



Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: February 5, 2026

From: Joshua Bayne, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs

Subject: Pascua Yaqui Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant with Marana Middle School

Priority: To provide rigorous, relevant, and innovative academics

Consent Action Discussion

Background:

The purpose of this Governing Board agenda item is to request support towards submitting a competitive grant application. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Gaming Revenue Sharing Funds Program (GRSFP) grant cycle is currently open, with February 26, 2026 as the submission due date.

The Marana Unified School District, specifically Marana Middle School, meets the requirements for the application and the first step is to gain Governing Board approval to submit the grant application.

The Marana Middle School Agriculture Science class and Future Farmers of America (FFA) after school program is seeking \$35,806.34 in funding from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant to purchase a compact tractor with essential attachments. This equipment will give our students hands-on experience in farming, land stewardship, and livestock care. With this grant, Marana Middle School students aim to expand agricultural learning opportunities, promote sustainability, and create a self-sufficient program that benefits students, teachers, and the community.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve the Pascua Yaqui Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant application for Marana Middle School.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: 
Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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Pascua Yaqui Tribe – Office of the Council Treasurer

Gaming Revenue Sharing (12%) Committee

Pasqua Yaqui Administrative Building

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Tucson, AZ 85757

Re: Letter of Support – Marana Middle School Agriculture & FFA Program

On behalf of the Marana Unified School District Governing Board, we are proud to offer our full support for the Marana Middle School Agriculture and Future Farmers of America (FFA) program's request for **\$35,806.34** in funding to purchase farming related equipment including a compact tractor with essential attachments.

This investment will provide transformative opportunities for our students. With the addition of a compact tractor and other equipment, the Agriculture and FFA program will be able to expand its hands-on agricultural education, enhance livestock and animal rescue efforts, and grow the school's Garden Mayhem initiative. The tractor will give students real-world skills in farming, sustainability, and land stewardship—areas of education that are increasingly important for both our local community and the future of Arizona.

The Agriculture and FFA program embodies the values of responsibility, leadership, and community service. Students care for animals daily, learn soil and water conservation practices, and gain business experience by cultivating, producing, and fundraising through agricultural projects. These experiences not only prepare them for high school FFA competitions and future careers, but also instill a lifelong respect for the land and community.

The program's impact extends beyond Marana Middle School. Families, teachers, and community members benefit from increased food production, improved animal care, and the knowledge students share about sustainable practices. With limited district resources available for specialized equipment such as a tractor, outside support is essential for the program's continued growth and success.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe's long-standing commitment to education and community development aligns directly with the goals of this initiative. By supporting this request, you will be investing in hundreds of students each year and strengthening a program that teaches responsibility, compassion, and environmental stewardship.

The Governing Board strongly encourages you to approve this funding request and partner with us in creating a thriving, sustainable agricultural education program at Marana Middle School.

We are deeply grateful for your consideration and for the Tribe's continued support of educational programs that make a lasting difference.

With respect and appreciation,

Marana Unified School District Governing Board

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