

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: July 14, 2016**

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Agreement between Town of Prescott Valley (on behalf of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition) and Arizona Commerce Authority

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Management

PREPARED BY: John Munderloh, Water Resources Manager

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

ATTACHMENTS: ACA Grant Agreement

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.

On June 23, 2016, the Arizona Commerce Authority notified the Coalition and Town of the grant award in the amount of \$22,475.51 to help develop data necessary to attract a forest products industry. This grant will pay for a labor market analysis of the Yavapai County Forest Products Industry. In 2014, the Coalition completed a two-year watershed planning process culminating the Watershed Management and Restoration Project Plan. As a result, forest health and grassland restoration became a priority to protect and enhance source water supplies. After additional analysis, the Coalition's various partners determined that the scale of the watershed restoration effort requires assistance of the forest products industry. The need for investment grade data was identified by industry representatives and the decision was made to apply for funding through the Arizona Commerce Authority to conduct this labor market analysis.

The Arizona Commerce Authority Grant is a reimbursement grant. Operating funds will be provided from the Coalition's budget.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On May 26, 2016, Council approved the application for the Arizona Commerce Authority Grant for up to \$25,000. 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.

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: Motion to accept a grant award in the amount of \$22,475.51 from the Arizona Commerce Authority. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends approval of this proposal to accept the Arizona Commerce Authority Grant.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant with assistance from the Coalition's Grant Manager.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____