

2024 Ak-Chin Indian Community Grant Application Cover Sheet

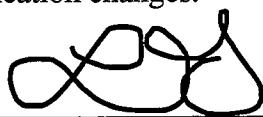
Name of Applicant: <u>Sunsites Pearce Fire District</u>		Applicant is a: <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town/County (circle) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Fire District	
Mayor/Supervisor/Chairman/President: <u>Laurin Richey (Board Chairman)</u>			
Contact Person and Title: <u>Levi Garner (Fire Chief)</u>			
Applicant Address (administrative office): <u>105 North Tracy Rd</u>			
City: <u>Pearce, AZ</u>		Zip Code: <u>85625</u>	
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Applicant Mailing Address (if different): <u>PO Box 507</u>			
City: <u>Pearce, AZ</u>		Zip Code: <u>85625</u>	
Phone Number: <u>(520)826-3645</u>		Fax Number: <u>(520)826-3586</u>	
E-mail Address: <u>lgarner@sunsitesfire.org</u>			
Fiscal Agent for any Applicant that is not a City, Town, or County (Special Taxing Districts/Fire Districts must have a Fiscal Agent)			
Contact Person: <u>Ann English (County Board Chairman)</u>			
City/Town/County Mailing Address: <u>1415 Melody In, building G</u>			
City: <u>Bisbee, AZ</u>		Zip Code: <u>85603</u>	
Phone Number: <u>(520)432-9200</u>		Fax Number: <u>(520)432-9895</u>	
E-mail Address: <u>AEnglish@cochise.az.gov</u>			

Program or Project Name: <u>Replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)</u>	
Purpose (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public safety <input type="checkbox"/> health <input type="checkbox"/> environment <input type="checkbox"/> promotion of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> economic and community development	
Purpose of Grant (brief statement): <u>This grant is to replace both outdated and expiring SCBAs. SCBAs provide firefighters with safe breathing air during a fire. Without SCBAs firefighters are unable to enter hazardous environments to effect a rescue or fire attack/ control. Our current SCBAs are several years outdated and our current SCBA bottles are all expiring this year which will make the entire system unusable.</u>	
Beginning and Ending Date of Program or Project: <u>begins upon grant award – SCBAs have a 15 year lifespan. Tentative 2024-2039.</u>	
Amount Requested: <u>\$153,063.64</u>	Total Cost: <u>\$153,063.64</u>
Geographic Area Served: <u>Eastern Cochise County, Sunsites, Pearce, Dragoon, Cochise, Kanas Settlement</u>	

By the execution of this Grant Application the undersigned agrees that the information contained in this Application is true, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge. The Applicant shall notify the Community if any information in this Application changes.

Signature:

For the Applicant: _____



Date: 6/16/24

Typed/Printed Name and Title: LEVI GARNER

For the Fiscal Agent: Ann English (Jun 26, 2024 11:34 PDT)

Date: Jun 26, 2024

(If applicable)

Typed/Printed Name and Title: Ann English, Chairman



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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A. Purpose of Grant.

1. **Describe the proposed program or project (collectively, the "Project"). This description should identify the needs/issues the Project will address.**

Our fire district is seeking aid to replace a vital piece of equipment, our self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Our goal is to replace our outdated and expiring air packs so we will be able to continue to have the appropriate PPE for fighting fire.

Our fire district has been met by severe hardship the past several years. Sadly, that hardship is not likely to change any time soon. The equipment needs we have are far too large to realistically budget for whilst attempting to cover day to day costs such as payroll. Increases in inflation have only compounded our challenges. All firefighters are familiar with SCBA's, these are the air packs we wear when entering burning buildings or dangerous environments to protect us and allow us to perform our jobs. SCBA's have become an essential piece of the modern day fire service and are invaluable. Our current air packs have two unique problems. Since our packs are based off a design from 2007, manufacture's have moved on to modern technologies and thus we are unable to find vendors to perform regular maintenance on them. When one of our air pack has a problem or breaks we are unable to get it serviced, rather it is tagged out of service and placed on the floor in our storage shed. Currently two of our 17 packs are deemed out of service. The concern is that in the next five years we will have no more air packs to simply keep our trucks in service for fires. This is our first concern but it is not the only one.

The second reason we are forced with to seek grant funds to replace our air packs is the current bottles in service are all expiring this year in November. In total our fire district owns 32 SCBA bottles, half have already expired and are past their reservice date, thus they can no longer be used due to age and safety concerns of the integrity of the bottles. The remaining 16 are currently in service but set to expire in a few months. Without a bottle a SCBA is incomplete and worthless. These bottles provide us with precious air allowing our firefighters to work in hazardous environments.

Our situation is certainly dire. The new air packs we are proposing will allow us to continue to provide the level of service our community deserves. Without, we will be missing one of the most innovative pieces of equipment in fire service history. We will be unable to perform our jobs. This will negatively impact the public as they will no longer be able to rely on their fire department to save them in the event of a structure or vehicle fire.



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Our fire district is responsible for thousands of lives and strives daily to take care of those entrusted to us. For years we have struggled with various needs and SCBAs is the current need. This need has not simply snuck up on us though. Since 2022 we have been writing grants in an attempt to get our SCBAs replaced. So far none of our attempts have been successful. A grant is the only option we have to replace our air packs and we will continue trying until an organization looks favorably upon our request.

2. Identify the target population that will be served by the Project. (Who will benefit? How many will be served? Is there a targeted geographic location? Etc.)

Fire and emergency services are available to any person regardless of age, gender, or nationality. We pride ourselves with upholding high standards of treating all we encounter with respect. This grant would immediately benefit some 5000 residents living in a 1000 sq mile area that are regularly served by our fire district. This includes elderly care facilities, multiple schools, businesses, an electrical power plant, mine, numerous agricultural facilities and two large dairies with hundreds of migrant workers. Further services extend to some 13000 residents of Cochise County through mutual aid agreements with fire departments to our north and south.

3. Describe the Project goals and objectives, and outline a plan to meet these goals.

Goal #1: Secure funding to purchase new SCBA's.

This Goal will be met by writing a grant to an organization capable of funding a project of this size. We have currently written grants to AK-Chin, FEMA, and Gary Sinise Foundation to fund this request. (FEMA and Gary Sinise are both on their second years of requesting.)

Goal #2: Once funding is secured, SCBA's will be ordered from the dealer via the attached quote.

Goal #3: Train all crews on new SCBA's and place them into service.

Within two weeks all employees will complete orientation on the new SCBA. Thankfully all SCBA's share very common features and aside from specific minor differences they operate the same way. Many of our departments firefighters have used some of the new SCBAs at other departments or during larger trainings, many



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are already familiar with the new platform. After two weeks all SCBAs will be placed into service on our trucks.

4. Provide a timetable for implementation of the Project.

Upon the grant being awarded we expect to receive funds via the Cochise County Treasures office within 3 months. This long of a delay is due to past experiences waiting for checks to clear various accounts and make it into our M&O account, but this could be sooner. Once awarded, the SCBA order would be placed within two months, this will allow the dealer to begin the order process for our department. The anticipated time to receive air packs and have them in service is expected to be 5 months. If our air packs expire before an order is received the dealer has advised us they can provide loaner packs to get us through the time gap that may exist between grant award and new equipment received. The dealer will provide this at no additional cost.

B. Resources.

1. Identify current funding sources for the Project and characterize each funding source listed as either a one-time-only or long-term funding source.

Currently we have applied for two other grants that are currently active. In total we have submitted 5 grants over three years in efforts to solve this looming crisis.

2. Identify other organizations or partners that are participating in or contributing to the Project, but which are not funding sources, and describe their roles or contributions.

There are no other partners involved in this grant. However the Amerid Foundation has provided a letter of support for our grant.

3. Define the Project as a new or continuing project or a purchase. Provide information about how the Project will be sustained or the purchase will be maintained after the grant funding is exhausted

This is a new project so our fire district can continue to meet the demands of firefighting we are being faced with today.

4. If the Applicant organization has requested funding from any other Arizona tribe, please list:



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A. Pending requests made within the last eighteen (18) months, including the name of the tribe to which the request was made and a brief summary of the project for which a grant was requested.

Gila River 2024 - \$98,913, Regional Request for CPR devices.

- These devices elevate a persons head during CPR to improve survival chances.

Fort Mcdowell 2024 - \$24,432 – Firefighting Equipment.

- Firefighting equipment in the form of nozzles, ladders, thermal imaging camera and other miscellaneous firefighting equipment.

Tohono O’odham 2024 - \$32,542 – Firefighting PPE.

- Structure and wildfire Personal Protective Equipment.

B. Funded requests made in the last five (5) years, including the name of the tribe that awarded the funding, a brief summary of the project for which the funding was awarded, and the amount of the funding received.

- Tohono O’odham 2023 – Chest Compression device. Awarded a Lucas device to perform chest compressions during CPR. \$29,716

- Akchin 2023 – Gurney and auto loader. A new gurney and automatic loader to replace our aged equipment and provide crews with an autoloader to prevent potential injury. \$75,000

- Gila River 2021 – Brush Truck. Grant awarded to provide our fire department a new brush truck for use on small brush fires with less threat to homes. \$89,919

- AkChin 2021- Ambulance. This most recent Akchin award will allow our fire district to have its first ever new ambulance to treat and transport patients to the hospital. \$198,132

- Pascua Yaqui 2021- Wildland PPE. This grant award allowed the fire district to purchase 10 new wildland firefighting packs for brush fires. \$3,736

- Gila River 2020 – Radio Communications. New handheld radios to replace older radios nearly 20 years old. \$44,682

- Ak Chin 2019 – Cardiac Monitors. Grant award to replace our old outdated cardiac monitors with new state of the art monitors. Used to assess a patient’s vital signs, cardiac rhythm, and defibrillate. Have been used regularly with great success. \$126,789.

C. Reports. Approved grantees must report back to the Community about the use of all grants. Outline how your organization will account for and manage the funding if selected. Describe how Project progress and results will be tracked and documented.



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Funds will be deposited into our M&O account and tracked with QuickBooks software, all receipts for the SCBA units will be maintained. All financial information pertaining to the grant will be provided in a final report. Once in service, all emergency calls that these pieces of equipment are used for will be documented in our electronic reporting system. The use of the funds and the number of incidents will be recorded and made available for both Interim and Final reports.

D. Budget. Provide a budget, including justification, that supports the request in the Application. Provide an estimated timeline for when funds will be expended.

Scott Safety					
Item	Individual cost	Quantity	Amount requested from Ak-Chin	In kind contributions	Total
Airpacks	\$9,215.00	10	\$92,150		\$92,250
Bottles	\$1,585.00	16	\$25,360		\$25,360
Vision C5 mask	\$425.00	8	\$3,400		\$3,400
Vision C5 mask W/ advanced hearing	\$1,815.32	8	\$14,522.56		\$14,522.56
Rit-pak	\$4,525	1	\$4,525		\$4,525
Rit-Pal cylinder	\$1,765	1	\$1,765		\$1,765
Vision C5 Charger	\$932.17	2	\$1,864.34		\$1,864.34
Taxes	\$9,476.74	1	\$9,476.74		\$9,476.74
Total			\$153,063.64		\$153,063.64

Budget above matches provided quote. There are two different masks types included. The first is the cheapest option which will be masks used by part time firefighters. The second more expensive mask will be used by one of the 8 full time firefighters. The more expensive masks allows these ones to hear radio traffic easier and hear overall sound much clearer.

E. Additional information. Please provide any additional information about the Project or the Applicant organization that the Ak-Chin Council should know when considering the Application.

We have attached a letter of support from the Amerind foundation.



(877) 637-3473

Quote

Quote # QT1826181
 Date 06/04/2024
 Expires 06/28/2024
 Sales Rep Richardson, Barry J
 PO # Scott Safety Air-Pak X3 Pro
 Shipping Method FedEx Ground
 Customer Sunsites-Pearce Fire District
 Customer # C63403

Bill To
 Sunsites-Pearce Fire District
 105 N Tracy Rd
 Pearce AZ 85625
 United States

Ship To
 Sunsites-Pearce Fire District
 105 N Tracy Rd
 Pearce AZ 85625
 United States

Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Price	Amount
X8914026305304			AirPak X3 Pro SCBA (2018 Edition) with Snap-Change Cylinder Connection, 4.5, Standard Harness w/ Parachute Buckles, Standard Belt with No Escape Rope, EZ Flo C Regulator with Quick Connect Hose (Rectus fittings) Universal EBSS Accessory Hose, No Airline Connection, No Spare Harness Kit, Pak-Tracker, No Case, Packaged 2 SCBA per Box (black)	10	\$9,215.00	\$92,150.00
200129-01			Snap-Change Cylinder, Carbon-Wrapped, Pressure 4500, 45 Minutes (at 40 lpm)	16	\$1,585.00	\$25,360.00
FP1MK0000000000			Vision C5 Facepiece (NIOSH/NFPA Approved) Medium Face Seal, Kevlar Headnet, No Spare Headnet	8	\$425.00	\$3,400.00
200954-32			RIT-PAK III, 4.5, LG, C5, RECTUS RIT-PAK III	1	\$4,525.00	\$4,525.00
804723-01			(HM) CYL&VLV CARBON 60 RIT-PAK Cylinder 60 Minute / 4500 PSI/ CGA Threads	1	\$1,765.00	\$1,765.00
FP1LK0002M10010			Vision C5 Facepiece with Radio Direct Interface and Bone Conduction Headphone, Motorola®, Large	8	\$1,815.32	\$14,522.56
CF5V2DDB			Vision C5 Charger (qty 2), Double Mounting Bracket, High-Power Supply (AC)	2	\$932.17	\$1,864.34

THIS IS A BUDGETARY PRICE QUOTE. THIS IS NOT OUR BEST AND FINAL OFFER.

Subtotal \$143,586.90
Shipping Cost \$0.00
Tax Total \$9,476.74
Total \$153,063.64

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping and handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.



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3/18/2024

RE: Cochise County as a Pass-Through Agent

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter an acknowledgement that should Sunsites-Pearce Fire District's proposal be awarded; Cochise County will accept the funds and enter an IGA with the entity to accept funding on their behalf.

We have successfully done this previously with other Special Districts in Cochise County when they were fortunate enough to receive generous contributions to their programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon Gilman
Deputy County Administrator
Interim Clerk of the Board

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. SUNSIITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ SPECIAL TAXING FIRE DISTRICT	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 105 N TRACY RD P O BOX 507	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code PEARCE AZ 85625	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number										
or										
Employer identification number										
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶ 1/1/2024
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*



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Eric J. Kaldahl, PhD
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Dear Madam or Sir,

This is a letter in support for the grant being submitted to you by the Sunsites-Pearce Fire District. The firefighters of Sunsites-Pearce have saved lives and protected property. Arizona's rural districts work nonstop to provide fire protection to thousands of residents scattered across an enormous geographic territory. They need the best equipment to take care of our people and to give them every advantage in their life saving work. Unfortunately, districts that serve rural communities often face shortfalls. Support from programs like yours helps our first responders save lives.

I work at a museum served by the district that attracts 10,000 visitors per year. Called the Amerind Museum, our museum houses cultural objects that are a testament to the history and artistry of Indigenous communities. Sunsites-Pearce personnel have responded to emergency calls on several occasions at our facility—both for members of the public experiencing medical emergencies and in response to wildfire threats. The request from Sunsites-Pearce will help their fire department replace aging breathing apparatuses that are vital in any situations where smoke or other air-borne particles put these brave men and women at risk.

Every year their personnel put themselves between our residents and danger. Their personnel are there when other districts put out the call for more help. The Sunsites-Pearce Fire District team is an indispensable and essential part of our community.

On behalf of everyone in our community, I urge you to fund their grant proposal for their much-needed, modern SCBA equipment. You are helping them save lives through your generosity. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Eric J. Kaldahl, PhD
President & CEO