

Tribal Gaming Community Application Briefing: Non-Profit Submission

Tribal Gaming Community Applying To
Gila River Indian Community

Name of the Non-profit Organization
AZCEND

Does the Non-profit Organization have IRS Tax-Exempt Status?
Yes

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Application Priority Areas
Health Care

Title of the Project
AZCEND's Drive to Deliver Vehicle Replacement

Amount Intended to Request
\$183,000

Purpose of the Grant
To replace three vehicles that currently limit service delivery, the project expands AZCENDs capacity to respond to rising community needs and maximizes the return on the investment in public health, food security, and housing stability.

AZCENDs hunger relief and homeless shelter programs serve more than 16,000 East Valley residents each year, but our ability to meet this demand is strained by aging vehicles that are costly to maintain, frequently out of service, and in some cases no longer safe. Reliable transportation is essential to moving food efficiently through the local food system to our Food Bank, ensuring seniors and adults with disabilities receive nutritious meals and social connection at Senior Centers, and helping emergency shelter clients access next steps. Grant funds would replace three vehicles central to daily operations but currently restricting our efficiency, capacity, and reach. Funds will be used for each vehicle price including tax, title, license, registration, and branding.

Project Summary
The Drive to Deliver project will replace three essential vehicles to restore lost capacity, improve efficiency, and strengthen service delivery across AZCENDs core programs:

- A 15-passenger shuttle to reconnect seniors and adults with disabilities to Senior Center programming and community outings after the decommissioning of a 2008 vehicle cut transportation capacity in half;
- A temperature-controlled Ford Transit to safely recover and transport food, replacing an unreliable 2013 model and filling a critical gap between large box trucks and staff vehicles while supporting food recovery, senior meal delivery, and cost savings;
- And a 4-passenger sedan to provide consistent, liability-free transportation for shelter clients accessing housing, medical, employment, and case management services, as well as for donor site visits that strengthen philanthropic relationships.

Together, these vehicle replacements will reduce service disruptions and maintenance costs while expanding safe, reliable access to food, services, social connection, and stability for low-income seniors, adults with disabilities, individuals experiencing food insecurity, and people experiencing homelessness throughout the Chandler area.

Impact on the City of Chandler

A temperature-controlled Ford Transit will strengthen hunger relief efforts by enabling safe, frequent recovery of fresh food contributing to the distribution of more than one million pounds of food annually and improving food quality for over 15,000 Food Bank participants, many of whom reside in Chandler.

The Drive to Deliver project will generate measurable, long-term benefits for Chandler residents while strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of essential human services. The project will double transportation capacity for older adults and adults with disabilities, increasing access to congregate meals, social connection, and Senior Center programming that support healthy aging and reduce isolation.

A dedicated sedan will ensure reliable transportation for shelter clients accessing medical care, employment services, and housing appointments critical steps toward stability that reduce reliance on emergency systems. Collectively, these investments reduce service disruptions, lower operating costs, and ensure consistent, dignified access to essential services. The project advances the City of Chandler's goals related to community resilience, sustainability, and quality of life, delivering lasting benefits to residents across generations.

Address of Non-profit Organization the City of Chandler will Send the Tribal Community Grant Payment

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