



Gila River Indian Community Grant Application Grant Cycle 2022

Cover Sheet

Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 3/1/2022	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Chandler, AZ	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Mayor Kevin Hartke	
4. Mailing Address: Mail Stop 603 PO Box 4008	
5. City: Chandler	State: Arizona
Zip Code: 85244-4008	
6. Acknowledgement of Submission by Authorized Municipality Representative:	
Typed Name/Title: Dawn Lang, Deputy City Manager, Chief Financial Officer	
Email Address: dawn.lang@chandleraz.gov	Signature:
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: Seton Catholic Preparatory	
8. Select Organization Type: Education ☒ If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Victor Serna. Title: Principal	
10. Phone Number: 480-963-1900 extension 2002	
11. Mailing Address: 1150 North Dobson Road	
12. City: Chandler	State: Arizona
Zip Code: 85224	
13. Email Address: vserna@setoncatholic.org	Website Address: www.setoncatholic.org
Project Information	
14. Project Name: Library Renovation & Gila River Indian Community Native American Study Room	
15. Purpose of Grant: The objective of this grant is to support Seton Catholic Preparatory's efforts to renovate the school library to meet needs of current students and to create a space dedicated to the study and preservation of Native American History, specifically the Gila River Indian Community.	
16. Priority Funding Area	Education
17. Annual amount requested	\$250,000
18. Number of years that funding is requested	2
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$500,000
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	2009-2010 \$250,000
21. Geographic area served	Southeast Valley

For Office Use Only:		
Data Entry	Receipt	Evaluation
✖ Approval – Amount/Term \$		✖ Denial



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Narrative

Please structure your proposal to provide the following information in the order indicated. Provide the narrative in paragraph form in the text field provided. Please be thorough but strive for brevity.

1. Briefly describe your organization's history, mission and goals.

The mission of Seton Catholic Preparatory is to provide a college preparatory curriculum within a Catholic faith community focusing on academic excellence, leadership, and loving service to others.

Founded in 1954 to serve the children of migrant farmers, Seton Catholic has a strong history of providing a welcoming community for all students who desire a strong academic experience in a faith filled environment.

Under the direction of Principal Victor Serna, Seton has embarked on a 10-year effort to stay true to its mission; Seton will enhance its ability to serve all learners, ensure access to all students regardless of financial means, improve facilities, grow enrollment, and ensure institutional vitality and sustainability.

2. To determine eligibility for this grant, if the applying organization is non-municipal or a non-profit 501c, please describe your relationship with the supporting municipality including past and present support, whether through partnerships, collaborations, in-kind contributions, grants, tax-based funding or other. Describe the supporting municipality's role in this project. If the applying organization is a municipality or a municipal sub-division please enter the text "Not applicable" and go to item 3.

Seton Catholic is non-profit organization that has a strong relationship with the city of Chandler, the business community, and the Chandler Chamber of Commerce. Seton uses city facilities for school programs and works with community groups to host events on the school's campus.

3. Describe the proposed project, objectives, and your plan to implement.

Over the last 2 years, Seton has invested \$2.7M in capital improvements to renovate the buildings on its Historic Campus. The library was built in the 1980s and has not received much improvement since then. This renovation project will bring the facility up to current standards to meet the needs of today's students. Additionally, the space will be more conducive for meetings, parent gatherings, and donor events. As a way to honor the native people to Chandler, Arizona, Seton aspires to create the Gila River Indian Community Native American Study Room in the library to promote the study of the Gila River Indian Community history, as well as other Native American communities in Arizona. This space will feature resource books, art, and artifacts that celebrate the history and culture of the Gila River Indian Community.



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4. Describe how the proposed project satisfies one or more of the priority funding areas identified by the Gila River Indian Community.

One of the Gila River Indian Community focus areas is education. The renovation of our library will ensure that students have the research tools necessary to complete their education and develop skills that will prepare them for post-secondary education. The library will also include individual and small group spaces for test taking, tutoring, and group projects. A goal of the Administration is to create a space dedicated to the history and culture of the Gila River Indian Community and the larger Native American community so that all students can learn more about the Community's heritage, including the growing number of Native American students at Seton. Seton's library and study room will promote life-long learning for students and the renovated space will provide this service for generations to come.

5. Identify the needs/problems to be addressed, target population and number of people to be served by the project.

The library is static and does not have the flexibility and technology that is needed to meet the expectations and needs of today's students. Seton's entire student body of 560 students will benefit from this space. As enrollment grows, it will be sufficient to serve higher numbers of students. Seton also uses the library for financial aid information sessions and workshops for parents and the renovation and technology will better facilitate those meetings. Parent groups need a place to meet; the library is a perfect spot for these meetings. Similarly, Seton regularly hosts small donor gatherings; this space's flexibility will serve both formal and informal gatherings.

Seton Catholic is looking to provide space that honors the Native people of the Chandler area. Seton plans to create a study room that is dedicated to educational materials for student and staff use, and that celebrates the reach culture by displaying art and artifacts from the Gila River Indian Community.

6. Define the project as a new or continuing program. Has GRIC previously funded this project?

This is a new, one-time project. GRIC has not previously funded this project.



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7. Provide a brief timeline including start and finish dates. Indicate if the timeline is flexible.

The project will begin in the summer of 2022 and progress throughout the 2022-2023 school year and conclude by June 2023. The project is not flexible because it is difficult to completely shut down the library building for a period of time beyond one academic year. The school will manage the disruption to student life by working with the general contractor to complete phases of the project and make parts of the building accessible for student use, life and operations.

8. Identify other organizations, partners or funders participating in the project and their roles.

Seton Catholic has a donor base that is primed for supporting our campus improvements. In the summer of 2021, Seton completed over \$2.7 million worth of campus renovations and all funds were raised to complete these projects. Seton has two fundraisers planned this spring and summer to raise the funds necessary to pay for the school's portion of the project. The principal architect of HDA Architects is a past Seton parent and he is providing guidance on the project. Pimmex General Contracting is locally owned and operated by Carlos Muñoz and will serve as the general contractor for this project.

9. Would you be able to implement the proposed plan if your organization received partial funding for this project?

This project is predicated on funds secured from a variety of sources. If this grant is partially funded, Seton will seek additional funds from other donors.

10. Describe your plan for project financial sustainability beyond the grant period. If this is a program/project previously funded by the Gila River Indian Community describe efforts made towards the previously described sustainability plan.

This project is a one-time effort that will have a 20+ year life cycle. Seton Catholic includes ongoing maintenance and capital improvements in its annual budget. This project is not related to any project previously funded by the Gila River Indian Community.



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11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

A Seton Board Member is a retired developer who will provide oversight to ensure project moves efficiently from start to completion. Seton Catholic will track all progress and expenses using its current systems. Progress will be communicated regularly to the community in the school's e-newsletter and in the school's social media channels. Financial expenditures will be logged using the school's accounting practices and procedures. Seton Catholic's financial statements are audited yearly, and audit reports can be provided upon request.

12. Indicate any application to and/or awards made by a tribe other than the Gila River Indian Community for state shared revenues for this and any other project for the past five (5) years. If this information is included in a separate attachment, please indicate that here.

None



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Project Budget

Budget Period: June 2022 to June 2023

For each budget item listed here please provide a narrative description on the following Project Budget Detail page.

Proposed Budget Expense (list each budget item)	Amount requested from GRIC	Amount requested or secured from other sources	In Kind contributions	Total Budget
1. Architect Fees	\$0	\$53,160.00	\$0	\$53,160.00
2. Construction Costs	\$500,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$0	\$572,000.00
3. Furniture	\$0	\$115,000.00	\$0	\$115,000.00
4. Academic Resources & Art	\$0	\$50,000.00	\$0	\$50,000.00
5.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$500,000.00	\$290,160.00	\$0	\$790,160.00



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Project Budget Detail

Please provide a narrative description for each of the project budget items listed on the previous page. Include the dollar figure and how it was derived.

1. This item covers the costs of the schematic design, design development, construction documents, and the construction administration by our architect, HDA Architects.
2. Pimmex General Contracting will serve as the general contractor for this project. The costs include the demolition and removal of the current library interior and a full renovation of the interior of the building.
3. The costs include new furniture for the library, the Gila River Indian Community Native American Study Room, and the offices in the building.
4. This line item includes costs for the resources used to complete the educational and research purpose of the Gila River Indian Community Native American Study Room in the library.
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