

Name of City/Town/County/Non-Profit: Seeds of Hope, Inc.	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: Isaac Perez, Board President	
Contact Person and Title: Mark Vanderheyden, Executive Director	
Applicant Address (administrative office): 702 E. Cottonwood Lane	
City: Casa Grande	Zip Code: 85122
Applicant Mailing Address (if different): N/A	
City:	Zip Code:
Phone Number: 520 836-6335	Fax Number: 520 836-4884
E-mail Address: mark@seedsofhopeaz.com	
If Non-Profit, Name of City/Town/County With Which You Will Associate: Casa Grande	
Contact Person: Mary Allen	
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Program or Project Name: Mondo Anaya Community Center Solar Panel installation
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): Renewable energy is the future. Solar is a big part of the renewable energy efforts to promote clean energy and lock in savings from high energy costs. Money saved can be redirected in delivering our services to our participants through our ongoing programs.
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: 2022
Amount Requested \$77,331 Total Cost: \$ 77,331
Geographic Area Served: Casa Grande

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: Mark Vanderheyden, Executive Director
 For the City/Town County: Casa Grande Date: _____

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Mary Allen, Grants Coordinator

A. Purpose of Grant

Project Description

Seeds of Hope was founded in 1990 through a steering committee of community leaders within the First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande. It was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in Arizona in 1993, and designated a charity under IRS section 501(c)(3) in 1997. The organization was founded upon the principals of the Christian Community Development movement of *relocation* (into low income communities), *reconciliation*, and *redistribution* (sharing resources). The development of Seeds of Hope from vision until the present has been grounded in community and church partnerships, and an abiding commitment to providing spiritual, educational and social support in a faith-based environment. While rooted in faith principals, the organization does not discriminate against any person and is designated as a social service rather than a religious organization. The mission of Seeds of Hope is *promoting opportunities to improve lives through relationships and community development*.

This application is in support of installing 65 solar panels on the roof of our Mondo Anaya Community Center which currently houses three of our programs, and in which we allow community partners to utilize. Funding of this project will allow us to redirect monthly utility costs, increase direct services to participants and become less dependent on power plant emissions, making Seeds of Hope a greener and more environmentally conscious organization.

Utility costs have increased on average 15% over the last 7 years with no indication of slowing down. Seeds of Hope spent \$6000 in 2020 on electricity for our community center. That averages out to .24 cents per kilowatt. By comparison, installing solar panels on our building will generate enough power to run all current and future programs will cost .4 cents per kilowatt.

Seeds of Hope allows other like-minded social services and organizations to utilize our Mondo Anaya Community Center as a meeting place for providing additional services beyond the scope of what Seeds of Hope offers. Some of these community partners include the Consulado de Mexico en Tucson which assists with immigration processing, U of A Cooperative Extension providing health and nutrition development and the volunteers from Sun Life Medical Office providing a free monthly wellness clinic.

Target Population

As a community development organization Seeds of Hope reaches out to all demographics in our entire community. Our programs give people a hand up, not a handout. We engage participants in activities and learning opportunities that helped them in their daily lives. Positive reinforcement builds up their self-esteem.

Who will benefit from the service: Anyone who participates in our ongoing programs will benefit. This includes children, youth, adults, seniors and all ethnicities. With the energy savings realized from the solar project we will be able to further expand our facility usage. Nearly all of our participants are lower income and the direct services and resources we offer impact their daily lives profoundly.

How many will be served: In 2020 we served over 1500 unduplicated individuals.

Benefit to the general public:

Solar energy is clean and renewable. Reducing non-renewable energy use will save money on utilities, increase our energy security for the future and reduce the pollution that is emitted from non-renewable sources of energy. By modeling responsible energy consumption, we are leading the way for the people we serve to make changes, both great and small, in their own energy consumption, thereby reducing the dependance on fossil fuels and creating a smaller carbon footprint for the earth.

Goals and Objectives:

- **Offset electricity consumption**
 - **Objective 1: Eliminate utility bills**
 - Action 1: Purchase solar panels**
 - Action 2: oversee installation of solar panels**
 - **Objective 2: Manage future electrical costs**
 - Action 1: Monitor solar panel energy storage**
 - Action 2: Research new practices to reduce energy consumption**
(for example, programmable thermostat, led lights, dusk to dawn outside lights)
 - **Objective 3: Protect the environment**
 - Action 1: Create energy conscious environment at the MACC**
 - Action 2: Incorporate renewable energy option teaching into all programs**

Project Timeline

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Accept Bid Vendor												
Begin construction												
Completion												
Begin savings												
Report to Ak-Chin*												

*(or as directed in award documents)

B. Resources

Current Funding Source(s) for the Project

Donations: Our primary funding source is donations from individuals, local churches and local small foundations. While never guaranteed, the charity of caring people is our sole long-term funding source and has been since the inception of the program.

Partner organizations

Other organizations partner with us to help facilitate this program but do not provide any type of funding in support of it. The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension office provides nutritional activities and health screening checks. Youth Have Ranch provides a spiritual hour every week. Volunteers from area churches help prepare the daily snacks. Barca Soccer academy students volunteer monthly.

New or continuing project

The Seeds of Hope Mondo Anaya Community Center was opened in November of 2012. Prior to that we operated out of an 1100 sq ft home just around the corner from our current location. We have continued to reaching out to our community with programing essential to their lives. This site is also home to a free monthly wellness clinic provided by Dr and volunteers from Sun Life Family Practice. Various other organizations, such as the Consulado de Mexico en Tucson, use our building to provide their services to our community at different times throughout the year.

Recent funding requests from other Arizona tribes

Unsuccessful: 2018 Tohono O’Odam Nation – Hot Lunch Program

C. Reports

The Executive Director is responsible for grant management, reporting and fiscal management, aided by the Office Coordinator. An outside accounting firm is used for bookkeeping services. Direct service provision is supervised by the Executive Director.

The program commonly records the number of visits each day. This documentation is held on site at the Mondo Anaya Community Center and will be used to track progress towards service objectives. Volunteer hours are logged by date and activity performed. Site coordinator and Peer leader hours are recorded on time sheets. Program expenses are purchased, receipts are filed with copies of checks and all entered in our Quick Boks software program

Interim reports to the Ak-Chin 12% Grant administrator will include progress on goal, objectives and actions taken, with support documents provided as requested. All documentation related to grant management and goal progress will be maintained in the Seeds of Hope administrative office.

Budget

Proposed Budget Item	Amount Requested	Anticipated date of expending funds
Purchase and Installation	\$ 38,650.50	1/21/22 Down payment
Completion	\$ 38,650.51	4/31/22 Final payment
Total	\$ 77,331.00	

Letter of Determination

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: November 19, 2001

Person to Contact:
Tonya Martin 31-07387
Customer Service Representative
Toll Free Telephone Number:
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500
Fax Number:
513-263-3756
Federal Identification Number:
88-0708004

Seeds of Hope, Inc.
% Susan K. Sanders
702 E. Cottonwood Ln.
Casa Grande, AZ 85222-2703

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to your telephone call requesting a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued in September 1997 granting your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2108, and 2522 of the Code.

Letter of Reference



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May 17, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Established as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in August of 1992, Seeds of Hope emerged from the concern of religious and civic leaders of Casa Grande. They recognized the need to go beyond simple acts of charity in respond to the problems of the poor in our community. The organization adopts one of the principles of the Christian Community Development Association which is a redistribution of resources (sharing).

The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension has been a collaborating partner of Seeds of Hope since 2011. We regularly teach our health and nutrition education programs to their participants in the Afterschool and Los Angeles de Esperanza senior programs housed in the Mondo Anaya Community Center, and in addition, offer hands on Master Gardner support to the Seeds of Hope Community Garden.

The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension supports this solar grant to be environmentally conscious and decrease the dependance of the power grid for the Seeds of Hope community center. This will ensure more dollars go directly to improving lives.

Please give this application your careful consideration,

Sincerely,

Esther Turner
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Letter of Relationship to U of A

Seeds of Hope, Inc.
A Christian Resource for Community Development



The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Pinal County has been a valued community partner of Seeds of Hope since 2010. Using our Mondo Anaya Community Center, they bring many programs, publications, classes, events and one-on-one teachings to our participants. Collaborating together strengthens our relationship and extends our reach to more people in our community.