

Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: The Casa Grande Valley Historical Society	Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Other</u> 501 c3
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Program or Project Name: Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Garden	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> public safety <input type="checkbox"/> health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement):	
Develop Historic Weaver Cemetery into a Xeriscape Scatter Garden providing the community with a free memorial site in addition to a cultural resource for history focused educational lectures and events relating to the early population of modern Casa Grande.	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: February 2021 – May 2021	
Amount Requested: \$5000	Total Cost: \$5000
Geographic Area Served: Greater Southern Arizona	

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: _____

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

Typed/Printed Name and Title: _____

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OUTLINE

A. Purpose of Grant.

1. Describe the proposed program or project (collectively, the “Project”). This description should identify the needs/issues the Project will address.

Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Garden

The Museum of Casa Grande owns the Historic Weaver Cemetery property. It is not currently open to the public and is not widely known in the community. The Museum recognizes this as opportunity to establish a new cultural resource for the city while simultaneously providing a service to the community. Funding provided by this grant will allow the Museum to renovate the grounds. Gravel will be spread in all areas apart from burial sites. A parking area will be established and a scatter garden will be planted. Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Scatter Garden will be populated with plants that are both native to the region and drought tolerant. A primary benefit of the xeriscaping garden is the reduction of supplemental water from irrigation. With the completion of this project, the Museum will establish regular hours of operation and offer guided public tours of the site.

2. Identify the target population that will be served by the Project. (Who will benefit? How many will be served? Is there a targeted geographic location? Etc.) and explain how the Project will benefit the general public.

All members of the residential, business, and visitor communities benefit from historic preservation, cultural events, and educational and public history programs. Preservation, education, and public history demonstrate commitment to our heritage and cultures, ensures preservation of natural history, and attracts new residents and visitors to the community. Residents and visitors of all ages benefit from the diverse history of our region.

Currently the Museum hosts over 1,800 international and regional visitors, and serves over 400 youths each year. Each year we attempt to improve our services and increase our outreach. With the completion of this project we estimate an additional 200 visitors to the Scatter Garden and 100 more to our educational lectures.

Xeriscape Scatter Garden will typically be visited by residents of the greater Casa Grande Valley. The Cemetery as a whole will have more diverse visitation; international tourists as well as locals attending events and programs.

Scatter Garden: As more people have begun to selected cremation, a range of options for handling the ashes have increased in popularity to accompany the practice. One such choice is a scatter garden. Scatter gardens are designated spaces for the distribution of cremated remains. These grounds are often designed to offer an attractive final resting place for those whose ashes are spread there. Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Scatter Garden would be the first no cost scatter garden in Casa Grande.

Events and Programs: By visiting Weaver, visitors can learn a great deal about how people in the past lived, and perhaps even gain clues regarding how this effects our lives today. Lectures and unique educational programs provide visitors this special learning opportunity.

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

- Installation of landscaping in Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Garden

After the installation, there will be the opportunity to establish events and programs around the property. Currently the Museum has programs that would be better suited to that location and would not have any additional cost to do so.

- 300 visitor increase in attendance

As with all community events and education programs, attendance data is collected. For this project an addition survey will be created for visitors to share their thoughts on the newly established location.

- Self Sufficiency

This project is designed with minimal long term cost. Because of an increase in programs and community activity, there will likely be monies raised over time. Any funds acquired will be held for future costs of maintenance.

4. Provide a timetable for implementation of the Project.

The regular Museum season runs September through May with special series and scheduled educational programs during the summer months. The volunteer training takes place in October, internship programs happen year-round beginning each semester, and educational programs take place year round. The schedule is somewhat flexible as we can work with the local schools to adjust to their scheduling needs.

Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Scatter Garden project has an open schedule. The delivery and installation are handled by the vendor. No specific time restrictions or limits have been set. If possible, completion of the project in early May 2020 would be preferable, as it would be the end of the season. This would give the Museum sufficient time to organize events and outreach by September for the beginning of next season.

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.

Primarily, the funding from this project will be from the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Any unanticipated labor or cost will be provided by the Museum.

All of the funding for this project is a one-time-only cost. Materials and installation will be provided by the vendor other than a few components provided by the Museum's volunteers.

2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating in or contributing to the Project, but which are not funding sources, and describe their roles or contributions.

The Museum has worked closely with the City of Casa Grande since our founding in 1964. The Museum works to support community development and improvement. In the past, the Museum has taken an active role in preparing and submitting applications to the National Register of Historic Places and continues to maintain these records. The Museum provides history programs at both the City's Senior Center and the library. Frequently the Museum collaborates with these organizations to deliver historic content in relation to special events, public art, historic preservation, and other public activities. The Museum annually applies and receives Community Partnership funds from the City of Casa Grande.

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3. Define the Project as a new or continuing project. If the Project is awarded a grant, how would the Project continue after its grant funding is expended? If the Grant from the Community will replace other funding lost due to the economy, how will the Project be continued after the grant from the Community is exhausted?

Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Scatter Garden is a new project and will allow the Museum to share more of Casa Grande's history and expand our programing.

Long term maintenance will be provided, as in the past, by staff and volunteers. To deliver programing the Museum recruits volunteers and interns from Casa Grande, the surrounding communities, and local schools.

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

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.

- March 2020- Applied for the Gila River Indian Community grant:
Weaver Scatter Garden & Museum Agriculture Signs.
- May 2020- Applied for the Ak-Chin Community grant:
Agricultural Research Exhibit.

b. Funded requests made in the last five (5) years, including the name of the tribe that awarded the funding, the project for which the funding was awarded, and the amount of the funding received.

- None

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.

- The Museum of Casa Grande track funding provided from grants with QuickBooks accounting software specialized for non-profit organizations.
- Program activities are documented and reviewed.
- Expenses are tracked to ensure allowable costs. Financial reports are reliable, accurate, and timely. Checks and balances, segregation of duties and compensating controls are always in place.

All interactions with the Museum are inherently measurable utilizing the visitor surveys and evaluations tools developed over the last few years. The Museum currently creates monthly reports on progress for the Board of Directors and quarterly reports of progress for the City. Reports and statistics describing the progress, projects, attendance, and achievements are generated each month and can be made available as requested.

D. Budget

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

\$5,000 Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Scatter Garden Restoration:

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A local landscaping company has offered to discount their products for the property's restoration. For this project, 210 tons of 1/4 minus gravel will be purchased at \$19.50 per ton. This will cover 23,375 ft². Total cost of the gravel is \$4,095.00. The various areas of the cemetery will be divided with rail road ties. At \$18.95 per 8 foot rail road tie, the property will require a total of 47 ties to separate the parking from the cemetery grounds and to establish a border for the 1,500 ft² garden. Total cost of the rail road ties is 890.65. This project covers 35,075 ft² and is estimated to cost a grand total of \$4,985.65 (see below).

E. Additional information.

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

The mission of the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society is to collect, preserve, interpret, and disseminate the history of the Casa Grande region. The Society was founded as a civic improvement program known as the "Preservation of Casa Grande's Heritage" developed by the Woman's Club and soon developed into an historical society and museum. The Society, an affiliate member of the Arizona Historical Society, was incorporated in 1964 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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BEFORE



AFTER



Weaver Cemetery & Xeriscape Scatter Garden		
Area	Ft2	% of total Property
Cemetery	11,700.00	33.36%
Lot & Trail	11,670.00	33.27%
Parking	10,205.00	29.09%
Scatter Garden	1,500.00	4.28%
Total Ft2 35,075		100.00%

Pioneer Sand- Products and Prices			
Item (Increments)	RxR Ties (per 8')	1/4th Minus (per ton)	
Area	\$ 18.95	\$	19.50
Cemetery	0	0	0
Lot & Trail	0	125	125
Parking	22	75	75
Scatter Garden	25	10	10
Totals	\$ 890.65	\$	4,095.00
Grand Total	\$ 4,985.65		

