



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

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12% Gaming Grant Program Application Calendar Year 2025

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.

For Calendar Year 2025 the Program will only consider applications that seek funding that can be expended on an annual basis, for programming, equipment, etc. No multi-year capital campaign projects will be considered.

Date of Application: 8/21/2024

Organization Name: Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley
(For Non-profit applications please include the organization's IRS letter of determination.)

Organization/Municipal Government Mailing Address:

Organization:

Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley
1727 W. Frye Road
Chandler, AZ 85224

Municipality:

City of Chandler
Communications and Public Affairs
175 S Arizona Ave
Chandler, AZ 85297

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.

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.

Chandler Regional is 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 near completion of the 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.

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 un/underinsured and underserved patients lacking the resources to access post-hospital services such as prescription medications, skilled nursing, transportation, and durable medical equipment 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)

Foundation Board members support Dignity healthcare facilities and programs in the Southeast Valley through philanthropy, specifically providing funding for Chandler Regional Medical Center's and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center's programs and services. Board members are influential hospital and community members who are chosen based on ability to uphold Dignity Health's mission and provide leadership, fundraising, and service to hospital programs. Board members provide a community perspective in advancing Dignity Health mission and vision; ensure that community health is a key component of strategic planning; and review program progress and make recommendations as needed. Please see attached list of Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley Board Members.

In addition to our foundation board, Dignity Health has a variety of other bodies that provide oversight of programs including:

Executive Leadership Team

- Alignment of Community Benefit Plan with Community Health Needs Assessment
- Alignment of Community Benefit Plan with Strategic Plan
- Budgeting, monitoring and reporting

East Valley Community Board:

- Supports the hospitals in achieving their mission and vision through philanthropy
- Enlists philanthropic support through business and community relationships
- Provides leadership and governance of the foundation

Community Benefit Committee:

- Ensures that community health priorities are integrated in the hospitals' strategic planning and budgeting process
- Ensures the hospitals' community benefit plan focuses on sectors of the community with disproportionate unmet health needs

**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: Director of Grants

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Program Manager: Mary Hunt

Title: Director of Care Coordination

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Phone: 480-728-3355

Email Address: Mary.Hunt@commonspirit.org

Project Name:

Post-Hospitalization Services for Un/Underinsured Patients at Dignity Health East Valley Hospitals

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, skilled nursing and durable medical equipment (DME) is a contributing factor for readmission to the hospital, and many of the patients we serve have insufficient insurance coverage for post-hospital services. Until funding was received in 2022 from SRPMIC, our hospitals took on this unbudgeted expense in order to ensure that patients' needs were met. We know many patients accept the prescription and durable medical equipment orders they are given, but fail to fill the orders due to a number of factors including the overwhelming cost, transportation challenges, and other access barriers.

Thanks to your support from CY 2023 through current CY 2024, our Care Coordination team at Dignity Health has been able to help 19 patients who did not have sufficient insurance coverage receive assistance with 32 oral medications halfway through the calendar year. Utilizing philanthropic funding to support this program helped us be more proactive with at-risk patients to ensure they have the means to acquire medication to be dispensed at home before being discharged from the hospital. Aside from patients receiving medications that are crucial to their recovery, receiving funding from this program has also helped the Care Coordination team focus efforts on identifying the most needed uses of these resources.

In 2024, we focused the \$50,000 grant from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to underwrite the need for oral and IV prescription medications for un/underinsured patients. As identified in the previous year, we learned that there is an even greater need for IV infusion medications that are dispensed at home after a patient is discharged. IV medications may be used to treat a variety of conditions, the most common being persistent infections that require long-term antibiotic treatment. Some conditions require 2-6 weeks of IV antibiotic infusion treatment and it's not cost-effective or comfortable for patients to remain in the hospital long enough to complete treatment. Most patients with insufficient medical coverage, also have transportation limitations to return to a medical facility to receive these infusions. The most cost-effective way to ensure they receive the treatment they need is to provide home health services to administer IV infusions in their home environment. The cost of these infusions are approximately \$3,000 per patient visit.

In addition to IV medication needs, the volume of patients requiring a safe disposition, therapies, and skilled nursing has increased as our demographics shift in the Phoenix Metro East Valley region of Arizona. In 2024, Mercy Gilbert and Chandler Regional distributed \$210,472 in charity care to patients discharging from our hospitals in the form of Durable Medical Equipment, Skilled Nursing Services from Home Health or Skilled Nursing Facility, Physical and Occupational Therapy, life-saving IV antibiotics, and safe assisted living or group homes for the elderly and vulnerable while they waited for alternative funding sources to remain safe after hospitalization. We provided care for 77 patients so far in CY 2024 in addition to the medication (oral and IV) assistance which we provided in 2022 and 2023. Furthermore, Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert currently offer hospital-funded transportation services. We are seeking a continuation of this grant to include additional funding for transportation services for underserved populations.

Assistance with post-hospital services reduces hospital readmissions significantly. Readmissions harm both the patient and patient support systems in addition to adding to the overall cost burden of healthcare on the nation. "These readmissions result in an excess healthcare expenditure of \$12 billion

to \$17 billion annually (MEDPAC, 2007), and put patients at risk for hospital-acquired infections, medical errors, and overall deconditioning “(Jahnigen, Hannon, Laxson, & LaForce, 1982). We are requesting grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to continue this equitable program in 2025 to provide medications and DME for underserved patients served by our hospitals in the East Valley and to expand the grant to include Skilled Nursing (Home Health or Skilled Facility) and temporary custodial care in Assisted Livings and Group Homes to ultimately reduce avoidable hospital readmissions.

If a grant is awarded, a secure fund will be allocated to provide support to patients who need it most. On average, 250 uninsured or underinsured patients are treated by a Dignity Health hospital in the East Valley per month with an average cost of medications totaling around \$94/month per person. 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 278 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 (2023 statistics). In FY24, Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert assisted with over \$200,000 in charity prescriptions, medical services, and transportation for un/underinsured patients.

Grant funding of \$100,000 will provide oral and IV prescriptions to patients at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center over the next year with basic medication assistance and high cost medications such as IV infusion. The additional funding will help patients receive safe discharges and needed equipment, transportation, and services/therapies (including skilled nursing services) at discharge to prevent readmission and improve patient wellness. This would ensure that 60 - 80 patients who are un/underinsured receive the medications and services they need for healing. Care Coordination will continue to screen patients 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 post-hospitalization services to qualified patients, including Skilled Nursing in the home (Home Health), Skilled Nursing in Facility (SNF), and Assisted Living or Group Home placement. In addition, funds will help to cover hospital funded transportation costs.

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): None
3. Instagram (Include handle): @dignityhealthfoundationev
4. TikTok (Include handle): None
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/No
2. Collaborate on filming a video that depicts the agency's mission: Yes/No
3. Record a video message: Yes/No
4. Collaborate on a press release about the award: Yes/No
5. Collaborate in news media interviews about the award: Yes/No
6. Share digital files of existing images or video/s that depict the organization's mission and that are ready for publish: Yes/No

Beginning Date of Project: 1/1/2025

End Date of Project: 12/31/2025

Geographic Area to be served: East Valley including Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Maricopa, San Tan Valley, and parts of Tempe and Mesa.

**** Attach Detailed Budget****

Amount of Total Project: \$461,070

Amount of 12% Request: \$100,000
(No Multi-Year Request will be accepted)

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):

Yes, we take from our operational budget, however, the hospital is working on a tight margin post-pandemic and outside funding will greatly reduce the operational burden and significantly assist in discharging patients in need.

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.

- \$25,000 for the Gilbert Dental Clinic, 2021 – 2022
- \$25,000 for the Gilbert Dental Clinic, 2022 – 2023
- \$50,000 for the Gilbert Dental Clinic, 2024
- \$50,000 for the Medications for the Uninsured program, 2022-2024

List any other 12 % grant funds your organization may be seeking from other Tribal Governments in 2023-2024.

We are requesting \$200,000 from the Ak-Chin Indian Community, \$25,000 from Ft. McDowell Yavapai Indian Community, and \$200,000 from the Gila River Indian Community for other hospital programs.

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

We have not received any additional funds from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community other than the grants listed above.

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

We receive funding from First Things First for an early childhood oral health program.

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.

If funds are available but less than we requested, we will simply provide prescriptions to as many un/underinsured patients as possible with the funds granted to us.

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.



Signature for the Applicant

8/20/2024

Date

Laurel Vetsch, Director of Philanthropy, Grants and Communications

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.

2025 Prescription Post-Hospital Budget

East Valley (Chandler/Mercy) Post-Hospital Services Expenses	2024 YTD
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Oral Prescription Medication	\$ 18,684
Skilled Nursing Services	\$ 89,470
Home Health Care/IV Infusion Medication	\$ 10,912
Durable Medical Equipment	\$ 205
Other/Group Home	\$ 32,102
Total East Valley	\$ 151,373

Chandler Regional Medication Expenses

Oral Prescription Medication	\$ 11,605
Skilled Nursing Services	\$ 77,057
Home Health Care/IV Infusion Medication	\$ 9,832
Durable Medical Equipment	\$ 205
Other/Group Home	\$ 26,602
Total Chandler Regional	\$ 125,303

Mercy Gilbert Medication Expenses

Oral Prescription Medication	\$ 7,078
Skilled Nursing Services	\$ 12,412
Home Health Care/IV Infusion Medication	\$ 1,080
Durable Medical Equipment	
Other/Group Home	\$ 5,500
Total Mercy Gilbert	\$ 26,070

2025 Estimate

\$	12,350
\$	370,893
\$	40,843
\$	2,884
\$	34,100
\$	461,070

\$	7,410
\$	358,481
\$	37,136
\$	2,884
\$	28,600
\$	434,511

\$	4,940
\$	12,412
\$	3,707
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\$	5,500
\$	26,559



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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 name "Kim" and last name "Billups" clearly distinguishable.

Kim A. Billups, Operations Manager
Accounts Management Operations 1