

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

**Application Form
For FY 2012-2013 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: New Advanced Life Support Ambulance
- 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:
 - 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.*

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)¹** _____

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**

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 Fund² and for assistance to local jurisdictions for one-time large capital projects.

H. What is the project's estimated time frame? June 2013 – December 2013

I. Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s): 33%

J. Amount of funding requested through this application: \$62,771

K. What will be the total cost of the project? \$188,315

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.

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

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

- 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 **AND** hand-deliver or mail a copy with the page containing the original Authorized Signature to the following address **by March 1, 2013**.

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)

Ed Sprague

Date: February 27, 2013

(Authorized Signature)

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North County Fire Protection District

San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee

ALS Ambulance Cost Sharing Project

Description of the Project

The North County Fire Protection District (NCFPD) is requesting funds in the amount of \$62,771.00 to assist us with the purchase of a new Advanced Life Support Ambulance. The amount requested represents a one-third cost share partnership with the San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. The ambulance (Medic-1194) will be placed into service at the NCFPD Station #4 which is located on the eastern end of the District. Medic-1194's "First in" areas include both Interstate-15 and State Route-76, the principal transportation corridors for visitors to Pala and Pauma Casinos.

This ambulance is the closest ALS unit that provides assistance to the Pala Indian Reservation. NCFPD and Pala have entered into an automatic aid and "dropped boundary" agreement 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.

NCFPD is a combination fire department serving an area of 92 square miles in northern San Diego County, California including the communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow. The community can best be described as suburban with a limited urban area (town center). In addition, the District serves another 90 square miles within its "sphere of influence", that is, we are the closest available emergency medical and firefighting resource for these areas which to the east borders the Pala Indian Reservation. The total population served by NCFPD is approximately 49,000. The District operates five stations staffed with career and part-time reserve firefighters and one station that is 100% volunteer. A single on-duty Battalion Chief provides response for command of emergencies to the entire geographic area. All paid personnel are trained to the State equivalent of NFPA 1001 Firefighter II level.

Project Funding

The requested amount of \$62,771 will cover one-third of the \$188,315 cost to purchase the type of ALS ambulance utilized by the District and staffed by 2 firefighters. The remaining two-thirds will come from the District's general fund. The funds requested in this project represent a cost sharing partnership with the IGLBC 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 5 years. Because of this an increasing percentage of District funds are utilized simply to maintain existing service levels. Several large capital projects such as the replacement of emergency vehicles 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 IGLBC should not bear the burden of 100% of this project's cost.

Project Relationship to Area Casinos

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) 2010-2012
- 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. 2010-2012
- California Highway Patrol (Beat 65 and 28 State Route 76 Corridor Collision Statistics 2006-2012)
- 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 2010-2012 data NCFPD responded to an annual average of 459 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 9 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*.

NCFPD has realized an increase in call activity in the past several years on both routes. Caltrans predicts traffic volume will double over the next 20 years. State Route-76 is currently undergoing a \$201,000,000 expansion project within the District that will complete widening from Interstate-5 to Interstate-15. These are the principal traffic corridors utilized by residents of San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties to visit the 3 Casino/Resorts referenced in this project.

Major roadways within the District include 10 miles of Interstate-15, which is the primary inland north-south freeway connecting San Diego to Riverside and Los Angeles Counties, and 6 miles of State Route-76, which connects Interstate-15 to the Pala, Pauma and Rincon Indian reservations and casinos. These two roadways are the primary travel routes that are used by patrons of all three casinos.

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.

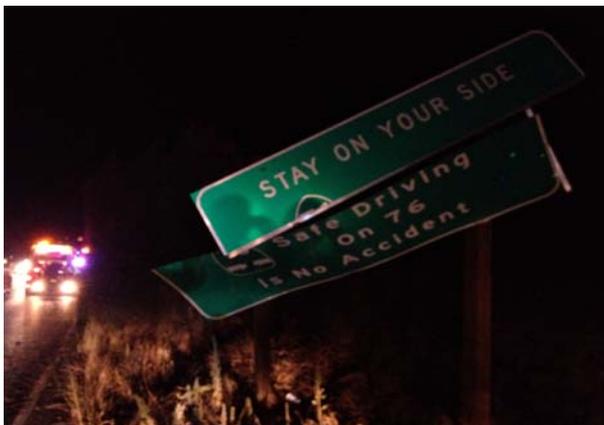
Mitigating Casino Impacts

The District is responding to an increasing number of incidents along the SR-76/I-15 roadways ranging from vehicle accidents to medical aids and fires. Common to many of these responses is the need for an Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipped Paramedic Ambulance. North County Fire provides this resource (Medic-1194) from our Station 4 located at 4375 Pala Mesa Drive in Fallbrook. This station fronts Interstate-15 and serves State Route-76 from Bonsall to Pala. Additionally, it is the closest off-reservation ALS ambulance to Pala and frequently provides service to the resort and casino when the Pala ambulance (6691) is engaged. As the North County, Pala, and Pauma Fire departments share a common dispatch center, we provide our ALS ambulance to the reservations on a CAD driven "Automatic-Aid" basis. NCFPD fire and rescue resources are provided in a similar manner.

In our proposed project we look to partner with the San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to replace our aging ALS ambulance operating out of NCFPD Station 4. This unit has provided years of service to not just the residents of the District but to guests, patrons, employees and residents both visiting and transiting to and from local casinos. Specifically, our ambulance replacement project is proposed on a two-thirds/one-third cost sharing basis with the IGLCBC as we estimate that mitigating local casino gaming represents approximately one-third of this unit's activity.

Providing Notice to the Public

NCFPD 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. Second, we will place lettering on the ambulance that indicates partial funding came from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (see below). Third, we plan to have a formal presentation at one of our District Board Meetings to acknowledge the grant. The District would like to thank all involved for their consideration of our proposal.



2012 NCFPD incident – Pala Casino employee involved in traffic collision on SR-76

NCF Engine-1114 Graphic acknowledging NCFPD/IGSDF partnership (FY 2010-2011)

