



Yavapai-Apache Nation

Draft Strategic Plan

2027 – 2032 Highlights

SHARED DIRECTION

COORDINATED ACTION

MEASURABLE PROGRESS

Five-Year Road Map

The Strategic Plan connects long-term priorities with action, resource alignment, and department progress reporting.

Helps guide the Nation's decisions by aligning;

- Priorities
- Planning
- Budgeting
- Services
- Long-Term Development



How the Strategic Plan Was Built

Council direction, department knowledge, community input, and data were organized into one planning framework.



Planning Inputs

Tribal Council priorities and planning sessions; department interviews and work plans; demographic data and community engagement; input on needs, risks, resources, and implementation.

Draft Status

The draft supports review, discussion, and Council direction. It does not rank projects or presume final Council priorities.

Council Prioritization

Tribal Council may advance, pause, resequence, or reconsider projects based on need, funding, readiness, staffing, legal requirements, and community impact.

Current Conditions

The plan responds to demographics, service demand, housing needs, workforce opportunities, and cultural preservation priorities.

Demographic Snapshot: Strength and Urgency

Key data points supporting investment in housing, workforce, public safety, health, culture, and language.

2,757

Enrolled Tribal members as of March 2026

1,450

Members residing within five Tribal communities

1,307

Members residing off-reservation

29

Median age

42%

Members under age 25

16,893

Social Services completed services in 2024

Key Highlights from the Strategic Plan

Young Population

Median age 29, with 42% of members under age 25 — reinforcing the need for education, workforce pathways, youth leadership, and cultural learning.

Housing & Infrastructure

Off-reservation residency, growth, and housing demand point to land readiness, utilities, roads, broadband, and expanded housing options.

Community Services

High social service demand and public safety concerns require coordinated prevention, ASA, behavioral health, family support, and emergency planning.

Language & Culture

Urgent preservation of Yavapai and Apache languages calls for classes, documentation, archives, curriculum, and intergenerational learning.

Five Pillars for Progress

The priorities work together to guide goals, department planning, funding decisions, and the Nation's long-term direction.

These goals are not presented in order of priority, as Tribal Council may adjust priorities as community needs evolve.

Flexibility and agility will be critical to achieving these goals while effectively serving the community.



1.

Economic Development and Diversification

Strengthen the Nation's long-term economy by expanding business and enterprise opportunities, preparing land and infrastructure for development, creating employment opportunities, and reducing reliance on limited revenue sources. Support economic growth while protecting cultural values, land, water, and natural resources.



2.

Workforce Development and Education

Prepare Tribal Members, youth, adults, and employees for future opportunities through education, GED support, college completion, trades, certifications, internships, apprenticeships, career placement, employee training, professional development, and succession planning. The goal is to build a skilled, educated, and culturally grounded Tribal workforce.



3.

Strong Governance and Operational Systems

Improve how the Tribal government operates through better policies, procedures, communication, technology, records, reporting, emergency preparedness, accountability, and department coordination. Strong systems help departments provide consistent services, improve efficiency, and stay aligned with Tribal Council priorities.



4.

Financial Sustainability and Self-Reliance

Strengthen the Nation's financial future through better budget planning, grant coordination, financial tracking, cost management, revenue generation, and long-term funding strategies. The goal is to reduce vulnerability to outside funding changes and support greater self-reliance.



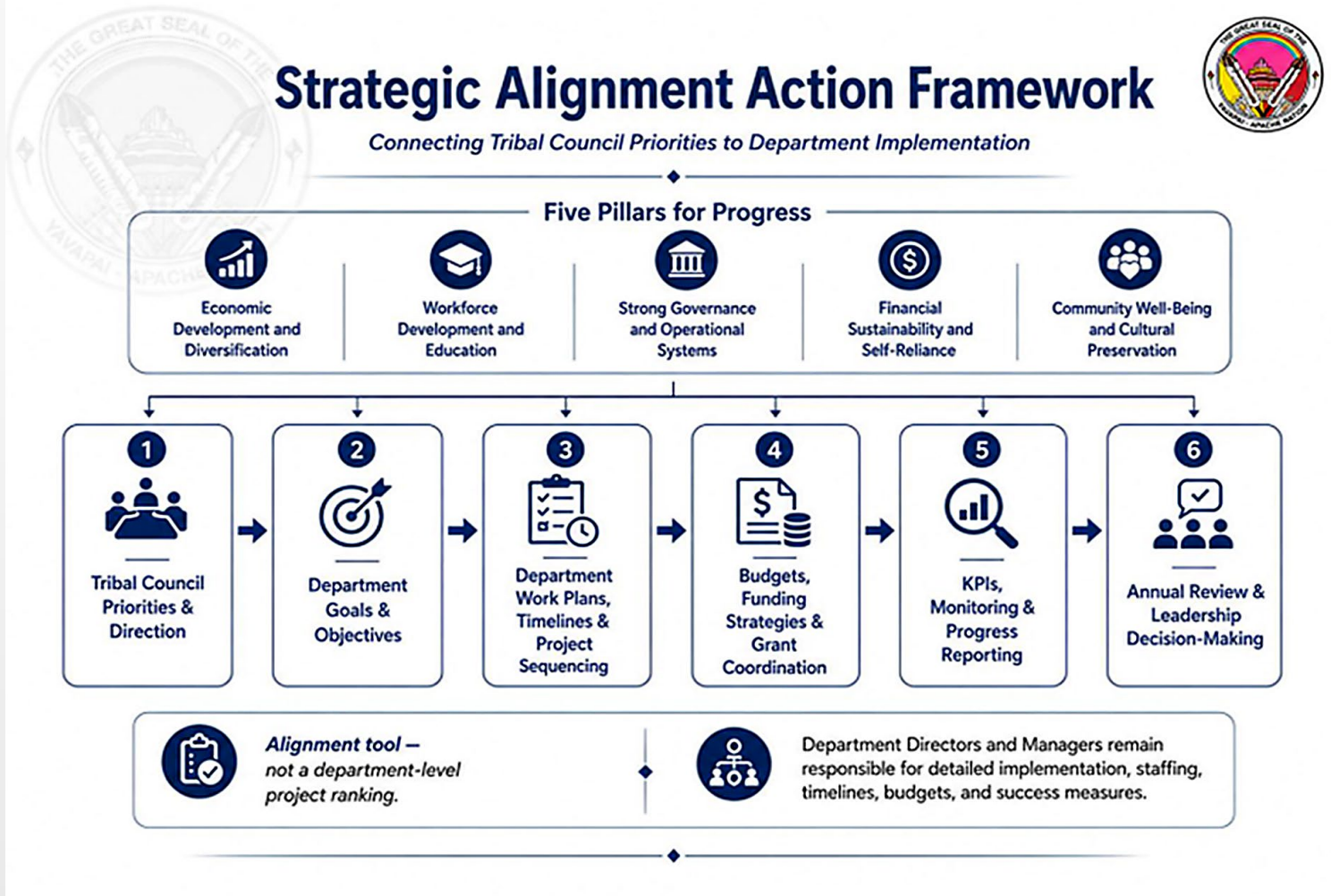
5.

Community Well-Being and Cultural Preservation

Focus on the health, safety, culture, and overall well-being of the people. This includes housing, health services, public safety, social services, youth and elder programs, family support, language preservation, cultural education, food sovereignty, water protection, and intergenerational learning. This pillar helps ensure that progress remains grounded in Yavapai and Apache identity, traditions, and responsibility to future generations.

Turning Strategy Into Action

A practical, living document that connects priorities to work plans, budgets, funding, reporting, and annual review.



How the plan moves forward

1. Align

Tribal Council priorities guide department goals and objectives.

2. Plan

Departments define actions, timelines, staffing, resources, and success measures.

3. Fund

Budget requests, grants, and resource strategies are tied to the Five Pillars.

4. Report

KPIs, progress updates, and annual review support accountability and Council decision-making.

Shared direction becomes coordinated action that can be tracked, adjusted, and carried forward for future generations.



Community Input Session

To be held

Saturday, July 18, 2026

9:00am – 1:00pm

Tunlii Community Building

Give your input on the Yavapai-Apache Nation Strategic Plan