

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2023
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION

A Resolution Authorizing the Nation to Submit a Grant Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region Rural Fire Readiness Program

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: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rural Fire Readiness Program
- (2) Amount of funding application: \$45,409.89
- (3) Term of grant: One Year – August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024
- (4) Matching funds and source: None required
- (5) Nation’s Department or Program administering the grant: Wildland Fire Department
- (6) Purpose and use of grant funds: Training and Purchase of PPE and Equipment
- (7) Budget attached or not required: Narrative and Budget 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 July 20 2023, by a vote of 8 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 (Fund Request) – BIA Rural Fire Readiness
Program

Narrative and Budget

July 20, 2023

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07/20/2023

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Subject: Rural Fire Readiness Project - Yavapai-Apache Nation Funding Request

Mr. Nosie:

On behalf of the Yavapai-Apache Nation ("Nation"), I am writing to request funding for the Rural Fire Readiness Project, which aims to improve the safety, capacity, and capabilities of rural cooperators, like the Yavapai-Apache Nation Wildland Fire Department, in protecting remote communities and natural resources, including the suppression of wildland fires within or in the vicinity of DOI Lands. The Nation's Wildland Fire Department plays a substantial cooperative role in the suppression of wildland fires within Department of Interior lands, including the Yavapai-Apache Nation Reservation.

Project Outline

The Rural Fire Readiness Project for the Nation will focus on three key areas to enhance the effectiveness of our wildland fire department:

1. **Training and Education:** We seek funding for wildland fire fighting training materials and travel expenses, enabling our firefighters to attend specialized training programs. By improving the skills and knowledge of the Nation's firefighters, we can ensure our department is well-prepared to handle the challenges of wildland fire suppression in rural and remote areas.
2. **Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** The funding will be utilized to acquire essential firefighting equipment, tools, radios and PPE for our 10-man fuels crew, as well as for equipping the type 6 engine recently acquired by the Nation for the Wildland Fire Department. Having the necessary equipment and gear will significantly enhance the safety and operational efficiency of our firefighters during fire suppression activities.
3. **Crew Hiring and Trainings:** To maximize the potential of the new type 6 engine, we intend to hire using the AD hiring new crewmembers on call when needed through the BIA Resource Ordering process. The funding will enable us to provide the required training and necessary PPE to ensure crewmember effectiveness in fire suppression operations.

4. **Budget:** The Nation is requesting a total RFR Fund allocation of \$45,409.89. The attached budget shows how the funds will be allocated for (a) Personnel Training, (b) PPE, and (c) Equipment for outfitting the Nation's type 6 engine. See attached Budget.

Meeting the Intended Use of the RFR Funding

The Nation's Rural Fire Readiness Project aligns perfectly with the intended uses of the available RFR funding by addressing equipment and manpower needs of the Nation in fulfilling the critical role of the Nation's Wildland Fire Department in protecting remote communities and natural resources.

By investing in improving our department's safety, capacity, and capabilities, we aim to strengthen our cooperative role in suppression of wildland fires within or in the vicinity of Department of Interior lands, including the Nation's reservation lands.

Measuring and Reporting Progress under the Nation's RFR Project

To ensure accountability and demonstrate the positive impact of the funding, the Nation will employ the following measurement and reporting mechanisms:

1. We will document and track the number of firefighters trained, the quantity and quality of equipment and PPE acquired, and the successful completion of hazardous fuels reduction projects.
2. We will gather feedback from the firefighters, community members, and stakeholders to assess the overall effectiveness and impact of the project on fire suppression efforts and community safety.
3. We commit to providing regular progress reports to the grantor, including financial update, implementation milestones, and documented outcomes. This will include the filing of all financial reporting required by the funding agency.

Schedule for Project Execution

The Rural Fire Readiness Project as outlined hereunder will be implemented over the remainder of FY2023 and into FY2024 (August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024). The exact Project execution timeline will be dependent in part on the availability of funds and length of the procurement process for equipment and training.

Conclusion

In closing, the Nation kindly request BIA support and partnership in funding the Rural Fire Readiness Project for the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The investment of RFR funds will directly contribute to the safety of our firefighters, the protection natural resources, and the successful suppression of wildland fires. We are confident that this project will yield significant long-term benefits and contribute to the overall resilience of our region.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our project in more detail and provide any necessary documentation including the project budget and supporting materials.

Sincerely,

Anthony F Sanchez
FMO Yavapai-Apache Nation
Wildland Fire Department

CC:

Tanya Lewis, Chairwoman
Tribal Council Yavapai-Apache Nation
Steven Schepman, Nation's Treasurer

**Yavapai-Apache Nation Wildland Fire Department
Rural Fire Readiness Project
Budget**

Personnel Training 2023/2024

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Total Cost: \$2,550.00

Personal Protective Equipment

Advance Brush Pants Small 2 X 546.25 = \$1092.50
Advance Brush Pants Medium 2 X 546.25 = \$1092.50
Advance Brush Pants Large 2 X 546.25 = \$1092.50
Advance Brush Pants XLarge 2 X 546.25 = \$2,185.00
Fire Shelter with Case 15 X \$566.00 = \$8,490.00
Training/Practice Fire Shelter Regular 3 X \$319.00 = \$957.00
Training/Practice Fire Shelter Large 2 X \$333.00 = \$666.00
PGI UL Classified NFPA USFS Five-Ply Wildland Forestry Chap 4 X \$253.00 = \$1,012.00
Heavy Duty Cowhide Work/Driving Glove with Pull Strap XLarge – Case of 12 1 X \$120.00 = \$120.00
Heavy Duty Cowhide Work/Driving Glove with Pull Strap Large – Case of 12 1 X \$120.00 = \$120.00
Heavy Duty Cowhide Work/Driving Glove with Pull Strap Medium – Case of 12 1 X \$120.00 = \$120.00
Pelican 2760 LED Headlamp 10 X \$46.50 = \$465.00

Total Cost: \$17,412.50

Equipment

Fire Hose NPSH 1" Thread 100' 10 X \$257.00 = \$2,570.00
Fire Hose NH 1" Thread 50' 5 X \$169.00 = \$847.50
Fire Hose NH 1-1/2" Thread 50' 5 X \$181.00 = \$905.00
Fire Hose NH 1-1/2" Thread 100' 10 X \$3,060.00
Aluminum Adapter 1-1/2 10 X \$40.00 = \$409.50
Rayovac Ultra Pro AAA Batteries – 24 pack 6 X \$17.05 = \$102.30
Indian/Fedco 500 FSV Collapsible "Smokechaser" Pistol Grip 10 X \$219.00 = \$2,190.00
Rayovac Ultra Pro AA Batteries – Case of 288 2 X \$193.80 = \$387.60
S&H Single Ended Spanner Wrench 8 X \$18.05 = \$144.40

Nozzle Bumperless Dual Range $\frac{3}{4}$ GHT 5 X \$99.95 = \$499.75
Nozzle Bumperless Dual Range 10/30 GPM GHT 5 X \$99.95 = \$499.75
Wye Valve 1.5 NH Female 5 X \$340.95 = \$1,704.75
Double Ended Spanner Wrench, Waterax (x5) 5 X \$340.95 = \$99.75
Wye Valve 1 IN. 5 X \$312.95 = \$1,564.75
Dual Connector Wye Valve, GHT (Brass) 5X \$14.99 = \$74.95
Coupling Double Female 1.5 NH Kochek (x5) 5 X \$98.95 = \$494.75
Hose Clamp Forestry Shut-Off, Kochek (x5) 5 X \$144.95 = \$724.75
33RSF Chain Roll 2 X \$629.99 = \$1,259.98
MS 462 RCM 25" Chainsaw 2 X \$1,389.99 = \$2,780.00
13/64' File – 3/8 8 X \$7.99 = \$63.92
Depth Gages File (1 Box = 12 Files) 1 X \$63.99 = \$63.99

Total Cost: \$20,446.39

Shipping & Applicable Taxes \$5,000.00

Budget Total: \$45,409.89