

Tribal Gaming Community Application Briefing Non- Profit Submission

Tribal Gaming Community Applying To
Gila River Indian Community

Name of the Non-Profit Organization
Matthew's Crossing

Does the Non-Profit Organization have IRS Tax-Exempt Status
Yes

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Application Priority Areas
Health Care

Title of the Project
Emergency Food Assistance Program

Amount Intended to Request
\$25,000

Purpose of the Grant
The purpose of this grant is to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program at Matthew's Crossing Food Bank, ensuring Chandler residents facing food insecurity have access to nutritious food that supports health and well-being. Grant funds will help offset rising food and operational costs so the food bank can continue providing grocery boxes with fresh produce, protein, and healthy staples critical for preventing diet-related health issues and supporting residents managing chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

Project Summary
Matthew's Crossing's Emergency Food Assistance Program provides free, nutritious grocery boxes to 150 families experiencing hunger and health-related vulnerabilities every week. Chandler residents receive food that supports balanced diets, including fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and protein when available. As the food bank's highest-volume, year-round program, it serves as a frontline public health intervention helping stabilize nutrition, reduce stress, and support overall physical and mental wellbeing during times of crisis.

Impact on the City of Chandler:
This program improves health outcomes for Chandler residents (over 75%

served daily) by reducing food insecurity, a key social determinant of health. Reliable access to nutritious food helps families maintain energy, manage chronic conditions, and avoid costly health emergencies. By supporting household stability and preventive health, Matthews Crossing reduces strain on local healthcare and emergency systems while strengthening Chandler's commitment to a healthier, more resilient community.

Address of the Non-Profit Organization, the City of Chandler will send the Tribal Community Grant Payment:

Matthew's Crossing
1368 N. Arizona Ave Unit 112
Chandler, Arizona. 85225

Contact Name of Receipt of Payment

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