

Drug Free Communities Meeting

Date: Monday, May 15, 2017

Place: Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center
Peridot Conference Room
5880 S. Hospital Drive
Globe, AZ 85501

Presiding: Chuck Turney, G.C. Health Department

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Mary Wilkerson, SEABHS
Evelyn Vargas, CVRMC
Fernando Shipley, State Farm Insurance
Aimee Station, Cobre Valley Youth Center
Sandy Palmer, GCIDA
Linda Gross, Globe-Miami Times Media
James Medina, Miami Town Council
Ms. Medina, Miami Resident
Margo Badilla, CVRMC
Radley Beauchamp, G.C. Attorney
Mark Nipp, Police Chief, City of Globe

Focus: Short term: New construction infrastructure;
Long term: Communitywide infrastructure and housing.

Need: San Carlos Apache Nation is a growing population faced with a severe housing shortage, lack of infrastructure and aging infrastructure; lack of fire protection; lack of street lights.

Call to Order:

Mr. Boni opened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Discussion of Focus:

Fire Protection

Fire protection is a critical element of safety that is lacking on the reservation. Infrastructure projects will address the lack of fire hydrants in new communities, possible options for existing

residents include: retrofitting existing homes with fire sprinklers connected to water tanks, neighborhood water tanks in lieu of fire hydrants. Potential source for grant funds: State Fire Marshall, Department of Forestry, FEMA.

Due to the issue of overcrowding, most homes on the reservation use five times more water than the average household. The high volume of water use causes the water pressure to drop. If the reservation had fire hydrants, the lack of water pressure might present an issue.

The majority of the homes in San Carlos are located off dirt roads. An off-road fire truck would be more appropriate for the terrain. The fire department and EMT need a building and various supplies (gurneys, medical equipment, etc.). Check with FEMA, the Army, GSA, Alliance, and other government surplus warehouses for needed equipment and supplies. FEMA might have a modular building to use as a temporary fire department until grant funds can be secured.

Tax Credit- Tribal Set-Aside

The Tribal set-aside for the State Tax Credit program has been reduced to one tribal set-aside. The competition for the one set-aside is fierce. San Carlos is experiencing a population increase that is compounding the housing shortage. State Representatives need to push for an increase in Tribal Tax Credit set-asides.

Immediate Infrastructure Funding Needed

Infrastructure funds are needed for a potential 200 home subdivision near the casino. The land is located off Highway 70. Costs to bring infrastructure from the highway to the subdivision is approximately \$1.5 million. Check on Colonia fund set-asides with EPA, HUD, USDA. Federal and State designations. Check Gila and Graham Counties for Resolutions. IHS Sanitation funds.

Smart Growth

Smart growth incorporates quality of life components with infrastructure planning. Art, recreational activities, community parks and gardens, wellness center, community center with computer programs, social services, crime and blight reduction programs, and cultural preservation are a few of the components of smart growth. Foundation and private grants can be paired with state and federal grants to execute projects.

ICDBG Rehab Grant

Chuk Hill mentioned the challenge with stretching ICDBG rehab grant funds. With environmental requirements and other costs, project dollars get whittled down.

Espy Holguin mentioned several programs that can be utilized to stretch ICDBG funds: HUD's 3060 program, self-help housing programs, ITCA weatherization program, Department of Energy programs, and EPA's environmental assessment funds.

Health Department Housing

Mr. Boni mentioned the Tribal Health Department's plans to demolish 20-25 homes to convert the property into a college. The homes need abatement, weatherization, etc. The homes could be stripped down and rehabilitated, there's a desperate need for housing. The hospital housing is being given to the Tribe. Need to identify funding to rehab the houses.

Choice Neighborhoods Grant

Look at last years' applications and the 2016 NOFA.

Grant application should include a community-wide transformation plan; smart growth; leverage funds by adding community components, such as a youth center; identify in-kind/matching for grant application: staff time, equipment, overhead, etc.

Are new builds eligible under this grant due to housing shortage? Or is it demo and rehab only. SCHA has 34 homes that need rehab. Hospital has 20-25 homes that need rehab. Select a district that has the most distressed homes. Possible to have homeowners deed their homes to SCHA for rehab under this grant?

American Community Survey. HUD dictates the poverty level for state and country.

Priorities:

1. Housing
2. Infrastructure
3. Fire Protection

Schedule Target Meetings:

Fire Protection:

Fire Department, Department of Forestry

Housing:

Department of Energy (weatherization), HUD (SHOP, HACK), Habitat, CPLC- regional approach with larger non-profits like CPLC for housing counsel, financial literacy programs, mortgage programs.

Task List:

1. Break projects into phases and identify funding sources-- Espy and Sandy;
2. Write a letter to representatives requesting an increase in Tribal Tax Credit set-aside-
Chuck;
3. Research Colonia designation in Gila and Graham Counties—Espy and Sandy;
4. Look into federal surplus supplies—Espy and Sandy;
5. Locate all infrastructure maps—Chuck;
6. Research Choice Neighborhoods: former awards; rehab, replace, new build—Tod

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Copper Hen Bakery & Café

157 W. Cedar Street

Globe, AZ 85501

Agenda items:

- Review infrastructure maps
- Discuss master strategy