the projects funded by this grant. The Community Development Division works closely with the City Finance Department to make sure that funding received is fiscally managed and monitored according to the reported accomplishments. All grant Interim and Final report guidelines by the Ak-Chin Indian Community will be completed.

D. Budget. Provide a detailed budget of how the funding will be used. Provide an estimated timeline for when funds will be expended.

Proposed Budget	Amount Requested from Ak-Chin Indian Community	City of Casa Grande Administration and Indirect Costs	Total Budget
Household #1	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #2	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #3	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #4	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #5	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #6	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #7	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #8	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #9	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Household #10	\$4,000	\$1,200	\$5,200
Total Budget	\$40,000	\$12,000	\$52,000

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

E. Additional information. Please provide any additional information about the Project or your organization you would like to share.

The City Community Development Division has been assisting the low-and moderate-income households in the City for over 30 years. Recently, funding has become scarce and Staff seeks other grant sources so that provision of the emergency housing assistance to the community will be available to the elderly, family with children, and the disabled. This project will assist families who have difficulties in meeting their housing repair needs. Examples of these emergency housing needs are: during the monsoon season when roofs are damaged and water starts leaking into the ceiling; during summer/winter time when there is no cooling or cooling system or the unit is not working and needing replacement. This project is particularly important to families whose properties have blemishes on their titles, and the City is prohibited to provide immediate assistance due to guidelines and statutes to follow.

Example of Casa Grande Emergency Housing Repair Project:



Before “Emergency Housing Repair Assistance”

After “Emergency Housing Repair Assistance”



Fall risk reduced with roll-in shower for an elderly disabled man.