

## Application

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| <b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b> | AZ-2023-019-00  |
| <b>Temporary Application Number</b>               | 7396-2023-2   |
| <b>Award Name</b>                                 | Gila River Indian Community, FY21 Tribal Formula, ARP Act, Operating Assistance |
| <b>Application Status</b>                         | Final Concurrence / Reservation   |
| <b>Application Budget Number</b>                  | 0   |

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| <b>Period of Performance Start Date</b>        | N/A                 |
| <b>Original Period of Performance End Date</b> | 9/30/2025           |
| <b>Current Period of Performance End Date</b>  | 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 | 525 WEST GU U KI | 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, FY21 Tribal Formula, ARP Act, Operating Assistance**

| <b>FAIN</b>    | <b>Application Status</b>       | <b>Award Type</b> | <b>Application Cost Center</b> | <b>Date Created</b> | <b>Last Updated Date</b> | <b>From TEAM?</b> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| AZ-2023-019-00 | Final Concurrence / Reservation | Grant             | Region 9                       | 6/5/2023            | 6/5/2023                 | No                |

**Application Executive Summary**

This application requests FY2021 Tribal Formula, ARP Act apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona, in the amount of \$203,528.

This application utilizes ARP Act funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and its effect on the Gila River Indian Community.

Funding will allow the continued operation of Gila River Transit as we work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gila River Indian Community agrees that if it receives federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or through a pass-through entity through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, a different federal agency, or insurance proceeds for any portion of a project activity approved for FTA funding under the Grant Agreement provided by FEMA, another federal agency, or an insurance company, it will provide written notification to FTA, and reimburse FTA for any federal share that duplicates funding.

This ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula Grant, Operating Assistance project will provide funding for Gila River Transit, a program of the Gila River Indian Community. Funds will cover driver salaries and fringe as we operate service post-pandemic.

Federal Funds, Operating Assistance, FY20221 Tribal Formula, ARP Act, apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona, in the amount of \$203,528  
 Local Match: no local/tribal share  
 Total project cost: \$203,528

**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 directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

**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.

## Award Description

**Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to provide operating assistance from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Activities to be performed:**

Requested ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula funds will cover operating expenses as we work to return service from COVID-19 suspensions.

Requested ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula funds will cover operating expenses including driver salaries and fringe (approx. \$203,528). 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 four-year average. 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 salaries.

**Expected outcomes:**

Funding will allow the continued operation of Gila River Transit as we work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to COVID-19, there was no transit service between March 24, 2020 and May 31, 2021, and again between January 11, 2022 and February 25, 2022. Tribes had a disproportionate impact from COVID-19 than other communities due to risk factors (age and underlying health conditions) and cultural importance of social interaction. Gila River Transit has struggled with ridership recovery post COVID-19 similar to other transit agencies. While ridership is slowly increasing, ridership is still less than half what it was pre-pandemic.

**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 2020 Census population of 14,260. 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 (District 3) and West End Shuttle (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. According to the spring 2023 onboard survey, nearly all respondents have a household income of \$24,999 or less. Most (66.7%) have no operable vehicle in the household. Those who completed the onboard survey use transit (55.8%) or walk (32.7%) as their main form of transportation. Most use Gila River Transit for medical (57.1%) or shopping (46.9%) trips. Approximately one-third (31.5%) use transit three to five days per week. Most (56.0%) responded that Gila River Transit does not have sufficient transit service, and most rate the transit system as excellent (53.6%) or good (23.2%). When asked to suggest improvements, most requested more frequent service (59.1%), followed by longer hours of service (38.6%).

**Subrecipient Activities:**

none

**Application Point of Contact Information**

| First Name | Last Name | Title                         | E-mail Address          | Phone          |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Phil       | Yue       | Program Management Specialist | Phil.Yue@dot.gov        | (415) 734-9476 |
| Dawn       | Coomer    | Transportation Manager        | dawn.coomer@gric.nsn.us | (520) 562-6306 |

**Application Budget Control Totals**

| Funding Source                              | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount           |
|---|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 5311 -Tribal Transit Program Formula (ARPA) | 5311-10C           | 20509       | \$203,528        |
| Local                                       |                    |             | \$0              |
| Local/In-Kind                               |                    |             | \$0              |
| State                                       |                    |             | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                               |                    |             | \$0              |
| Other Federal                               |                    |             | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit           |                    |             | \$0              |
| Adjustment                                  |                    |             | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>                  |                    |             | <b>\$203,528</b> |

**Application Budget**

| Project Number    | Budget Item                         | FTA Amount   | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| AZ-2023-019-01-00 | 600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS | \$203,528.00 | \$0.00         | \$203,528.00          | 1        |
| AZ-2023-019-01-00 | 30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING    | \$203,528.00 | \$0.00         | \$203,528.00          | 1        |

ASSIST -  
100% Fed  
Share

## Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

## Part 3: Project Information

### Project Title: Gila River Indian Community ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula Grant, Operating Assistance

| Project Number    | Temporary Project Number | Date Created | Start Date | End Date  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| AZ-2023-019-01-00 | 7396-2023-2-P1           | 6/5/2023     | 10/1/2024  | 9/30/2025 |

#### Project Description

This Gila River Indian Community ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula Grant, Operating Assistance project will provide funding for Gila River Transit, a program of the Gila River Indian Community. Funds will cover driver salaries and fringe as we operate service post-pandemic.

#### Project Benefits

The ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula funds for operating assistance will be used to support transit service staff costs. Third party contractors will not 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.

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. According to the spring 2023 onboard survey, nearly all respondents have a household income of \$24,999 or less. Most (66.7%) have no operable vehicle in the household. Those who completed the onboard survey use transit (55.8%) or walk (32.7%) as their main form of transportation. Most use Gila River Transit for medical (57.1%) or shopping (46.9%) trips. Approximately one-third (31.5%) use transit three to five days per week. Most (56.0%) responded that Gila River Transit does not have sufficient transit service, and most rate the transit system as excellent (53.6%) or good (23.2%). When asked to suggest improvements, most requested more frequent service (59.1%), followed by longer hours of service (38.6%).

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 plans to hire another transit bus operator and purchase a vehicle (with other federal aid obtained through the state department of transportation) to expand all four routes to five days a week. Expansion timing has been delayed due to lack of funding for a vehicle, and difficulty in recruiting and retaining transit bus operators.

Funding will allow the continued operation of Gila River Transit as we work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to COVID-19, there was no transit service between March 24, 2020 and May 31, 2021, and again between January 11, 2022 and February 25, 2022. Tribes had a disproportionate impact from COVID-19 than other communities due to risk factors (age and underlying health conditions) and cultural importance of social interaction. Gila River Transit has struggled with ridership recovery post COVID-19 similar to other transit agencies. While ridership is slowly increasing, ridership is still less than half what it

was pre-pandemic.

**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’Odham and Pee Posh. The reservation has a land area of 584 square miles and a 2020 Census population of 14,260. 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 | 2        | Eli Crane      |

**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**

| Funding Source                              | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount    |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 5311 -Tribal Transit Program Formula (ARPA) | 5311-10C           | 20509       | \$203,528 |
| Local                                       |                    |             | \$0       |
| Local/In-Kind                               |                    |             | \$0       |
| State                                       |                    |             | \$0       |
| State/In-Kind                               |                    |             | \$0       |
| Other Federal                               |                    |             | \$0       |
| Transportation Development Credit           |                    |             | \$0       |

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|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| Adjustment                 |  | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b> |  | <b>\$203,528</b> |

## Project Budget

| Project Number    | Budget Item  | FTA Amount   | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| AZ-2023-019-01-00 | 600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS                      | \$203,528.00 | \$0.00         | \$203,528.00          | 1        |
| AZ-2023-019-01-00 | 30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share | \$203,528.00 | \$0.00         | \$203,528.00          | 1        |

## Project Budget Activity Line Items

### Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share

| Scope Name / Code            | Line Item # | Line Item Name                                  | Activity             | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|---|----------------------|----------|
| OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) | 30.09.08    | EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share | OPERATING ASSISTANCE | 1        |

### Extended Budget Description

This application requests ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, state of Arizona, in the amount of \$203,528. ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula funds will cover operating expenses including driver salaries and fringe.

Federal Funds: Emergency Operating Assistance ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula funds from Gila River Indian Community, state of Arizona, in the amount of \$203,528.

This ARPA Section 5311-10C Formula Grant, Operating Assistance project will provide funding for Gila River Transit, a program of the Gila River Indian Community. Funds will cover driver salaries and fringe as we operate service post-pandemic.

Local match: \$0 Tribal funds

Total Project Cost: \$203,528

### 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 (ARPA) | 5311-10C           | 20509       | \$203,528 |

|                                   |  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Local                             |  | \$0              |
| Local/In-Kind                     |  | \$0              |
| State                             |  | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                     |  | \$0              |
| Other Federal                     |  | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit |  | \$0              |
| Adjustment                        |  | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>        |  | <b>\$203,528</b> |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description                                   |
|----------------|----------------------|---|
| Start Date     | 10/1/2024            | The date expenses will begin.                 |
| End Date       | 9/30/2025            | 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 | 6/9/2023 |

| Scope Name / Code            | Line Item Number | Line Item Name                                  | Quantity | FTA Amount   | Total Eligible Cost |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) | 30.09.08         | EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share | 1        | \$203,528.00 | \$203,528.00        |

## Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

## Part 5: FTA Review Comments



## FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Phil Yue

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Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 6/28/2023

Comment Department of Labor (DOL) certification is not required. It is for informational purposes—as with regular Section 5311 Program applications.