



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

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12% Gaming Grant Program Application Calendar Year 2023

About the 12% Gaming Grant Program Application:

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community 12% Gaming Grant Program ("Program") application will serve to provide a comprehensive review of the programming requests for Arizona cities, towns, counties, non-municipal public service organizations, and non-profit organizations selected to apply for grant funding. It is not the intent of the Program to award grants that would benefit individuals, be used as sponsorships, be used for religious activities, primarily fund the indirect or administrative costs of a program/organization, or be used for the direct benefit of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

Date of Application: 6/30/2022

Organization Name: Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley

(For Non-profit applications please include the organization's IRS letter of determination.)

****Letter of Determination attached****

Organization/Municipal Government Mailing Address:

City of Chandler
Communications and Public Affairs
175 S. Arizona Ave., 5th Floor,
Chandler, AZ 85225

Organization History:

(Provide a brief summary of the origins of the organizations and any notable milestones and/or significant audit findings)

Dignity Health in Phoenix's eastern suburbs of Chandler and Gilbert is comprised of Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, Mesa Arizona General Hospital, three Urgent Cares, eight freestanding Emergency Rooms, and Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley. Adapting to the changing healthcare needs of our neighbors has driven innovation at Dignity Health in the East Valley over the last 60 years. In 1961, Chandler Regional Hospital opened with only 40 beds, 25 employees and 91 volunteers, and laid the foundation for the full-service, acute-care hospital it has become. As the population has boomed in the areas surrounding Chandler, the hospital has become part of a larger network of hospitals in order to provide exceptional quality and specialized care. In 2012, the hospital network, Catholic Healthcare West, became Dignity Health. The new name, and the governance structure that came along with it, reflected who we are and what we stand for. The value of dignity is the foundation of our culture, and we hope it is apparent in all we do that we recognize the inherent dignity of each person.

With the opening of our tower expansion in 2021, Chandler Regional is now a 429-bed, non-profit facility with more than 2,700 employees, and almost 1,000 doctors on staff representing all major specialties. Mercy Gilbert has been Gilbert's largest hospital since its completion in 2006. At Mercy

Gilbert, Dignity Health is constructing Arizona's first Women's & Children's Pavilion. In partnership with Phoenix Children's Hospital, the five-story tower will meet community demand for expanded pediatric specialized services and will also offer expanded obstetrics services and a Level III neonatal intensive care unit at Mercy Gilbert.

CommonSpirit Health was formed in 2019 by the alignment of Dignity Health and Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI). Founded by women religious, both health systems have a long, proud legacy of serving all people in need, especially those who've been made vulnerable by poverty, age, and other hardships. CommonSpirit Health is continuing these legacies by actively advocating for positive social change. With more than 700 care sites across the U.S. – from clinics and hospitals to home-based care and virtual care services – CommonSpirit Health is accessible to nearly one out of every four U.S. residents.

In addition to the acute care facilities operated by Dignity Health in the East Valley, our ministry also offers numerous community health programs outside the hospital setting, including Children's Dental Clinics for underserved families, Healthier Living Workshops to help older adults self-manage their conditions, and Postpartum Support Groups for new mothers. These programs help our neighbors avoid having to seek medical attention from a hospital setting, which saves them from undertaking sizable medical bills, insurance premiums, and other factors which may impact them negatively. For those of our neighbors who do require hospital care, there is a growing number of uninsured and underserved patients lacking the resources to access the prescription medications they need after discharge. This is a critical issue we at Dignity Health face regularly at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers and we find ourselves searching for a solution and a means to provide support to our patients.

Organization Structure:

(Provide a list of current board members and key staff members)

Key Staff Members:

Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley

Julie Alvarado, President

Laurel Vetsch, Grants Manager

Project Implementation Team – Dignity Health

Mary Hunt, Director of Care Coordination, Chandler Regional

Matthew Wekell, Director of Care Coordination, Mercy Gilbert

****Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley Board of Directors list attached****

Do any conflicts of interest exist within the organization structure?

(I.e. family, professional or personal conflicts, SRPMIC representatives on board, etc.)

There are no conflicts of interest.

Contact Person and Project Manager if different from Contact Person:

Contact Person: Laurel Vetsch

Title: Grants Manager

Address: 1727 W Frye Rd., Suite 230, Chandler, AZ 85224

Phone: 480.728.3130

Fax:

Email Address: laurel.vetsch@commonspirit.org

Project Name: Dignity Health East Valley Prescription Medication Access for the Underserved

Provide a brief description of the project being submitted to the 12% SRPMIC Grant program. In the description provide a summary of the relevant experience, administrative activity, and program development related to the grant request.

We know that inability to pay for medications, transportation, and durable medical equipment (DME) is a contributing factor for readmission to the hospital, and many of the patients we serve have insufficient prescription medication coverage. A few, each month, directly ask for support and we have a system in place to provide them the medication they need. Currently, our hospitals take on this unbudgeted expense in order to ensure that patients' needs are met. We know many more patients accept the prescription orders they are given, but fail to fill the prescriptions due to a number of factors including the overwhelming cost, transportation challenges and other access barriers. They may be too embarrassed or confused to ask for support, and therefore, they "slip through" without their full medical needs being met.

Our Care Coordination team at Dignity Health believes it would be beneficial to have funds designated to offer assistance to fill prescriptions for patients who do not have sufficient coverage. This would allow us to be more proactive and approach at-risk patients to ensure they have the means to acquire their medication. We do already have a referral system set up within our electronic medical records to alert our Care Coordination team of this need. When a patient is identified as uninsured or underinsured, the team would intervene and further uncover the patient's level of need, and potentially coordinate prescription purchases from Dignity Health pharmacies or a local community pharmacy. Our hospitals employ Care Guides who will check in with patients after they are home to answer any questions, provide additional information, and ensure patients are on the path towards recovery. During these post-discharge phone calls, the Care Guide will determine if a patient did not fill their prescription due to inability to pay or other factors. In these scenarios, the Care Guide will assist the patient in filling their prescriptions to ensure they are on the path towards wellness.

We are requesting grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community which will allow us to create a more equitable program to provide medication and DME for underserved patients served by our hospitals in the East Valley. If a grant is awarded, a secure fund will be set aside and designated to be used only to provide support to patients who need it most. On average, 200 uninsured patients are treated by a Dignity Health hospital in the East Valley per month with an average cost of medications totaling around \$94/month. Approximately 24% of elderly Medicare patients do not have prescription drug coverage in the US. Based on that projection, Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers serve roughly 273 Medicare patients without Medicare Part D for prescription coverage per month. In addition, in Chandler, 9.1% of the population lives in poverty, while in Gilbert 5.9% of the population lives in poverty. In FY21, Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert assisted with over \$250,000 in charity prescription, medical services, and transportation for uninsured and underinsured patients. Grant funding of \$50,000 will assist approximately 21 patients per month for 1 year with basic medication assistance and high cost medications such as IV infusion. Care Coordination will develop a process by which these patients will be screened for need, and when applicable, will offer support to ensure they are able to access their medications and/or medical equipment.

What percentage of the grant request are Direct Costs of the programming and Indirect Costs, respectively?

100% of the grant request will be used for direct costs in providing prescribed medications and the services needed to deliver these medications to qualified patients.

Define the Project Category and/or relevant sub-category:

(i.e. Education, Public Safety, Transportation, Economic Development, Health Care, Social Services, or Cultural and Environment)

Health Care

Communications and Publicity:

If selected as a recipient of 12% grant funding, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community seeks to collaborate on proactive communications about the award. If the organization is in agreement with this collaboration, please review the following as a means of providing further detail about the channels available for such communication:

Social Media. Please circle all of the channels that apply for your organization:

1. Facebook (Include handle): <https://www.facebook.com/DignityHealthFoundationEastValley>
2. LinkedIn (Include profile name): NO
3. Instagram (Include handle): @dignityhealthfoundationev
4. TikTok (Include handle): NO
5. YouTube (Include profile name): Dignity Health Foundation East Valley - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMIfjGWPFW5iuPkNHCBJe4A>

Organization Channels. Please circle all of the communications channels that apply for your organization:

1. Electronic newsletter: YES
2. Printed newsletter: NO
3. Intranet: NO
4. Email announcement to organization database: YES
5. Website feature: YES
6. Presentation/participation at an organization event (Include name of event, date and a short description): YES, Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (meets 8x per year)

Image and Likeness. If selected as a recipient of 12% grant funding, is the organization willing to (please circle all that apply):

1. Provide a compelling volunteer, recipient or donor story that depicts the agency's mission: YES
2. Collaborate on filming a video that depicts the agency's mission: YES
3. Record a video message: YES
4. Collaborate on a press release about the award: YES
5. Collaborate in news media interviews about the award: YES
6. Share digital files of existing images or video/s that depict the organization's mission and that are ready for publish: YES

Beginning Date of Project: January 1, 2023

End Date of Project: December 31, 2023

Geographic Area to be served: Southeast Valley (Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe, Maricopa, Queen Creek)

Amount of Total Project: \$250,000

Amount of 12% Request: \$50,000
(No Multi-Year Request will be accepted)

Budget Detail

Proposed Budget Expense	Amount requested from SRPMIC	Amount covered by Dignity Health	In Kind contributions	Total Budget
1. Prescription medications, medical services, & medication access services for underserved patients	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$250,000

If the amount of funding received is less than the amount needed for the project, do you have other funds to complete the project? (Please Explain):

As a faith-based health care provider, we are committed to ensuring that patients who identify themselves as having barriers to acquire medication do in fact receive the medication they need to at least begin their recovery. Funding from SRPMIC would allow our caregivers to more equitably screen patients to discover those who have these barriers to care and provide this level of service and support to all who qualify.

If you receive SRPMIC 12 % funding, will it be spent (Check One):

- ☒ **Monthly**
- ☐ **Quarterly**
- ☐ **Lump Sum**

List any SRPMIC 12% funds you have received in the past. If the organization has received funding through the SRPMIC 12% Gaming Grant Program for five consecutive years, they will be required to submit a comprehensive report of grant funding toward the stated program objectives and mission of the organization. In addition, you will be asked to provide a formal presentation to the 12% Gaming Grant Committee prior to the awarding of any additional funding.

Dignity Health Foundation East Valley received \$25,000 for our Children's Dental Clinics during the 2021 – 2022 funding period to expand the number of children served through our Children's Dental Clinics.

List any other 12 % grant funds your organization may be seeking from other Tribal Governments in 2021-2022.

We are requesting an additional \$25,000 from SRPMIC towards our Children's Dental Clinic in downtown Gilbert.

We are also requesting \$500,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community, \$50,000 from Ft. McDowell Yavapai Indian Community, and \$900,000 from Gila River Indian Community to fund hospital construction and equipment to launch a Graduate Medical Education program at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers.

List any other funds you have received from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (Enterprises Included) and identify the amount and the source:

\$25,000 was awarded to Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley through the 12% grant funding for 2021 – 2022 to be applied to our Children’s Dental Clinic services.

Has your organization ever applied for and received any local, state or federal grants? If so, please detail.

In partnership with Maricopa County, we receive First Things First funding every year in support of children’s community oral health programs which are in addition to our children’s dental clinics.

Funding for project/programs may be based on available funding. As such, if funding were not available for the full the amount of request how would you prioritize funding.

Funding will underwrite the cost of prescription medication for underserved and under- or un-insured patients with barriers to accessing prescription medications. Any amount of funding will be used for this purpose until funds are exhausted.

Which municipal governmental entity will serve as your pass through agency to accept 12% gaming grant on your behalf?

The City of Chandler.

By execution of the 12% Gaming Contribution Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in the Application is true to the best of the Applicants knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the SRPMIC if any information in this Application changes.



6/30/2022

Signature for the Applicant

Date

Julie Alvarado, President, Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley

Name and Title

The Application shall be signed by the senior elected official of the local government, or in the case of a non-profit entity, the Chief Executive Officer authorizes to commit the non-profit entity to apply for, accept, and implement an award from the SRPMIC utilizing 12% Gaming Contributions.

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Employer ID Number: 74-2418514
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated Sep. 14, 2017, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in July 1986, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Section 509(a)(3) as a Type I supporting organization. A Type I supporting organization is operated, supervised, or controlled by one or more publicly supported charities.

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

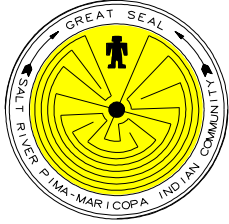
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. A. Billups". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kim A. Billups, Operations Manager
Accounts Management Operations 1



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August 23, 2022

Laurel Vetsch
Dignity Health Foundation
1727 West Frye Road
Chandler, AZ 85224

Dear Laurel Vetsch,

On behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC"), 12% Gaming Grant Committee, I am pleased to inform you that your organizations application for funding received approval in the amount of \$50,000.00 for calendar year 2023 for the prescription program.

As part of the requirements of the tribal-state gaming compact the SRPMIC will now work with the pass-through agency identified in the application to execute the necessary agreements to process the grant award. In addition, our office will be communicating with you to provide further details of the award and the activities to follow.

We congratulate you and look forward to working with you during the coming year. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary Bohnce
Special Assistant, Congressional and Legislative Affairs