

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	AZ-2022-016-00
Temporary Application Number	7396-2022-2
Application Name	Gila River Indian Community FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula Grant, Operating Assistance
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2024
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A Revision #: N/A

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
7396	Indian Tribe	Gila River Indian Community	VEB2J5QVVNN9	074449323

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	525 W GU U KI RD	SACATON	AZ	85147
Physical Address	151 S BLUEBIRD RD	SACATON	AZ	85147
Mailing Address	P.O. BOX 97	SACATON	AZ	85147

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: Gila River Indian Community FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal

Transit Formula Grant, Operating Assistance

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
AZ-2022-016-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	5/20/2022	5/20/2022	No

Application Executive Summary

This application requests FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, state of Arizona, in the amount of \$237,776.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to provide operating assistance from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024.

Activities to Be Performed

Requested Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds will cover operating expenses including transportation manager salary and fringe (approx. \$46,763), driver salaries and fringe (approx. \$144,890); and dispatch supervisor salary and fringe (approx. \$46,123).

Budget detail by scope item is estimated based on current staff costs with 3% annual escalations for direct labor rates. Fringe is applied based on a three-year average. Note that a Community compensation study is underway which may affect actual labor costs. It is important to note that actual staff and fringe rates will vary from budgeted depending on actual costs of benefits and Tribal Community Council policies on staff salary adjustments.

Expected Outcomes

Funding will allow the continued operation of Gila River Transit. Funding will sustain current service and allow for increased service hours and operating days.

Intended Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries include residents of the Gila River Indian Community. The Gila River Indian Community, a federally-recognized tribe established in 1859, is located in south-central Arizona bordering both Maricopa and Pinal counties. With close to 21,300 enrolled members, the Community is home to two tribes: the Akimel O'Odham and Pee Posh. The reservation has a land area of 584 square miles and a 2000 Census population of 11,257. The Community includes seven districts along the Gila River and its largest communities are Sacaton, Komatke, Santan and Blackwater.

Gila River Transit operates deviated fixed route public transit service for the Gila River Indian Community. We operate four routes. Sacaton Shuttle (serves District 3) and West End Shuttle (serves Districts 6 and 7) started in 2016. The East Side Shuttle (Districts 1, 2 and 3) and the Central Shuttle (Districts 3, 4 and 5) started in April 2019.

Transit provides vital connectivity within a tribal community, which, like all reservations, has been disenfranchised and historically underserved by public investment. Gila River Transit provides connections to community destinations, such as the Governance Center, Huhukam Hospital and other medical facilities, residential and shopping areas, library, and district service centers. Nearly all Gila River Transit riders are tribal members and many are elderly. Most have limited access to vehicles. As part of a 2020 transit needs study, onboard surveys were distributed among all four transit routes. Most who took the onboard survey use transit (72%) or walk (22%) as their main form of transportation. More than 71% of transit trips are for medical purposes; 36% are for shopping and another 27% are for recreational purposes. Nearly 43% use transit three to five days per week. Of the 67 people who responded when asked, 56 (84%) had one or fewer vehicles in their home, with an average household size of 5.6 persons. Most respondents expressed support for service that is more frequent, longer service hours and additional stops.

Subrecipient Activities
None.

Scope 1: Operating Federal Funds, FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, state of Arizona, in the amount of \$237,776.

Local Match: no local/tribal share

Total project cost: \$237,776

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

Pre-Award Authority

This award is not using Pre-Award Authority.

Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

Indirect Rate Details: N/A

Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

Delinquent Federal Debt

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

Application Point of Contact Information

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$237,776
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0

Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$237,776

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
AZ-2022-016-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$237,776.00	\$0.00	\$237,776.00	1
AZ-2022-016-01-00	30.09.02 SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	\$237,776.00	\$0.00	\$237,776.00	1

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Gila River Indian Community FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula Grant, Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
AZ-2022-016-01-00	7396-2022-2-P1	5/20/2022	10/1/2022	9/30/2024

Project Description

This FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula Grant, Operating Assistance project will provide funding for Gila River Transit, a program of the Gila River Indian Community. Funds will cover operating expenses including transportation manager salary and fringe, driver salaries and fringe, and dispatch supervisor salary and fringe.

Project Benefits

The Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds for operating assistance will be used to support transit service staff costs. No third party contractors will be used. Gila River Transit operates deviated fixed route public transit service for the Gila River Indian Community. The Gila River Indian Community, a federally-recognized tribe established in 1859, is located in south-central Arizona bordering both Maricopa and Pinal counties. With increased funding providing through this project, we will be able to increase the number of staff hired to support expanding transit service.

Gila River Transit provides connections to community destinations, such as the Governance Center, Huhukam Hospital and other medical facilities, residential and shopping areas, library, and district service centers. Nearly all Gila River Transit riders are tribal members and many are elderly. Most have limited access to vehicles. Most respondents to a 2020 onboard survey use transit (72%) or walk (22%) as their main form of transportation. More than 71% of transit trips are for medical purposes; 36% are for shopping and another 27% are for recreational purposes. Nearly 43% use transit three to five days per week. Of the 67 people who responded when asked, 56 (84%) had one or fewer vehicles in their home, with an average

household size of 5.6 persons. Most respondents expressed support for service that is more frequent, longer service hours and additional stops.

With increased funding providing through this project, we will be able to increase the number of staff hired to support expanding transit service. In December 2020, we finalized a transit needs study with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Maricopa Association of Governments (metropolitan planning organization) as project partners. The study evaluated current and future conditions, obtained public input, and recommended service improvements.

Gila River Transit currently operates four transit routes. The Sacaton Shuttle and West End Shuttle started in early 2016. The Sacaton Shuttle serves District 3 and the West End Shuttle serves Districts 6 and 7. Two additional shuttles started in April 2019. The East Side Shuttle serves Districts 1, 2 and 3, and the Central Shuttle serves Districts 3, 4 and 5. The Sacaton Shuttle and West End Shuttle operate five days a week. The East Side Shuttle operates two days a week and the Central Shuttle operates three days a week. The transit system generally operates five days a week, excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. with a one hour service break over lunch. Phase 1a improvements will expand transit service on all four routes to five days each week. (We will submit a capital request to support Phase 1a improvements to the Arizona Department of Transportation.) Phase 1b improvements close the midday service gap and extend operating hours to 6:00 p.m. Phase 1a is scheduled to start in October 2023, and Phase 1b is scheduled to start in October 2024. The actual timing of Phase 1a and Phase 1b depends on arrival/delivery of a new bus (funding request to be submitted to Arizona Department of Transportation later this year). The funding provided through the Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula program is critical to these service expansions. Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula fund will support staff costs, leading to enhanced mobility options for Community members through the provision of more transit service. We also expect to see increased ridership resulting from the improvements afforded by the Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds.

Additional Information

This project will result in safe and reliable public transportation services for members of the Gila River Indian Community, and provide life-sustaining access to medical facilities, residential and shopping areas, the library, and district service centers.

Location Description

The Gila River Indian Community, a federally-recognized tribe established in 1859, is located in south-central Arizona bordering both Maricopa and Pinal counties. With close to 21,300 enrolled members, the Community is home to two tribes—the Akimel O’Oodham and Pee Posh. The reservation has a land area of 584 square miles and a 2000 Census population of 11,257. The Community includes seven districts along the Gila River and its largest communities are Sacaton, Komatke, Santan and Blackwater.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
040000	Arizona

Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
Arizona	1	Tom O’Halloran

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided
 Description: TIP/STIP exemption per Tribal Formula program.

UPWP

Date: N/A
 Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A
 Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

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Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$237,776

Project Budget

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AZ-2022-016-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$237,776.00	\$0.00	\$237,776.00	1
AZ-2022-016-01-00	30.09.02 (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY) SLIDING SCALE	\$237,776.00	\$0.00	\$237,776.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
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OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) 30.09.02 SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY) OPERATING ASSISTANCE 1

Extended Budget Description

This application requests FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, state of Arizona, in the amount of \$237,776. FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds will cover operating expenses including transportation manager salary and fringe, driver salaries and fringe, and dispatch supervisor salary and fringe.

Federal Funds: Operating Assistance FFY 2020 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds from Gila River Indian Community, state of Arizona, in the amount of \$237,776.

Local match: \$0 Tribal funds

Total Project Cost: \$237,776.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$237,776
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$237,776

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2022	The date expenses will begin.
End Date	9/30/2024	The date by which all funds will be expended.

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or

program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	12/31/2022

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Phil Yue

Comment Type	DOL Review for Information
Date	7/6/2022
Comment	Department of Labor (DOL) certification is not required. It is for information purposes—as with regular Section 5311 Program applications.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Phil Yue

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	6/21/2022
Comment	<p>1) On executive summary, can you move all the scope info to the bottom?</p> <p>2) On executive summary, can you combine all these sentences to one paragraph? See sample: This application is to request FY2020, FY2021 and FY2022 Tribal Transit Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona, the total amount of \$703,914.</p> <p>3) On indirect rate detail, please change the calculation like this, \$589,493 federal award amount x 19.41% = \$114,421 x 10% FTA 5311 Tribal Indirect Cost cap = \$11,442 total eligible indirect cost. Also, please also enter \$11,442 on apply estimate direct cost section.</p> <p>4) Please enter yes on all activities, 3rd party contractor</p> <p>5) On extended description, please enter the fund/scope/activity information.</p> <p>6) On application name, please change to: Gila River Indian Community FFY20, FY21 and FFY22 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula, Operating Assistance</p> <p>7) On executive summary, activities to be performed, please change the indirect cost from \$114,421 to \$11,442.</p>

Comment By Phil Yue

Comment	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
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Type

Date	6/27/2022
Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) On executive summary, under Federal fund info for purchase bus, please change from operating assistance to Capital2) On extended budget description for operating assistance, please delete the 5 required elements.3) On extended budget description for van purchase, under Federal fund info, please change from operating assistance to Capital.4) On environmental finding, please add a new finding for capita/van purchase, type 07 and enter the approved date5) On application document, please upload the support document for new van, like the pic of the van description.6) On application document, please upload the TAM plan (Transit Assets Management Plan)7) On executive summary and/or description, please indicate the plan on how you will dispose the old vehicle.8) Please move the Funding info for van purchase underneath the Funding info operating assistance.

Comment By Phil Yue

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	7/1/2022
Comment	Return to grantee to make adjustment.

Comment By Phil Yue

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	7/6/2022
Comment	On executive summary, under Purpose, please change the statement like this, The purpose of this award to provide operating assistance from period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024.