

The Rest Stop – Providing Help for the Homeless

Tohono O’odham Nation

2021 12% Grant Program

A. Project Need:

The Rest Stop received a grant to purchase a shower trailer in February 2020 and started providing showers to the homeless in July. A temporary permit was granted from the City of Casa Grande in August. The permit allows the shower trailer to be used one time a week for up to five hours. It also requires that the trailer and everything needed for the showers be removed each week. Currently, the shower is available Saturday mornings at the Fountain of Living Water Church in Casa Grande. Towels, hygiene kits, clothing, snack bags, and bottled water are available each week to those who shower, but also for those who are homeless not utilizing the showers. We have provided 187 showers, 337 snack bags, and 473 bottles of water since starting in July. The long-term goal is to rent a building and offer showers, hygiene, snacks and clothing a few times a week. We have encountered many barriers in finding a building to rent. Many landlords are not interested in renting to us because of the population we serve. Also, there is a lack of commercial properties available in our price range and in an appropriate location. We currently rent a storage space for the shower trailer and a storage unit. This proposal is requesting funds for storage fees for the trailer and the unit as well as items for the snack and hygiene bags.

B. Population to be Served:

The population we serve is the homeless in Casa Grande.

C. Budget:

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Storage Unit	\$ 54.00	12 months	\$648.00
Storage Space	\$ 35.00	12 months	\$420.00
Tuna	\$10.98	20 pkgs.	\$219.60
Vienna Sausage	\$7.87	20 pkgs.	\$157.40
Crackers	\$6.98	10 pkgs.	\$69.80
Granola Bars	\$8.22	8 pkgs.	\$65.76
Chips	\$14.98	4 pkgs.	\$59.92
Water	\$2.99	20 cases	\$59.80
Deodorant	\$43.20	3 cases	\$129.60
Bar Soap	\$26.64	4 cases	\$106.56
Toothbrushes	\$37.44	2 cases	\$74.88
Toothpaste	\$74.88	2 cases	\$149.76
Total			\$2161.08

D. Other Funding Requests

We have not made any other funding requests for these items.

E. Other 12% Grants Received

2019 Gila River Indian Community – a two-year grant for \$41,040.00 funding for rental of a building, water, electric, and insurance.

2019 Ak-Chin Indian Community – a grant for \$57,260.00 for a purchase of a shower trailer, hygiene kits, towels, garbage cans and bags, hoses, disinfectant, gloves and power washers.

The Rest Stop has never received a grant from the Tohono O’odham Indian Community.

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G. Priority Areas

The priority area that our grant request falls under is healthcare. Showering helps keep people healthy by washing off bacteria and dead skin cells. It also promotes good hygiene and mental health.

H. Non-Profit Organization

We are a 501c3 nonprofit so we will have an agreement with the City of Casa Grande.