

## Application

<b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b>	AZ-2024-007-00
<b>Temporary Application Number</b>	7396-2024-1
<b>Award Name</b>	Gila River Indian Community, FY2022 5311 Tribal Transit Formula, Operating Assistance
<b>Application Status</b>	Final Concurrence / Reservation
<b>Application Budget Number</b>	0

<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>	9/30/2025	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

<b>Budget Period Start Date</b>	N/A		
<b>Budget Period End Date</b>	9/30/2025		

### 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

<b>Title: Gila River Indian Community, FY2022 5311 Tribal Transit Formula, Operating Assistance</b>
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FAIN	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
AZ-2024-007-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 9	4/4/2024	4/4/2024	No

### Application Executive Summary

This application requests FY2022 5311 Tribal Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona, in the amount of \$255,441.

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

Requested Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds will cover operating expenses including transportation manager salary and fringe (approx. \$58,220), driver salaries and fringe (approx. \$158,076); and dispatch supervisor salary and fringe (approx. \$39,145).

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 five-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 salary adjustments.

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 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 provide 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%).

Federal Fund, Operating Assistance, FY 2022 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds apportioned to the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona, in the amount of \$255,441.

Local Match: no local/tribal share

Total project cost: \$255,441

**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 the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Activities to be performed:**

Requested Section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds will cover operating expenses including transportation manager salary and fringe (approx. \$58,220), driver salaries and fringe (approx. \$158,076); and dispatch supervisor salary and fringe (approx. \$39,145).

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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 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.

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**Subrecipient Activities:**

None.

**Application Point of Contact Information**

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
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**Application Budget Control Totals**

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$255,441
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>\$255,441</b>

## Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
AZ-2024-007-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$255,441.00	\$0.00	\$255,441.00	1
AZ-2024-007-01-00	30.09.02 (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY) SLIDING SCALE	\$255,441.00	\$0.00	\$255,441.00	1

## Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

## Part 3: Project Information

### Project Title: Gila River Indian Community, FY22 5311 Tribal Transit Formula, Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
AZ-2024-007-01-00	7396-2024-1-P1	4/4/2024	10/1/2024	9/30/2025

#### Project Description

This FY22 5311 Tribal Transit Formula, 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 5311 Tribal Transit Formula funds for operating assistance will 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. 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.

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 received 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 December 2025, and Phase 1b is scheduled to start in May 2026. The actual timing of Phase 1a and Phase 1b were delayed to accommodate most recent estimates on arrival/delivery of a new bus. 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 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**

District	State
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## Program Plan Information

### STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: TIP/STIP exemption per Tribal Formula program

### UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: n/a

### Long Range Plan

Date: Not Provided

Description: n/a

## Project Control Totals

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Adjustment			\$0
<b>Total Eligible Cost</b>			<b>\$255,441</b>

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AZ-2024-007-01-00	30.09.02 (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY) SLIDING SCALE	\$255,441.00	\$0.00	\$255,441.00	1

## Project Budget Activity Line Items

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

### Extended Budget Description

This activity line item will fund operating assistance for deviated fixed route service from the time period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

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### 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	\$255,441
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>\$255,441</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

<b>Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)</b>
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### 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
12/31/2024	Class IIc CE Approved

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	1	\$255,441.00	\$255,441.00

## Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

## Part 5: FTA Review Comments

### FTA Comments for DOL

**Comment By** Phil Yue

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 5/16/2024

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

### Application Review Comments

**Comment By** Phil Yue

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 5/16/2024

Comment return to revise the milestone information.

### Application Review Comments

**Comment By** Phil Yue

Comment Type Application Details

Date 5/16/2024

Comment The operating expense begin/end dates are consistent with the period of performance

date. The new standard milestone information had been added to extended budget description.