



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: November 5, 2019

Title: Resolution - Pascua Yaqui Tribe Revenue Sharing to Increase Access to High Quality Preschool

Introduction/Background:

Pima County has the opportunity to apply for a \$50,000 grant from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to increase access to high quality preschool for low income three and four year olds.

Discussion:

The benefits of high quality early childhood education are well documented and include, in the short term, increased literacy, social, emotional and other kindergarten readiness skills and decreased need for special education services. In the long term, with continued supportive education, children are likely to have higher graduation rates, earn higher incomes, be healthier, and have less interaction with the criminal justice system. This is particularly the case for economically disadvantaged, minority and dual language children. In addition, reliable and affordable childcare removes one of the key barriers to low-income parents entering and remaining in the workforce, or participating in workforce training and education programs. In Pima County, only 43 percent of 3rd graders are minimally proficient at reading - a key educational indicator. Preschool enrollment is low, enrollment in quality preschool is even lower, half of all preschool age children are from low-income families and the majority of those are children of color. Preschool and childcare for younger children is provided through a mix of providers, and existing public funding for those who need it is insufficient.

Conclusion:

This grant will provide the opportunity for at least 5 low income children to attend high quality preschool.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Board approve the Resolution to approve acceptance, if awarded, of Pascua Yaqui grant to Pima County to increase access to high quality preschool.

Fiscal Impact:

Cost to Pima County would be \$2,250 for administration.

Board of Supervisor District:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - ____

PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, OF PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE STATE-SHARED REVENUE PROGRAM FUNDS AND PASS-THROUGH TO PIMA COUNTY TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe (the PYT) and the State of Arizona have entered into a compact requiring twelve-percent (12%) of funds generated from the PYT's gaming operations be distributed to cities, towns, and counties for services benefiting the general public including public safety, promotion of commerce and economic development ("State-Shared Revenue Program").
2. Pursuant to A.R.S. §5-601.02(H)(4), and the Arizona Department of Gaming, County may distribute monies received from the PYT to non-governmental entities for services the PYT deems appropriate for the State-Shared Revenue Program("the 2019 Grant Funds").
3. The PYT released a Revenue Sharing Application ("application") for the 2019 grants cycle, requesting applications for State-Shared Revenue Program funds ("grant funds") from governments and other entities in Pima County.
4. Pima County is applying for grant funds for the 2019 grants cycle.
5. The PYT application process requires a cover letter from a senior elected official and a supporting letter from the governing body of a city, town or county. This resolution is intended to meet those requirements for the County's application.
6. If awarded a grant, Pima County will use the funding to increase access to high quality preschool for low-income three and four year old children.
7. The award of grant funds to Pima County is in the best interests of the residents of Pima County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

- A. Upon notification that Pima County is awarded grant funds from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Pima County will:
 - a. Accept the Pascua Yaqui Tribe grant funding;
 - b. Enter into a Grant Agreement with Valley of the Sun United Way for the distribution and use of the grant funds for the purposes for which the funds were awarded; and

c. Distribute the funds to Valley of the Sun United Way consistent with the Grant Agreement.

B. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Grant Agreement with Valley of the Sun United Way for the purposes set forth above.

Passed and adopted, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Richard Elias, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board



Stacey Roseberry, Deputy County Attorney

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE



REVENUE SHARING APPLICATION

SECTION A – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date of Application: October 10, 2019 Name of Applicant: Pima County
Work Number: 520-724-8149 Cell Number: N/A
Mailing Address: 130 W. Congress St. Tucson AZ 85701
Email Address: nicole.fyffe@pima.gov

SECTION B – PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST

Program or Project Name: Increasing Access to High Quality Preschool for Children from Low Income Families
Project or Program Type: ☒ Government ☐ Non – Profit ☐ Other:
Non-profit status: ☐ In good standing ☐ Not in good standing EIN No:
Amount Requesting: \$ 50,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 52,250
If approved for funding check should be addressed to: Pima County
Please note the mailing address for the check: 130 W. Congress St. Tucson AZ 85745
Has your program received funding from PYT? ☐ Yes ☒ No If so, when?
Population Served by the Program/Project: 3 & 4 year old children in Pima County from families with incomes below 200% of Federal Poverty level
Program Goals: Increase access for low-income 3 & 4 year olds to high quality preschool in Pima County.
Results Measured: At least five low-income children are able to attend a Quality First high quality preschool.
Indicators of Success: At the end of the preschool, the children are better prepared for Kindergarten
Current Source of Funding: State and federal funding is inadequate to serve the number of low income children in need of high quality preschool.
Approached other tribes for funding: ☐ Yes ☒ No If so, what Tribe?

SECTION C – INDICATE TARGETED AREA (mark all that apply)

☒ Education ☐ Public Safety ☐ Transportation ☐ Health Care
☐ Recreation ☒ Social Services ☒ Economic Development
☐ Cultural, Historical and/or Environmental Protection and Restoration

☐ Other:

SECTION D – RESIDING CITY INFORMATION

Name of City Mayor: Mayor Rothschild City, Town or County: Tucson

SECTION E – APPLICANT CHECK LIST

Required Supporting Documents to be Attached: ☐ Cover letter from senior elected official

☐ Supporting letter from governing body (city, town, county) ☐ Program detailed budget

Pascua Yaqui 12% Gaming Revenue Grants

Applicant: Pima County

Project: Increasing Access to High Quality Preschool for Children from Low-Income Families

Description of Project and Budget

Section III

A

(2) **Description of the project** or program by answering the following questions (* not already addressed in application form):

- i. *What is the purpose of the program/project?

Every child has promise, and high-quality preschool fosters the tools to unlock it. This project is dedicated to connecting low-income children in Pima County to high-quality early education. The proposed project will increase access to full day, full year high quality preschool for at least five low-income children ages 3 to 4.

- ii. *What is the problem or issue being addressed?

Unfortunately, children from low-income families are less likely to attend or benefit from high-quality preschool than their higher-income peers. Only 1 in 4 Pima County children living in poverty currently receive support to attend high-quality preschool. The consequences of this opportunity gap can be seen as early as kindergarten, when children without the same supports as their peers already lag in markers like literacy and health. The gap persists and even grows as children progress through school and embark on their adult lives and careers. Children who participate in high-quality preschool start kindergarten on-track for success, with some of the biggest strides seen among children from low-income families. These impacts extend to the entire community, with high quality preschool bringing back between \$2.47 to \$13 for every dollar invested.

Workforce expansion is also high priority for Pima County. More than 90,000 Pima County adults between the ages of 25 and 60 are not in the labor force. Some of these individuals may aspire to work or increase their employment opportunities through training and education programs, but may be prevented from doing so because of a lack of affordable and reliable childcare.

- iii. What is the target population?

54% (13,210) of Pima County 3 and 4 years are living at 200% of Federal Poverty Level or below. The target for this proposal will be five (5) low-income children in Pima County to be able to access high-quality childcare that is rated 3 star or higher as part of the First Things First Quality First rating system. There are four First Things First Regions in Pima County, including the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Region. Depending on eligibility and availability of multiple funding sources, e.g., some children/families may also receive DES childcare support, more children could be served.

- iv. What are the goals?

Increase access for low-income 3 and 4 year olds in Pima County to high quality preschool.

- v. How will results be measured?
At least five low-income children are able to attend a full day, full year, Quality First high quality preschool.
- vi. What are the indicators of success for the program/project?
At the end of preschool, the children are better prepared for kindergarten.
- vii. *What impact will potential funding have on the program/project?
 - 1) The immediate impact is for the children in high quality preschool in terms of increased literacy, social emotional and other kindergarten readiness skills.
 - 2) The impact on the program would be a contribution from a strong-community partner (Pascua Yaqui Tribe) towards the overall goal.
 - 3) Given the estimates of the return on investment for high quality preschool, the long-range impact to the community could be between \$123,500 and \$650,000.
- viii. Is this a new or continuing initiative? New for Pima County
- ix. What are the other sources of funding?
State and federal funding (e.g., First Things First Quality First scholarships, Community Block Grants, federal Head Start funding) is inadequate to serve the number of low income children in Pima County in need of high quality preschool. Pima County will contribute \$2,250 to cover the administrative costs.
- x. Have you approached other Tribes for similar revenue sharing? No.
- xi. *Will any part of the Project be contracted out? If so, will it be competitively bid?

Yes. Valley of the Sun United Way administers the First Things First Quality First scholarship program across Arizona, including in Pima County. No competitive bid process as they are the state-wide contractor for Quality First.
- xii. *What is the project timeframe?
Scholarships offered through Quality First for FY21: July 2020-June 2021 for one full year of support/ funding five 3 and 4 year olds access to high quality preschool in Pima County.

Detailed Budget

	Pascua Yaqui 12% Funds	Pima County Funds
Five (5) First Things First Quality First Scholarships at \$10,000 per scholarship	\$50,000	
Valley of the Sun United Way Scholarship Administration at 4.5%		\$2,250
Total	\$50,000	\$2,250