

Ramona Fire Department

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Date: March 8, 2012

To: **INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

From: Burke Kremensky

Ramona Fire Department

If the Ramona Fire Department receives grant funding for this project the Department will provide notice to the public with a paid add thanking the committee in the Ramona Sentinel news paper and the San Diego Union Tribune. In addition signage will be placed on the ambulance which states that the ambulance purchase has received funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and further identifies the particular Individual Tribal Casino Account from which the grant derives.

- 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 16, 2012**.

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

I, Burke Kremenisky, 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: Burke Kremenisky Title: Battalion Chief
(Print name)
Burke Kremenisky Date: 3/9/12
(Authorized Signature)

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Committee Members,

Name of Project

Ambulance Purchase for the Ramona Fire Department

Project Request

The Ramona Fire Department is requesting funds in the amount of \$210,000 towards the purchase of a new Type I Advanced Life Support ambulance.

Impacts Associated with the Barona Casino

The Ramona Fire Department (RFD) and the Barona Fire Protection District (BFPD) enjoy a cooperative relationship in regard to fire and emergency medical services and share a common geographical boundary. Through existing mutual aid and automatic aid agreements, RFD resources are first due resources to any *major* type of incident at the Barona Casino and Hotel complex. Ramona Fire is part of initial dispatch for any structure fire response to the Casino/Hotel.

The Ramona Fire Department has three fire stations that include two Advanced Life Support Ambulances staffed with two Paramedics 24/7 and one back up ambulance. As part of the cooperative relationship with Barona Fire the Ramona Fire Department ambulance serves as the second in ambulance to Barona Casino and much of the reservation for medical emergencies. The Ramona ambulance that typically will come into Barona is stationed in the

San Diego Country Estates on San Vicente Road in Ramona just minutes from the Barona Indian Reservation boundary off of Wild Cat Canyon Road. This relationship should not be understated because as soon as the first and only Barona ambulance transports to an area hospital the Barona Fire Department, the casino and hotel complex, as well as the members of the Barona Reservation can and do rely on Ramona Fire for their next in ambulance.

In 2010 the Ramona Fire Department responded to 69 calls to the Barona Casino complex and 55 calls in 2011. Each ambulance transport from the casino complex adds mileage to the Ramona Ambulances and takes response readiness away from Ramona. The Barona Casino is approximately 10 miles from station 81. The transport to the closest hospital to the casino is 16 miles or 32 miles round trip, giving a minimum round trip mileage on the Ramona ambulance of 52 miles per call.

In addition to the miles added to the ambulance is the time that is spent out of the area on the transport and the availability of the ambulance. As stated the nearest hospital to the casino/hotel complex is 16 miles away. Factoring in response time to the scene, on incident scene time, and drive time to and from the hospital and time at the hospital the average run time for one call can easily exceed two hours for each ambulance transport. Ambulance transports to a trauma facility would exceed this time significantly. The fact that there is a reliable back up plan for a second ambulance to the Reservation allows the Barona Fire Department to staff a single ambulance. A fully staffed second (BFPD) paramedic ambulance would be a significant reoccurring cost for Barona for personnel as well as the ambulance and maintenance. The Ramona Ambulance Fleet is aging and maintenance costs are significant. One of the current ambulances in Ramona is a 2005 E450 with 183,415 miles and is in need of replacement. There is a need for a reliable backup ambulance in Ramona. The relationship that is maintained between Ramona Fire and Barona Fire is outstanding and is greatly appreciated on all levels.

How the Project Will Mitigate Impacts

By granting funding for this project the Committee will allow the 7 year old Ramona ambulance with 183,415 miles to be replaced. This will provide a reliable state of the art advanced life support ambulance that will serve as a front line resource in Ramona as well as a resource available to the Barona reservation and the Barona Casino/Hotel complex.

The type of grant which is being applied for is the SDF Non-Nexus Grant

“SDF Non-Nexus Grants - The County of San Diego, Cities, and Special Districts may apply for SDF Non-Nexus Grants for projects that would mitigate the impacts from the casinos of Barona and Sycuan Bands.”

What is the project's estimated time frame?

The estimated time for an ambulance to be in service from the initial time it is ordered is approximately 6 months.

Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s):

The Ramona Fire Department supplies staffing for two paramedic ambulances 24 hours a day 7 days a week. These ambulances serve as a reliable backup to the Barona Fire Department. This allows the Barona Fire Department to only staff one ambulance. There is a clear need to have a second ambulance or a clear plan for a backup ambulance for the citizens of the Barona Reservation as well as the visitors to the Barona Casino/Hotel complex. Because the Ramona ambulances serve in the capacity of the backup or second or even third ambulance to the Barona area if requested, and in addition, to the millage being added to the aging Ramona ambulance fleet it is our opinion that the proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino should be 100% of the requested funds.

Amount of funding requested through this application:

Including Tax and license fees **the cost of a new type one ambulance is \$210,000**

The total cost of the project is as noted and the cost would not exceed this amount:

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