



SAN DIEGO COUNTY INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE

Application Form For FY 2011-2012 Grants

- A. Name of Jurisdiction: **City of El Cajon Fire Department**
- B. Mailing Address of Jurisdiction: **200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020**
- C. Name of Project: **Fire Apparatus Replacement**
- D. Impacts are associated with which casino(s)? **Barona, Sycuan, Viejas**
- E. The following uses are the priorities for receipt of grant money.
Please check all the priorities the project satisfies:

Law Enforcement	Fire Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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).

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? **Within 8-12 months, Spring 2013**

I. Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s): **10%**

J. Amount of funding requested through this application: **\$88,500**

K. What will be the total cost of the project? **\$885,000**

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: **City of El Cajon Vehicle Replacement Fund and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund, a total of \$796,500**

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.

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.


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, _____, 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: Rob Turner

Title: Acting City Manager


(Authorized Signature)

Date: March 15, 2012

CONTACT PERSON: Name: Fire Chief Mike Scott

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ATTACHMENT: F1, F2, & F3

Executive Summary

The City of El Cajon is requesting consideration of a grant in the amount of \$88,500 towards the purchase of one (1) Type 1 Fire Pumper (\$775,000) and outfitting of emergency vehicles to include two ambulances and the Fire Pumper (\$110,000). Our goal for this grant funding is to replace an aging Fire Pumper and outfitting of emergency vehicles. This will improve service both within the City of El Cajon and outside our City limits, including to the tribes of Barona, Sycuan, and Viejas, as well as the communities surrounding these lands.

The City of El Cajon Fire Department responds to over 11,000 emergency calls per year and protects a population of 100,116. Many of these responses are to help victims of auto accidents who may be traveling one of the multitudes of roads through El Cajon that lead to a gaming venue. Some of these responses are to assist the many employees of the local casinos, shops or restaurants associated with the three casinos.

In addition to patrons traveling through the City of El Cajon, the tribal nations of Barona, Sycuan and Viejas participate in an automatic aid agreement for sharing of emergency resources. This agreement allows for a closest unit response concept, regardless of political jurisdiction. This means that El Cajon resources provide emergency response support automatically whenever needed. During 2011, El Cajon responded to 9 incidents on tribal lands.

While the impact from the local Gaming Industry is felt within the City of El Cajon, our commitment to provide assistance extends beyond our borders. Through the years the El Cajon Fire Department has responded to incidents within the boundaries of local tribal lands. The Viejas Fire, Cedar Fire and Witch Fires are examples of major incidents where El Cajon units have responded to help neighboring tribal communities.

Agency Profile

The City of El Cajon is a suburban community located 15 miles east of San Diego. Home to over 100,000 residents and 5,000 businesses, El Cajon is the economic and governmental hub of Eastern San Diego County. Businesses include aerospace and commercial manufacturing, large retail shopping centers, small family owned businesses and a large criminal and civil courts complex. Three major freeways traverse the City, Interstates 8 and 125, and State Highway 67 account for hundreds of thousands of vehicle trips per day. Large wildland/urban interface areas surround the City on all four sides. El Cajon is also home to the fourth busiest airport in San Diego County. The Tribal Lands of the Barona, Sycuan, and Viejas Indians lie to the East of El Cajon. Interstate 8,

Highway 67, Second Street, and Washington Boulevard all host the thousands of cars; buses and motorcycles that make their daily trips to visit the casinos.

Tribal Casino Impact

The City of El Cajon experiences impacts from the casinos operated by the Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. These impacts include responses to vehicle accidents and fires associated with patrons driving to and from the casinos, medical aid responses to persons traveling to and from those venues, and from emergency responses to the many employees of the casinos that call El Cajon home. While no direct statistics exist on the exact number of incidents related to the gaming casinos, it is important to note that calls for emergency service in El Cajon has risen 37% over the last ten years, from 8,000 to 11,000, while the actual population growth has been less than 5%. While not all of this increase can be attributed to the casinos, it is reasonable to expect that at least a third of the 3,000 call increase for emergency services is related to the gaming establishments.

Also, as a member of the Central Zone Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement, , we work in conjunction with adjoining fire departments to provide automatic aid services to the tribal community. Automatic aid agreements expand the responsibility of the El Cajon Fire Department beyond normal city limits. Barona, Sycuan, Viejas, Alpine, Lakeside and San Miguel all receive support from the El Cajon Fire Department when their units are committed to incidents related to casino operations.

The City of El Cajon also is proud to be home to the Heartland Fire Training Facility which serves as a primary training facility for personnel and equipment from Barona and Viejas Fire Departments. The training and interaction between these Fire Departments and El Cajon improves our emergency operations and personnel interactions when responding to incidents with our neighbors to the East.

Use of Funds

Utilizing a competitive bid process to ensure cost effectiveness, the El Cajon Fire Department will use this grant funding along with internal funding towards the purchase of a Type 1 Fire Pumper and the outfitting of emergency vehicles. The ability to have reliable and properly equipped emergency response vehicles will directly benefit both the patrons of casinos and as well as residents of tribal lands.

Fiscal Need

Several economic factors have directly impacted the City of El Cajon, resulting in millions of dollars of lost revenue, some of which include the State of California's budget shortfall, the reduction in Medicare reimbursements to EMS provider agencies, and the general economic decline, all of which has a direct effect on the City's budget. These budget challenges directly affect our ability to fully fund Fire Apparatus replacement.

M. SB 621 Notice Requirement

To accommodate the requirements of SB621, the City of El Cajon will do the following:

1. A press release will be distributed by the City's Public Information Officer to various media sources.
2. This same press release will be posted on the City's intranet (internal) website and on the City's website for the public.
3. The Fire Department will arrange for a christening ceremony of the new apparatus with City and Tribal leaders to include the local media representatives.
4. The new apparatus will have a logo or insignia representing each of the Indian Bands that generously contributed toward the purchase.