

RESOLUTION NO. 187 - 2022
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION

A Resolution Authorizing the Nation to Submit a Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant for Tribes for Updating the Nation's Community Wildfire Protection Plan

WHEREAS: The Yavapai-Apache Tribal Council (“Council”) is authorized to represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation (“Nation”) and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Nation, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the Yavapai-Apache Nation (“Constitution”) as provided under Article V(a) of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Council is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements with federal, state and local governments and to accept grant funds as provided under Article V (b) and (s), respectively, of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Council is authorized to manage all tribal economic affairs and to appropriate and regulate the use of the Nation’s funds as provided under Article V (i) and (k), respectively, of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Nation’s Contracts and Grants Manager recommends that the Nation apply for grant funding as follows:

- (1) Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service
- (2) Amount of funding application: \$248,352.00
- (3) Term of grant: 1 year
- (4) Matching funds and source: \$62,088.00 from Nation’s Wildland Fire Department Operating Budget
- (5) Nation’s Department or Program administering the grant: Wildland Fire
- (6) Purpose and use of grant funds: Funds will be used to update Nation’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan and take steps for implementation of plan.
- (7) Budget attached or not required: Attached

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council finds it in the Nation’s best interest to authorize the above-described grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yavapai-Apache Tribal Council, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, hereby authorizes the Nation to apply for grant funding to the above-named funding agency in the amount and for the term described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nation agrees that it will comply with all program guidelines and regulations applicable to the above referenced grant program and the certifications required in the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Nation's Contracts and Grants Manager to take all actions necessary to complete the grant application and to submit all necessary information to the funding agency in furtherance of the grant application and authorizes the Nation to receive and expend the grant funds in accordance with the grant requirements and the Nation's Budget Code and Financial Policies.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairwoman, and Vice Chairman, or either of them, are hereby authorized to take such further action as deemed necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, with a quorum in attendance, presented for approval on October 6 2022, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the authority contained under the Constitution of the Yavapai-Apache Nation as cited above.



Tanya Lewis, Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Karla Reimer, Council Secretary

Approved as to form:



Office of the Attorney General

EXHIBIT A

Yavapai-Apache Nation Grant Application

**United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant for Tribes**

Project Description and Budget

October 6, 2022

Project Description (10 Points)

Provide a comprehensive but succinct overview of the proposed project that includes basic details of who is doing what, where, and why this is important. Explain how the project is described in a CWPP (if applicable). Provide linkages to the tenets of the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and the State Forest Action Plan. Specify if benefits to traditionally underserved or marginalized audiences are a component of the work.

The modern Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN/Nation) is a combination of two separate and distinct people: The Yavapai and Tonto Apache. For century's ancestors for both people wandered freely in the Verde Valley in what is now Central Arizona.

Today the Yavapai-Apache Nation, a Federally Recognized Tribe, with an enrollment of over 2,500, sets on five separate parcels of land in the Verde Valley, of central Arizona, with a distance of over fifty miles between the farthest parcels. Government for the Nation consists of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and seven Council members.

One common factor among all communities is heavy overgrowth of vegetation around home, fields and along river banks. This overgrowth presents a fire hazard that needs to be recognized and mitigated.

To meet the this challenge of hazardous fuel mitigation the Yavapai-Apache Nation is applying for funding through the Community Wildfire Defense Grant for Tribes. Funding will be used to update and implement a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Goal #1

As the Nation's last Wildfire assessment was completed in 2002 first objective of the project will be to complete a detailed assessment of all of the Nation's land and use results of the assessment to complete a new Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Objective #1 Contract with qualified consultant with expertise in hazardous mitigation to administer assessment and complete CWPP

Objective #2 Hire, with grant funds, two staff for assisting in assessment and completion of CWPP. These personnel will work with contractor in examining all lands within the 5 communities and identifying hazardous vegetation and other materials. This will be the boots on the ground work of the assessment.

Goal #2

Following Completion of the CWPP the Nation's Wildland Fire Department will apply for implementation funds to implement the CWPP. This will consist of removing vegetation and other hazardous materials from the Nation's homes, fields and rivers.

Objective #1 Hire, with Grant funds, at least 2 additional staff for crew that will be working on the Nation's lands to mitigate all hazardous fire materials.

Objective #2 Implement plan as identified in CWPP to remove all hazardous materials

Objective #3 Community education on fire prevention and protection

Applicant Budget

	Grant	Match	TOTAL
	Funds Requested	Non-Federal Funds	Total Project Cost
Personnel/Labor:	\$ 76,960.00	\$ 56,088.00	\$ 133,048.00
Fringe Benefits:	\$ 15,392.00		\$ 15,392.00
Travel:	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
Equipment:	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Supplies:	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 136,000.00
Contractual:	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Other:			\$ 0.00
Indirect Costs:			\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 248,352.00	\$ 62,088.00	\$ 310,440.00

Project Budget Explanation (10 Points)

Provide any additional remarks needed to clarify your budget request. Clearly explain how the budget will be spent by line item, sources of match, and how expenditures are applicable and relevant to the goals and objectives of the project.

Personnel: 1 Supervisor 20 per hour = 41,600 per year
 1 Crew Member 17 per hour = 35,360
 Benefits: Benefits for supervisor and crew member @ 20% of Salary
 Travel: BIA Hazardous Materials Identification training for current and new staff
 3 days @ 300 per day for lodging, per diem and travel costs x 6 personnel = 5,400
 Local Forest Service Training 100 per day x 6 personnel = 600
 Supplies: 8 Chainsaws @ 1,200 each = 9,600
 Protective Clothing 1,000
 gloves
 outer wear
 respirators
 head protection - hard hats
 rakes, shovels
 Laptops 2 @ 1,200 each = 2,400
 Contract: 20,000 for contractor administer assessment funded by grant