

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: May 12, 2016**

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application - Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Executive Management

**PREPARED BY:** John Munderloh, Water Resources Manager

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

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**ATTACHMENTS:** none

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**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 objectives include 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. The Coalition would like to apply for the by the Arizona Commerce Authority Rural Education Enhancement Grant for up to \$25,000 to finance a labor market analysis targeted to the needs of a forest product industry in Yavapai County.

As fiscal agent for the Coalition, the Town would be responsible for administering the grant. Therefore, the Town Council must its give approval before the Coalition can pursue the grant.

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** On several occasions the Town Council has previously approved the Coalition moving forward on grant applications. The 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 was approved on June 8, 2006. And, on February 22, 2007, the Council approved membership contributions for the Coalition of \$55,000 per year.

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**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.

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**ACTION OPTION:** Motion to approve the Coalition's proposal to apply for the Wells Fargo Bank/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for up to \$75,000, the Arizona State Forestry Biomass Enterprise Grant for up to \$30,000 and the USDA Forest Service Biomass Development Grant for up to \$250,000. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Town staff recommends approval of this proposal for the Coalition to pursue the listed grant.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** If the Coalition obtains grant funding, the Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant. Any additional grant expenditures, such as matching funds, will come from the Coalition's budget.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved    Denied    Tabled/Deferred    Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_