

# **Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**

## **2017 Arizona Benefits Fund Grant Application**

### **Background**

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation continues to stand as a leader in giving back to Arizona communities since the establishment of its casino in the early 1990s. This willingness to share with neighbors is a central facet of Yavapai culture and is reflected in Fort McDowell's current motto, "*Never give up; always give back.*"

Over the years, Fort McDowell has shared its prosperity with several organizations that serve the public, stimulate economic and community development, and promote education. Recipients include local and national non-profits, Maricopa County, school districts, tourism programs, and public safety departments (e.g., law enforcement and fire).

The Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact calls for tribes to contribute up to 8 percent of gaming revenues to education, health care, tourism, economic development and wildlife programs. Further, tribes may donate 12 percent of their total annual contribution to Arizona cities, towns and counties for the provision of government services that benefit the public.

Fort McDowell is currently looking to award grants for programs and projects that focus on education, public safety, health, environment, and economic and community development. As such, Fort McDowell invites eligible cities, towns and counties to apply for a 2017 Arizona Benefits Funds Grant as part of its ongoing commitment to giving back.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible recipients for 2017 Arizona Benefits Fund Grants are limited to cities, towns and counties located within the State of Arizona, and organizations that partner with qualified cities, towns and counties to provide government services for the benefit of the public. Fort McDowell's policy is to generally focus on nearby municipalities and local organizations; however, all will be considered and are encouraged to apply.

Fort McDowell *will not* award 2017 Arizona Benefits Fund Grants for the following: state agencies or departments, municipalities outside of Arizona, other gaming tribes, individuals, sponsorships, religious activities, indirect or administrative costs, and programs or projects that solely benefit the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

### **Grant Application**

Applicants must submit a letter that includes the following information:

Applicant Info.:       Name and contact information for government entity/organization applying for grant funds.

**Primary Contact:** Name, address, e-mail and telephone numbers for the primary point of contact.

**Narrative:** A narrative of no more than two (2) pages describing the following:

1. The proposed program or project, and whether it is a new or continuing project;
2. The purpose of the program or project and how it meets one or more of Fort McDowell's funding priorities (i.e., education, public safety, health, environment, and economic and community development);
3. The need that the program or project aims to fulfill, the population targeted, and the estimated number of people who will be served by the grant;
4. The partners in the program or project, and other entities providing funding and support (please indicate whether the organization will be submitting applications to any other tribes); and
5. The timetable for implementation of the program or project.

**Signatures:** Signatures of the relevant representatives of the city, town or county. Applications without signatures will be considered incomplete.

**Attachments:** Attach a detailed budget for the program or project, a statement addressing the need for long-term funding (if applicable), and any other relevant attachments that will give the Grant Committee a fuller understanding of the program or project. The budget is required; however, other attachments are optional.

### **Important Dates**

February 17, 2017: Grant applications made available to the public.

May 1, 2017: All completed grant applications must be hand-delivered, received by mail, or submitted electronically in PDF format no later than 5:00 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered.

August 25, 2017: Notification sent to the awardees. Additional instructions will be sent at this time.

### **Contact and Submission Information**

All inquiries must be directed to Selena Castaneda, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council Secretary at (480) 789-7111 or [Prop202@ftmcdowell.org](mailto:Prop202@ftmcdowell.org).

If submitting an application electronically, please send the file in PDF format only to [Prop202@ftmcdowell.org](mailto:Prop202@ftmcdowell.org). Please include "Prop 202 Grant Application" in the subject line.

If submitting an application via mail, please send it to the following address:

Mrs. Selena Castaneda  
Tribal Secretary  
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 17779  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269  
Attn.: Prop 202 Grant Application

If hand-delivering an application, please mark it as “Prop 202 Grant Application” and deliver it to:

Tribal Secretary’s Office  
17661 East Yavapai Road  
Fort McDowell, AZ 85269

**Further Information**

For further information about Fort McDowell’s application process, please visit our website at [www.fmyn.org](http://www.fmyn.org).

For further information about the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compacts, please visit the Arizona Department of Gaming website at <https://gaming.az.gov/>.