

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: March 11, 2010

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: a) Summary describing proposed grant projects through April 30, 2010.

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. For the near future, the Coalition would like to apply for grants described in the attached list. As fiscal agent for the Coalition, the Town will be responsible for administering the grants. The Town Council must grant approval for the Coalition to pursue these grants. Any matching money that may be required by the grant will be paid from the Coalition's budget.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On November 19, 2009, the Town Council approved the Coalition moving forward on a number of possible 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 for the Coalition for \$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 approve the Coalition's proposal to pursue the grants listed in the attached memorandum, **OR** Motion not to approve the Coalition's proposal to pursue the grants listed in the attached memorandum. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends approval of this proposal to pursue the grants in the attached memorandum.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: If the Coalition obtains grant funding, the Town will administer the funds according to requirements of the grant. The Town may be eligible for reimbursement for management costs depending on the grant.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____ Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____

MEMO

To: John Munderloh
Water Resources Manager
Town of Prescott Valley

Cc: Ed Muccillo
Program Manager
Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition (UVRWPC)

From: Melody Reifsnyder
Sage Consulting

Re: Summary of Proposed Grants through April 30, 2010

For: Prescott Valley Town Council

Date: March 1, 2010

It is recommended that the Coalition pursue the following grants through April 30, 2010.

1. EPA Community Action for a Renewed Environment – up to \$90,000; no match is required. Formalize plan to identify and address environmental threats (i.e., small communities tied into municipal water systems, but not tied into wastewater systems; exempt wells).
2. National Science Foundation – Water Sustainability – as high as \$5 million for a five-year project. The Coalition will apply under: “Determining how our built water systems and our governance systems can be made more reliable, resilient and sustainable to meet diverse and often conflicting needs, such as minimizing consumption of water for energy generation, industrial and agricultural production and built environment requirements, reuse for both potable and non-potable needs, ecosystem protection, and flood control and storm water management.”
3. Water Infrastructure Finance Authority – up to \$35,000 for Technical Assistance. Proposals that emphasize water efficiency reuse and conservation will have no match requirement.

All grants selected do not have match requirements, and are a “fit” with Coalition goals and objectives. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 928-778-6759 or e-mail melody_reif@msn.com.