



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

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

A. Name of Jurisdiction: Valley Center Fire Protection District  
 B. Mailing Address of Jurisdiction: 28234 Lilac Road  
Valley Center, CA 92082

C. Name of Project: 4WD Water Tender Fire Apparatus

D. Impacts are associated with which casino(s)? Pala, Pauma, Rincon, San Pasqual

E. The following uses are the priorities for receipt of grant money.  
Please check all the priorities the project satisfies:

Law Enforcement	Fire Services <b>XXX</b>	Emergency Medical Services <b>XXX</b>
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:

- 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).

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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> N/A
2. **20% Non-Nexus Grant** N/A

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** xxx

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? 180 Days

I. Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s): 100%

<sup>1</sup> County of San Diego is the only "local government jurisdiction" that meets two or more nexus criteria.

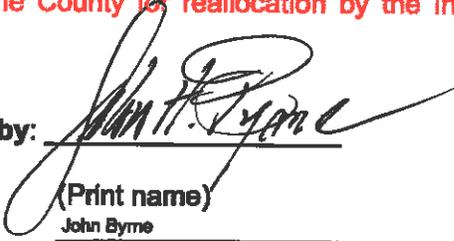
<sup>2</sup> Campo, La Jolla (proposed), La Posta, Pala, Pauma, Rincón, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel and Viejas Bands.

- J. Amount of funding requested through this application: \$ 235,000.00
- K. What will be the total cost of the project? \$ 235,000.000
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 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.

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, **John Byrne**, 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: 

(Print name)  
John Byrne

(Authorized Signature)

Title: District Administrator

Date: 03/24/2014

CONTACT PERSON: Name: John Byrne  
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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE  
ATTACHMENT F1, F2, F3 AND M**

**Introduction:**

The Valley Center Fire Protection District was formed by a majority vote of the people in 1982. We have a 5 member elected Board of Directors who governs the District. The Directors are elected, volunteer members of the community and the VCFPD.

VCFPD contracts with the San Pasqual Indian Reservation Fire Dept for a Chief and six Captains. We average 30 Firefighters who District employees are making a basic minimum wage while in training. We consider all the Firefighters to be career employees, not volunteers. We also utilize a District Fire Marshal, a District Administrator, a Secretary, and a part-time bookkeeper.

VCFPD has 2 fire stations staffed with 1 San Pasqual Captain and 3 Firefighters daily on each front line engine. We own 3 front-line Type 1 Fire Engines, 1 Rescue Squad, and 1 Type 2 Fire Engine.

VCFPD also contracts with the County of San Diego for funding of a Paramedic ambulance transport service provided by Mercy Ambulance Transportation Inc. This is an exclusive operating area which covers most of Northeast unincorporated County area.

The VC Fire Protection District is 84.5 sq. miles. We serve a population of over 23,000 people. We respond to approximately 1,300 calls a year. Our average response time has increased due to traffic concerns to 9 minutes on average. Within the VCFPD service area is 1 CAL FIRE staffed station and 1 San Pasqual Indian Fire Department station. Just outside (1/2 mile) the VCFPD service area is Rincon Indian Fire Department station.

**F1. Project Description:**

The Valley Center Fire Protection District (VCFPD) is proposing to purchase one (1) New fully equipped 4WD Water Tender Fire Apparatus for the District. VCFPD responds to incidents such as: structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle accidents, haz mat incidents, multi-casualty incidents, natural disasters and others. VCFPD is requesting financial assistance from the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (IGLCBC) for \$235,000.00; the acquisition of apparatus will significantly assist the District, Valley Center residents, neighboring Tribal Communities and other fire agencies during mutual aid incidents. The VCFPD has an urgent need to increase its water resource ability, while decreasing the delivery time, to the scene of large-scales fires, as seen in years 2003 and 2007. Presently, VCFPD is deficient in this area. VCFPD does not have a water tender apparatus; the need for this apparatus is a matter of public safety for the residents of Valley Center, Tribal communities, and the many visitors traveling through the area, the majority heading to casino venues. Like many other rural fire

departments, the VCFPD recognizes its deficiencies, but due to a slim annual budget, it cannot afford the cost of purchasing and equipping a water tender apparatus of our own.

Valley Center is rural living and considered a high-risk wildland area, prone to fire. Fire hydrants are not always available. Access to our own water tender would be invaluable in supplying water to firefighting operations, enabling Valley Center Fire Protection District to operate in remote locations for extended periods.

The local community of Valley Center, and Tribal communities are well aware of mandatory fire regulations, however visitors driving through from outside areas where wildland fires are not a major concern pose a problem. It just takes a cigarette thrown out a car window, combined with high winds, and before you know it, there's fire spreading in all points of the compass. Creating a major life-and property-threatening situation. Therefore, a continuous, sufficient water supply is of the utmost necessity to combat all types of hostile fires.

An acquisition of a water tender will allow for safe and effective command and control of various emergencies, incidents, and natural disasters throughout North County. Including, neighboring Tribal communities' of Pala, Pauma, Rincon, and San Pasqual. The rapid deployment of a water tender during these incidents provides a direct link between allied agencies and first responders. In effect, will result in immediate response, recovery, and mitigation of these incidents.

The requested funding shall purchase a new Water Tender Fire Apparatus:

**Cab and Chassis:** 4WD International Chassis of sufficient length to accommodate all required features, fully loaded vehicle shall not exceed manufacturer's specifications.

**Tank:** Tank shall have a capacity of at least 2500 U.S. gallons.

**Pump:** 750 gpm (minimum) pump

**Lighting/Equipment:** Apparatus shall be equipped with emergency lighting package, amber directional light bar mounted on water tank, equipped with siren, and 800 MHz radio communications – approved by County RCS. Apparatus shall conform to requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet #1901. Tax, shipping, installation of various components has been included in the overall cost of: **\$235,000.00.**

The water tender apparatus will have proper storage to be able to effectively carry equipment, hose, ladders, wildland and structural fire gear, and associated firefighting tools, etc. This new vehicle will aid in resolving mobility and accessibility to certain locations, as well as accomplishing the objective, to minimize the threat to the health and safety of the public during an emergency.

The ability to respond with a reliable and properly equipped apparatus to an emergency will directly benefit both the patrons of Casinos and residents of Valley Center and Tribal communities of San Pasqual, Rincon, Pala and Pauma.

Upon notification of award, the command vehicle will be purchased and will take approximately 180 days for outfitting and delivery.

**F2. Evidence showing the relationship between the project and impacts on you 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 (including the data source);  
and**

San Diego North County casinos are commonly located in rural areas of the county that during the spring, summer and fall months are highly visited and susceptible to both large and small vegetation fires. Whether a vegetation fire starts off the road that leads directly to a casino or a fire is threatening a road that supports vehicle traffic to and from the casino. It is imperative that rapid fire suppression is initiated quickly and completely. A quick and effective knock down of vegetation fires will ensure a timely return to service of emergency personnel and more efficient return to service of casino and other operation's.

San Pasqual, Rincon, Pala casino's offer hotel and resort accommodations. These accommodations are high rise, multiple occupancy structures. If a high rise structure would become involved in a fire, the water tender fire apparatus would be utilized to provide rapid deployment of water to assist in the firefighting effort.

The San Diego North County, within the last 11 years has seen plenty of wildland fire activity. Fires have had an adverse effect on both local and tribal communities, including gaming venues. The 2003 Paradise Fire affected the Tribal communities of Rincon and San Pasqual and areas of Valley Center, Deer Springs, Lake Wohlford, burning 56,700 acres. The Paradise fire destroyed 415 various structures, 75 vehicles, and injured 20 fire-fighters, 4 civilians, and killing 2 civilians. 2007 also saw wildfire activity. The Poomacha Fire started on the La Jolla Tribal Community, burned towards Valley Center, including the tribal communities of La Jolla, Rincon, and Pauma. The Poomacha destroyed 50,176 acres, 220 buildings and injured 21 fire-fighters. The Rice Canyon Fire, adjacent to the Pala community, destroyed 9,472 acres, 248 buildings, injured 5 fire-fighters and forced the closure of Interstate 15.

Considering the fire history of the area, severe drought conditions, year long threat of wildfires in and around the tribal communities, 24 hour district coverage of four tribal gaming venues, three multiple story hotels of Valley View, Pala, and Harrah's Rincon. In addition to the adjacent tribal reservation lands, it's is the opinion of the VCFPD the proportionate share of the projects mitigating the impact of the District should be 100% of the requested funds.

Additionally, increased traffic flow to Valley View, Rincon, Pauma, and Pala Casino's requires the VCFPD to maintain a higher level of staffing and equipment to support our mission. Currently, Valley View and Harrah's Rincon have both under gone major expansions, to include dining, hotel expansions and concert venues.

As the Casinos grow, and the economic bases of the tribes expand, so does the traffic through our district. Resulting, in an increase of emergency call volume.

**F3. An Explanation of how the proposed project will mitigate impacts of casino(s).**

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The increase in traffic from Tribal Gaming, comes the increase in vehicular traffic, which results in an increase in vehicle fires along the corridor's to and from Tribal Gaming Casinos. The VCFPD has a formal signed automatic aid agreement with the Pala, Pauma, Rincon, and San Pasqual Tribal Fire Departments for immediate fire and rescue services. The District also participates in both mutual aid and automatic aid as part of the North Zone Automatic Aid Plan. As such, our equipment and personnel routinely lend assistance to all emergency agencies in the North County geographical region.

Due to the geographical relationship connecting the tribal casinos and the Valley Center Fire Protection District, both visitors and employees traveling through our jurisdiction every day will benefit from a water tender fire apparatus.

The requested funding for a water tender fire apparatus vehicle has a positive cost benefit to the Tribal Communities and the gaming venues and will serve the region well in the response and mitigation of emergencies in years to come.

#### **Geography/Terrain**

Valley Center is located at 33°14'26" North, 117°0'51" West (33.240485, -117.014262)1. According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 75.8 km<sup>2</sup> (29.3 mi<sup>2</sup>). 75.8 km<sup>2</sup> (29.3 mi<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and none of it is covered by water. Most of the terrain in the District is rugged, offering step hillsides and deep canyons.

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

**The Valley Center Fire Protection District will accommodate the public announcement by submitting press releases to the North County Times, Valley Center Roadrunner, and Meadow Lark Newspapers. Press release shall include picture with Tribal leaders. A press release will be included on fire districts website as well as announced at community meetings and forums.**