



GRIC Urban Members Association, Inc.

1201 E. Thomas Road Ste. 4, Phoenix, Arizona 85014 (480) 534-7334

ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Applicant Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC)
- Must reside outside of the Gila River Indian Community reservation boundaries
- Required Documentation:
 - ✓ Copy of GRIC Tribal Identification Card
 - ✓ Completed Assistance Application with attachments
 - ✓ Signed Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Acknowledgement Form
 - ✓ Completed W-9 Form with applicant's information

Assistance Available:

- ❖ Rent / Utility Assistance (phone, internet, electricity, water, gas, propane)
 - Applicant must be named as a party to the lease agreement
 - Utility bills must be in the name of the Applicant
 - Assistance is paid directly to the landlord/management company and/or utility provider
 - Assistance is never made payable to the applicant
 - We are unable to make payments on closed accounts
- ❖ Food / Gas Assistance
 - Food/gas assistance is provided in the form of a grocery store gift card
- ❖ Transportation Assistance
 - A limited amount of public transit tap cards are available for members at no charge

Assistance Limits:

NOTE: Due to budget limitations and overwhelming demand, assistance is not guaranteed.

- ❖ Rent / Utility Assistance
 - Non-Elder members - \$500 per year
 - Elder members - \$1000 per year (*Note: May be subject to reporting to the IRS as taxable income*)
 - Maximum \$250 per request for all members
 - If the submitted bill amount exceeds \$250, the applicant is responsible for the balance
 - Priority will be given to applicants who did not receive rent/utility assistance the previous month as a matter of fairness and due to budget limitations
- ❖ Food / Gas Assistance
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- ❖ Transportation Assistance
 - One transit card per member, per year
 - Accounts are reviewed periodically and can be revoked for non-use or abuse, due to the limited number available under the annual budget

Applications are accepted beginning at 10:00 am on the second Monday of each month (excluding holidays) through the immediately following Friday.

Applications can be submitted at gilariveruma@gmail.com or delivered in person at the address above

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ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Name: _____ Enrollment No. _____ *Must attach copy of GRIC Tribal ID*

Address: _____ GRIC District No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code +4: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Other members of the household (if more room is needed, indicate on a separate page):

Name	Age	GRIC Enrollment No.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

- Rent***
 Utilities**
 Food / Gas
 Transit Pass

A copy of the lease agreement and/or utility bill must be attached

**Applicant must be named as a party ("Lessor") to the lease agreement*

***Utility bills must be in the name of the Applicant*

Payment will be made directly to the landlord/management company and/or utility provider

Date Funds Needed: _____ **Amount Requested:** _____ (\$250 limit per request)

Reason for requesting assistance: _____

I have read and understand the Assistance Information page and confirm the above information is true and complete.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW – OFFICE USE ONLY

Approval #1 _____ Approval #2 _____

Food Card No. _____ Picked up Mailed Date: _____

Transit Pass No. _____ Picked up Mailed Date: _____

Rent/Utility Assistance: \$ _____ Check No. _____ Picked up Paid Online Date: _____

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FRAUD, WASTE and ABUSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Reporting fraud, waste, and/or abuse (FWA) is essential in safeguarding GRIC Urban Members Association, Inc's (GRIC-UMA) time, effort, and resources. FWA can occur either unintentionally or as a result of deliberate actions. Regardless of intent, any form of fraud, waste, or abuse cannot and will not be tolerated within the association.

The following definitions outline the various types of FWA:

"Fraud" refers to any intentional deception, which could encompass attempts and conspiracies, with the purpose of inducing action, inaction, or reliance on the deception to the detriment of the UMA organization. It may involve the deprivation of something valuable from GRIC-UMA or the obtaining of a benefit, privilege, or consideration to which the party is not entitled.

Examples of fraudulent practices include, but are not limited to:

- Making false statements or claims
- Submission of false claims
- Deceit through suppression of the truth or misrepresentation of a material fact
- Falsification of records and books of account
- Conspiring to use any of these deceptive devices

"Waste" is the extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of GRIC-UMA funds or consumption of GRIC-UMA property that results from deficient practices, system controls, or decisions.

"Abuse" is the intentional, wrongful, or improper use of GRIC-UMA resources such as the misuse of position or authority that causes the loss or misuse of resources such as funds, bus passes, event tickets, memberships, etc.

If you believe you know of a potential FWA situation within the association, you should contact the GRIC-UMA Board Chair at kelopec70570@gmail.com.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____