

ARIZONA STATE TREASURER

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SB 1735 SECTION 119.4 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE: "A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PINAL COUNTY TO SUPPORT A READING PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF PINAL COUNTY"

1. INTRODUCTION

To comply with SB 1735 Section 119.4, the Arizona State Treasurer's Office (ASTO) is issuing a request for information ("RFI") to assist it develop a grant program to distribute the appropriated monies pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2701 *et seq.* ¹

Under SB 1735 Section 119.4, the Arizona Legislature "appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2025–2026 to the state treasurer ... \$25,000 to distribute to a nonprofit organization that promotes economic development in Pinal County to support a reading program for residents of Pinal County."

Any request must serve a public purpose that may include promoting general welfare, security, education, economic development, etc. ASTO issues this RFI to obtain information regarding how to best structure the grant program (i.e., determine which nonprofit entities qualify and what are the nonprofits' intended purpose and use for the monies).

At the conclusion of the grant process, ASTO intends to enter into a grant agreement with the qualifying nonprofit(s) to ensure the funds comply with acceptable public use.

Note that pursuant to A.A.C. R2-7-G301, responses to a RFI "are not offers and cannot be accepted to form a binding contract." Note also that "[i]nformation contained in a response to a request for information shall be considered confidential until the procurement process is concluded or two years, whichever occurs first unless authorized by the state procurement administrator."²

2. INFORMATION TO PROVIDE

2.1 SB 1735 Section 119.3 appropriates "from the state general fund in fiscal year 2025–2026 to the state treasurer ... \$25,000 to distribute to a nonprofit organization that promotes economic development in Pinal County to support

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¹ ASTO issues this Request for Information pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2555, A.A.C. R2-7-G301, and Section 7.2.1 of the State Grant Manual.

² A.A.C. R2-7-301(2).



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a reading program for residents of Pinal County." Therefore, please include in your response answers to the following:

- 1. Whether the organization is a nonprofit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code for Federal Income Tax Purposes.
- 2. Whether the organization promotes economic development in Pinal County.
 - If yes, describe how the organization promotes economic development in Pinal County.
- 3. Whether the funds will be used to support a reading program for the residents of Pinal County.
- 4. What is the organization's intended public purpose for the SB 1735 Section 119.4 funds that are set to be distributed?
- 5. A detailed explanation of how the organization intends to use the funds to support a reading program in Pinal County, and how the value received to the public from the organization's proposed use far exceeds what is being paid by the public through the appropriation.
- 2.2 As part of the RFI Response, please also provide the following information:
 - 1. Name of 501(c) Organization
 - 2. Authorized Contact
 - 3. Organization Address
 - 4. Contact Telephone Number
 - 5. Contact Email Address

3. INQUIRIES

All questions that arise relating to this RFI shall be directed in writing to:

Jackie Harding, Deputy Treasurer of Operations Arizona State Treasurer's Office 1700 W. Washington St., Suite #102 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Electronic inquiries may also be sent to RFI@aztreasury.gov

For inquiries to be addressed, they must be received by Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 3:00 P.M., local Arizona Time.



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SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION 4.

Written or electronic submittals must be in the actual possession of ASTO on or prior to Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 3:00 P.M., local Arizona Time.

Submittals must be mailed or submitted electronically to the Arizona State Treasurer and received by the deadline.

Mailed submittals must be in a sealed envelope, and the following information should be noted on the outside of the envelope:

Respondent's Name Respondent's Address RFI SB 1735 Sec. 119.4 Reading Program

Electronic submittals must be emailed to:

RFI@aztreasury.gov and

The subject line must include: "RFI SB1735 Sec. 119.4 Reading Program"

RESPONDENT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Respondent certifies they have read and fully understands

this RFI. Submitted by: Signature: Typed Name: Title: Date: