



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT  
COMMITTEE**

**Application Form  
For FY 2013-2014 Grants**

- A. Name of Jurisdiction: North County Fire Protection District
- B. Mailing Address of Jurisdiction: 330 S. Main Ave Fallbrook, CA, 92028
- C. Name of Project: Highway 76 Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption Project
- D. Impacts are associated with which casino(s)? Pala, Pauma, Rincon
- E. The following uses are the priorities for receipt of grant money.  
Please check all the priorities the project satisfies:

Law Enforcement	Fire Services X	Emergency Medical Services X
Environmental Impacts	Water Supplies	Waste Disposal
Behavioral Health	Public Health	Planning and Adjacent Land Uses
Roads	Recreation and Youth Programs	Child Care Programs

- F. On a separate sheet, please provide the following: (see attached)
  - 1) A complete description of the project;

- 2) Evidence showing the relationship between the project and impacts on your jurisdiction associated with the particular casino(s) listed under “D” above, and data linking the percentage of the requested funding to the percentage of impacts associated with particular casinos (include the data source); and
- 3) An explanation of how the proposed project will mitigate impacts of casino(s).

AB 2515 (2012) amended Government Code Section 12715(b)(1)(A) establishing all application policies and procedures for grants from the Individual Tribal Casino Account or County Tribal Casino Account. *Each grant application shall clearly show how the grant will mitigate the impact of the casino on the grant applicant.* Maps, tables, data and/or a descriptions should be attached to this application to provide an explanation and documentation for the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. This information is necessary for the IGLCBC to review and to make a determination of how the grant mitigates proportional share and compliance with all requirements established in Government Code Section 12715(b)(1)(A).

G. Type of grant for which you are applying: (Check each that applies)

- 1. **60% Nexus Grant (note that only County of San Diego Offices and Departments are eligible for this type of grant)<sup>1</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **20% Non-Nexus Grant** \_\_\_\_\_

These “20% Non-Nexus Grants” are intended only for local jurisdictions (County, cities and special districts) impacted by Barona and/or Sycuan Casinos.

- 3. **20% Non-Nexus Grant**   X

These “20% Non-Nexus Grants” are intended for local jurisdictions (County, cities and special districts) impacted by casinos of Tribes NOT paying into the Special Distribution Fund<sup>2</sup> and for assistance to local jurisdictions for one-time large capital projects.

- H. What is the project’s estimated time frame? July 2014 – December 2014
- I. Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s): 50%
- J. Amount of funding requested through this application: \$ 11,899.30
- K. What will be the total cost of the project? \$ 23,798.60

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<sup>1</sup> County of San Diego is the only “local government jurisdiction” that meets two or more nexus criteria.  
<sup>2</sup> Campo, La Jolla (proposed), La Posta, Pala, Pauma, Rincón, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel and Viejas Bands.

- L. If total cost of the project exceeds amount of funding requested, please name other sources of funding that will be contributed to the project and the amount provided by each source: The balance of the funds will come from the District General Fund.
  
- M. On a separate sheet, please describe how you intend to meet the requirement that grant recipients must provide notice to the public, either through a slogan, signage or other mechanism, which states that the project has received funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and further identifies the particular Individual Tribal Casino Account from which the grant derives.  
(see attached)

Please e-mail the complete Application to [Eric.Lardy@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Lardy@sdcounty.ca.gov) **AND** hand-deliver or mail a copy with the page containing the original Authorized Signature to the following address **by March 26, 2014**.

County of San Diego  
Attn. Mr. Eric Lardy  
1600 Pacific Highway  
Room 212, MS A6  
San Diego, CA 92101

I, Ed Sprague, hereby acknowledge that the grant funds requested herein shall be used solely for the purpose that to the best of my knowledge mitigates impacts from casino projects. In compliance with AB 158, I agree to ensure that all grant funds received shall be deposited in a separate interest-bearing account; and at the completion of the project, I agree to return any earned interest or cost savings from the project to the County for reallocation by the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

**Submitted by:** Ed Sprague

Title: Deputy Fire Chief, NCFPD

(Print name)

Date: March 20, 2014

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(Authorized Signature)

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**North County Fire Protection District**

**San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee**

**State Route-76 Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption Cost Sharing Project**

**F1. Description of the Project**

The North County Fire Protection District (NCFPD) is requesting funds in the amount of \$11,899.30 to assist us with the purchase and installation of Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption devices (Opticom ®) at 3 intersections along State Route-76. The amount requested represents a one-half cost share partnership with the San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

Opening in late 2012 the Middle Segment of State Route-76 from Melrose Drive in Oceanside to South Mission Road in Bonsall required the replacement or initial installation of 3 new traffic signals within NCFPD's jurisdiction. Although the project cost \$171.4 million, CalTrans failed to fund or equip these new intersections with Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption (EVP) devices. EVP devices, commonly known as Opticom ® allow an approaching emergency vehicle to automatically request the right-of-way and temporarily control the traffic signal. This technology greatly reduces the chances of cross traffic entering the intersection during emergency response thereby enhancing first responder and motorist safety.

If approved by the IGLCBC, this project will assist with the purchase and installation of EVP equipment at the following intersections:

1. State Route-76 at North River Road, Bonsall
2. State Route-76 at Via Montellano, Bonsall
3. State Route-76 at Thoroughbred Lane, Bonsall

Additionally, this project will equip 2 NCFPD Fire Engines stationed along the State Route-76 corridor with the strobe emitters necessary to communicate with the installed EVP equipment.

The EVP equipment specified in this project will be compatible with all San Diego North Zone fire apparatus. Therefore, project benefits will be realized by regional fire agencies beyond NCFPD.

### **Project Funding**

The requested amount of \$11,899.30 will cover one-half of the \$23,798.60 cost to purchase and install the EVP equipment at the aforementioned intersections along the State Route-76 corridor. The remaining costs will come from the District's general fund. The funds requested in this project represent a cost sharing partnership with the IGLCBC and our best assessment of NCFPD calls for service related to travelers transiting through the District en route to Pala, Pauma, and Rincon casinos as well as direct responses to reservation properties.

NCFPD is not unlike the vast majority of special district jurisdictions in San Diego County that have experienced significant revenue reductions the past 6 years. Because of this an increasing percentage of District funds are utilized simply to maintain existing service levels. Several capital projects such as Emergency Vehicle Preemption have been deferred. The District's ability to fund this project solely with general fund revenues without the assistance of our community partners and their funding programs is limited. Concurrently, we recognize that the IGLCBC should not bear the burden of 100% of this project's cost.

It should be noted that NCFPD made considerable effort to engage CalTrans and seek a solution to the oversight that necessitated this project. Unfortunately, those efforts were unsuccessful. As CalTrans now begins work on the \$201 million Final Segment of State Route-76, we hope to address EVP proactively.

### **F2. Project Relationship to Area Casinos**

North County Fire Protection District provides fire, rescue, and emergency medical response to 90 square miles in north San Diego County adjacent to the western boundary of the Pala Band of Mission Indians Reservation. "First in" areas include both Interstate-15 and State Route-76. Nearly all visitors to Pala and Pauma Casinos will transit these routes.

State Route-76 serves as the main transportation corridor for northern San Diego county casino patrons visiting from local cities as well as those from greater coastal southern California communities.

NCFPD has realized an increase in call activity in the past several years on State Route-76. Caltrans predicts traffic volume will double on this vital highway over the next 20 years. The current \$201 million expansion project, which is contained entirely within the District, will complete widening from Interstate-5 to Interstate-15. Once complete, residents of San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles counties will no longer be required to transit a challenging and often dangerous two-lane road to visit the Casino/Resorts referenced in this project. As a safer and modern State Route-76 benefits casino guests and employees, the increased traffic volume will undoubtedly result in increased calls for service among emergency response providers.

Emergency Vehicle Preemption technology detailed in this project will provide a more expeditious and safe response for all concerned.

### **Statistical Data**

The statistical information that was obtained to analyze response data and traffic volume for Interstate-15 and State Route-76 comes from the following sources:

- Firehouse RMS Software (program utilized by the District to report incident data to the State and Federal Government NFIRS) 2011-2013
- Visinet Software (program utilized by NorthComm JPA, which provides dispatch services to NCFPD, Pala Reservation Fire, Pauma Reservation Fire, and 12 additional Fire and EMS agencies within northern San Diego County. 2011-2013
- California Highway Patrol (Beat 65 and 28 State Route 76 Corridor Collision Statistics 2007-2013)
- Tribal Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Pala Casino and Spa Expansion Project, Dated March 28, 2007 (Final)
- State Route 76 South Mission Road to Interstate 15 Highway Improvement Project, Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Dated January 2012

- Caltrans, Reservation Transportation Authority, SANDAG Report: *San Diego, California: A Tribal Consortium Enhances Tribal/State Coordination Efforts*

Based on an analysis of 2011-2013 data NCFPD responded to an annual average of 456 vehicle related incidents. Of those, 57% (261 annually) were located on Interstate-15 and State Route-76. NCFPD also responded to an additional 44 calls for service (vehicle fires, medical aids, fuel spills, etc) annually for other related emergencies along these transportation corridors. State Route-76 has experienced 10 traffic fatalities in the past three years and has been the subject of the CalTrans public awareness campaign *Safe Driving on 76 Is No Accident*.

The 2007 Environmental Impact Study for an expansion of the Pala Casino and Resort identifies, “The proposed project could result in increased demands for law enforcement, fire, and emergency services from off-Reservation stations.”

As local Indian Gaming fuels regional economic prosperity, Caltrans EIR projects population growth in the Pala/Pauma area to increase 126% between 2000 and 2030. This is 3 times the San Diego County rate of 42% for the same time period.

### **F3. Mitigating Casino Impacts**

The District is responding to an increasing number of incidents along the State Route-76 and Interstate-15 roadways ranging from vehicle accidents to medical aids and fires. NCFPD is the closest continually staffed non-tribal fire department that provides assistance to the Pala Indian Reservation on large scale incidents. NCFPD and Pala have entered into automatic aid and “dropped boundary” agreements facilitating the sharing of all resources for our customers. Resources are shared with Pauma on a mutual aid basis. NCFPD, Pala, and Pauma share a common dispatch center and communications plan.

As the North County, Pala, and Pauma Fire departments share a common dispatch center, we provide our Command unit as well as all fire and EMS resources to the reservations on a CAD driven “Automatic-Aid” basis.

In our proposed project we look to partner with the San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to enhance first responder safety

while often serving guests, patrons, employees, and motorists associated with area gaming. Our Emergency Vehicle Traffic Preemption project is proposed on a cost sharing basis as we believe that mitigating impacts local casino gaming through vital infrastructure enhancement is consistent with the IGLCBC mission.

### **M. Providing Notice to the Public**

North County Fire recognizes its obligation to publicly acknowledge our community partners. These relationships allow tax payer funded emergency service providers to deliver essential services in a challenging economic climate.

North County Fire Protection District will accomplish notifying the public of this grant in three ways. First, there will be a press release in the UT/North County Times on the funds that were received.(See attached Press Release for FY2012-2013 SDF Award)

Second, the District will provide the information detailed above on its website.

Third, the District operates an electronic bill board in front of its administrative headquarters. Centrally located in downtown Fallbrook, it is used to communicate fire safety messages and relevant information to the community 24/7. This media could be utilized to acknowledge NCFPD/IGLCBC community partnership.

Fourth, as a special district, NCFPD is governed by a locally elected Board of Directors. This project would be recognized by the Board at a public meeting and entered into the record.

The North County Fire Protection District would like to thank the IGLCBC and all involved for their consideration of our proposal.