

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: February 27, 2014**

SUBJECT: Grant Applications - Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Management

PREPARED BY: John Munderloh, Water Resources Manager

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: none

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: The Town of Prescott Valley (Town) is a founding member and fiscal agent of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition (Coalition). Created in June 2006, the Coalition's objective includes protecting the base flow of the Upper Verde River to the maximum extent possible and reaching Safe Yield in the Prescott Active Management Area. The Coalition wishes to leverage its budget, derived through membership dues, by applying for grants to fund Coalition projects. Specifically, the Coalition would like to apply for grants from Western Land Communities, the Coca Cola Foundation, the Lowes Foundation and the Yavapai Community Foundation for up to \$75,000 to support our watershed planning effort and water conservation programs.

As fiscal agent for the Coalition, the Town will be responsible for administering any grants received. The Town Council must give its approval before the Coalition can pursue any of these grants.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On several previous occasions the Town Council has approved the Coalition moving forward on a number of grant applications. On June 8, 2006, the Town Council entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Yavapai County, the City of Prescott, the Town of Chino Valley and the Town of Dewey-Humboldt to create the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition.

On February 22, 2007, the Town Council approved membership contributions to the Coalition of \$55,000 per year.

OPTION ANALYSIS: The Council may vote to:

- 1.) approve this proposal, **OR**
- 2.) not approve this proposal, **AND/OR**
- 3.) direct staff to pursue other options.

ACTION OPTION: Approval of the Coalition's proposal to pursue grants from Western Land Communities, the Coca Cola Foundation, the Lowes Foundation and the Yavapai Community Foundation for up to \$75,000 to support its watershed planning effort and water conservation programs. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends approval of this proposal to pursue the listed grants.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: If the Coalition obtains grant funding, the Town will administer the funds according to requirements of each grant.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____