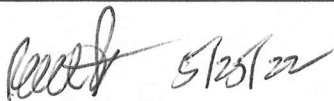


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**Proposition 202 Tribal Gaming  
Application Support Form**

<b>Name of Tribal Entity:</b>	Tohono O'odham Nation
<b>Due Date:</b>	6/10/22
<b>Name of Nonprofit Organization:</b>	Dudleyville Vol. Fire Department
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Rod Prast
<b>Contact Person Title:</b>	Grants Administrator, Fire Chief (ret)
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	639 S. 39 St., Mesa, Az 85206
<b>Street Address:</b>	saa
<b>Phone:</b>	480-313-2928
<b>E-mail:</b> <small>This will be the email address the resolution and signed coversheet will be sent when completed.</small>	firech625@gmail.com
<b>Website Address:</b>	N/A
<b>Attachment Checklist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Support Form</li><li>• IRS 501 © 3 designation letter</li><li>• Completed application including coversheet</li></ul>
<b>Project Name:</b>	DVFD Fire Station Upgrades - Phase I
<b>Amount of Funding Being Requested:</b>	\$192,000
<b>Summary of Project:</b>	Project entails in 3 phases; monies requested for Phase I--fire station add-on building to existing station to house 'new' apparatus. & protect equipment/trucks from vandalism.
<b>Summary of How Project Benefits Pinal County Residents</b>	The 2019 grant awarded allowed the DVFD to purchase 2 newer apparatus to provide better fire protection for residents of Dudleyville and surrounding communitites in the Copper Corridor. The project helps protect and house new apparatus. They currently don't fit into the the existing station bays (built
<b>Name and Signature of Agency Director:</b>	 5/25/22





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**MEMORANDUM # 46B**

**To:** *Tohono O'odham Nation Review Committee*

**Fr:** *Rod Prast, CEP, Fire Chief (ret), Grant Writer/Administrator/ Representative for Dudleyville Fire District*

**Date:** 5/25/22

**Subj:** Public Safety Grant Proposal Application – 2022 ---[Fire Sta Remodel/Upgrades]

To Members of Grant Proposal Review Committee:

As the Contracted grant administrator for the Dudleyville Fire District & Admin. Chief, I am submitting our Grant Proposal for consideration for the 2022 Tohono O'odham Nations' revenue sharing program.

**A. Perceived Need-How Addressed:**

This project will assist the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District, a District that celebrated its 50- yr history in 2021! The District is one of the 'anchor' residential communities in the Copper Corridor, whereas Dudleyville is part of 8 'bedroom communities' along the SR 177-SR77 corridor. Several years ago, the San Manuel Copper Mine was very active and provided work and employment to many residents, who chose to settle down in the region; and later, to several generations of mining families still reside here today.

Heavy vehicular travel coming from the Phoenix Metro Valley, travel thru the Superior area, and either travel along the highways heading to the San Carlos Casino or travel to the Tucson area by way of Hayden, Winkelman, Dudleyville, Mammoth, Oracle, and Golder Ranch/Oro Valley. So Fire Station Safety is paramount for working in/around the station, as well as protecting the structure/facilities from Highway traffic.

Dudleyville is also part of the Pinal County Fire Mutual Aid Consortium pact that outlines that all fire department members will participate/assist each other for fire/medical incidents, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Providing critical Fire/EMS services to the entire region is important protecting lives and property, including underserved communities that lie along the Copper Corridor. This Project addressed a critical fire protection need for the residents and the commercial properties that lie within and surround the Dudleyville area. The immense need exists for providing adequate fire station facilities that can provide protection for the apparatus, equipment, and provide for the health/safety of firefighters and dispatchers working within the Fire Dept. Having a fire station that is multi-functional and meets the requirements of NFPA codes and health/safety issues. The station needs to house 2 new "modern" apparatus acquired in 2021, in order to respond to neighboring communities is important. The ability to house/protect newer apparatus is hampered by the stations' design, etc. that had no future plans/ideas in mind. The bays are smaller and need additional storage, bays, kitchen, bunks, and DECON for isolating turnout gear that can have carcinogens in the garments. Also limiting is the fact that that ½ of the DFD apparatus inventory is over 40 yrs old. Modern fire stations all have health/safety guards in place and comply with NFPA. A newer upgrade will have methods of fire protection and prevention, electrical safety, and other related safety goals. Additional guidelines are in place for fire department operations, apparatus safety, and firefighter safety.



For a fire department to be sustainable, and provide minimum, adequate fire protection services, the residents expect that a fire department be able to receive the emergency information, have staff adequately trained to respond, and have apparatus and equipment that is capable and 'modern-enough' in order to meet the NFPA mission of providing adequate fire protection and able to extinguish various types of fires and wildland fires.

**[See Attachment 1]**—in reference to 3 serious wildfires that occurred in Dudleyville from arson, one in 2005, (Roach Fire, 2017) destroyed 3-4 structures, was 35 acres, and required a Type 3 Wildland Incident Management team; & the (Margo Fire, 2021) that destroyed 30 buildings and homes on 26 land parcels. 17 families were displaced, Total home/structure losses are TBD, and Az State Forestry estimates Firefighting costs around \$1M [FEMA provided additional FF funds thru a FMAG—Firefighting Grant]. None of that went towards helping the FD or families that lost everything. Even the lead dispatcher for the FD lost her home.

### **B. Population demographics/Benefits:**

The population served by the Dudleyville Fire District is approx. 959 residents with approx. 58% are Hispanic descent, 30% white and the remaining 20% are a mixture. Our area is an economically depressed region as the result of a major copper mine shutting down here 13 years ago. The region has never recovered from the impact of this event. The potential for large, rapid fires is evident as mentioned in **Attachment 1**. Add the extreme remoteness of our region, lack of quick response mutual aid resources, the potential for large wildland fires, and an aging population, the need is extreme for acquiring much-needed fire apparatus that are/is less than 40 yrs old! And having reliable trucks or Water Tender that have upgraded, current fire and medical equipment, will give us advantages and provide good service for fire and medical emergencies. Safe –Reliable Care is the DFD's Mission Statement, and this apparatus will help meet that goal!

### **C. Budget Components:**

Because of our poor annual budget and financial limitations, it is very frustrating for our Fire District to afford any apparatus, equipment, or modern upgrades to the Station (built in 2001). The best options for upgrading the Fire Station to better capabilities and being multi-functional, the following components need to be added/improved:

1. Evaluate the current 3 bays to see if the newer engines that are purchased or planned for future purchases will fit into the bays. There is storage, turnout racks, etc behind the trucks and unable to park trucks inside. The bays are currently 60x40 ft in length/width.
2. **[Stage I]** Adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> building to the North lot for newer apparatus, move storage, firefighter equipment, etc to there (2-bay addition) will give more room at the station. And possibly a safety drive-thru bays may be possible; which is great, as that eliminates a safety hazard—backing up. Backing up has had a history of injuring and killing firefighters.
3. **[Stage II]** Adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> building to the South area for a kitchen and bunks. Appropriate HVAC system in place for positive air flow.
4. **[Stage I]** HVAC neg. air flow system in place for N. bldg and Main (current) 3 bays to remove carcinogenic diesel fumes automatically. NFPA and other agencies had determined that inhaling diesel fumes can cause cancer, a serious job-related hazard.
5. **[Stage III]** Installing a DECON area for washing turnouts, protecting PPE, and washer/dryer helps keep hazards, chemicals, and carcinogens away from staff and firefighters.

Two key components that affect our ability to get a loan for station upgrades are:



- a. Over the past 5 years, Pinal County has allowed some homeowners to claim a hardship claim that has a provision that the elderly don't have to pay property taxes
- b. The annual operating budget has dropped 15% in the past 4 years. [now \$72.4K]  
With such a small annual budget, the ability of the Fire District to afford to make any upgrades to the station is impossible without Grant assistance. **(Attachment 2)**
- c. Current budget for Station repairs is \$3,000/a year. The requested amount of \$198,000 is an est. with all the challenges of the Pandemic. Those variables include a higher than normal price of construction materials, a reduction in the availability of materials, cost of labor, travel, Additional costs of architect plans, filing fees, plans, and unforeseen costs could raise/or reduce the est. cost. (\$17K. **(Attachment 3)**

**D. Other funding requests Applied/Awarded:**

- a) 2018-Approved/awarded \$20,000 from San Carlos Apache Tribe Casino. Monies used to purchase 3 handheld fire radios, 3 mobile radios, new base station and antennae. Total cost was \$23,000.
- b) 2019-Awarded \$133,298 for purchase of 2-3 fire apparatus (engines, equipment, and Tender). So far we've been able to purchase 1 newer engine plus upgrades/repairs are costing \$24,000. We have to outfit the engine w/fire equipment, hoses, nozzles, PPE, EMS gear/supplies. Currently \$75K left to spend on Tender & Engine equipment and supplies.
- c) 2021—Curr looking at a reserve engine and older Tender to 'have for immediate emergency use'. But the Tender won't last for many years to come. This Chief is looking at 10-15 yrs. In the future to support the FD to maintain and improve their level of service.
- d) No other grants awarded by other Tribes.
- e) Currently applying to AKIC and USDA for Grants for apparatus and Fire Station upgrades, respectfully.

**E. Has entity Received a 12% distribution from T. O. Nation or any Az Tribes?: 2019, Ak-Chin Indian Community for \$133K for 2 used 'new' apparatus & equipment.**

**F. Identify designated Contact Person & Alternate Contact Person & Info:**

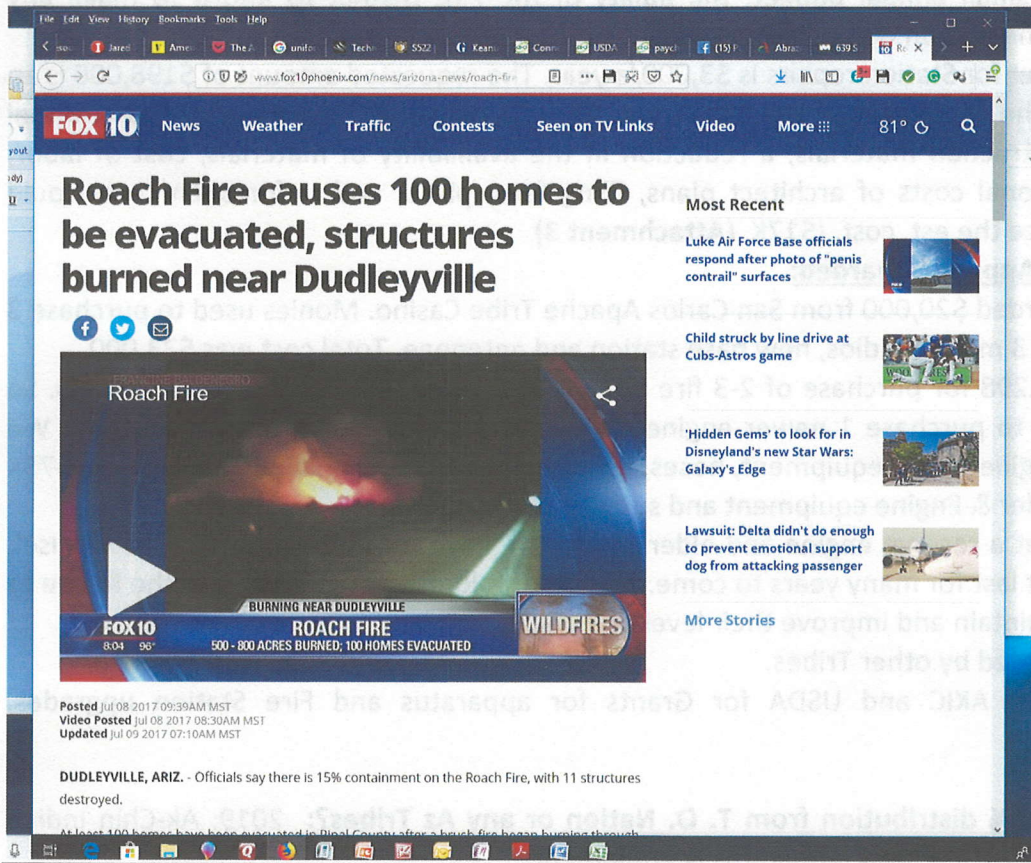
1. Primary Contact Person: Rod Prast, Admin. Chief/Grants Administrator, Fire Chief(ret)  
Address-639 S. 39 St., Mesa, Az 85206. Email-firech625@gmail.com
2. Alternate Contact: Olivia Morales, Dudleyville Fire District Chairperson  
Add-PO Box 646, Winkelman, Az 85192, ph-520-343-8231. Email-oliviadville@gmail.com

**G. Priority Category: Public Safety & Property Protection**

**H. Non-Profit Proposal Category: N/A. I would like to point out that the Instructions for the 12% Gaming Distribution has a notation that needs correcting. Fire Districts are a governmental entity [also known as a special taxing entity of the State]. We have sent our proposal to the Pinal County BOS for support/approval/representation.**



## Attachment 1: (Roach Fire, 2017)



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a FOX 10 news article. The article title is "Roach Fire causes 100 homes to be evacuated, structures burned near Dudleyville". The video player shows a fire with the text "ROACH FIRE" and "BURNING NEAR DUDLEYVILLE". Below the video, it says "500 - 800 ACRES BURNED; 100 HOMES EVACUATED". The article is dated July 8, 2017, and mentions that 11 structures were destroyed.

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**DUDLEYVILLE, ARIZ.** - Officials say there is 15% containment on the Roach Fire, with 11 structures destroyed.

## Attachment 1: (Margo Fire, 2021)























**Attachment 2: Station/Equipment**



**1979 E One (Reserve engine, worn out/repairs costly)**





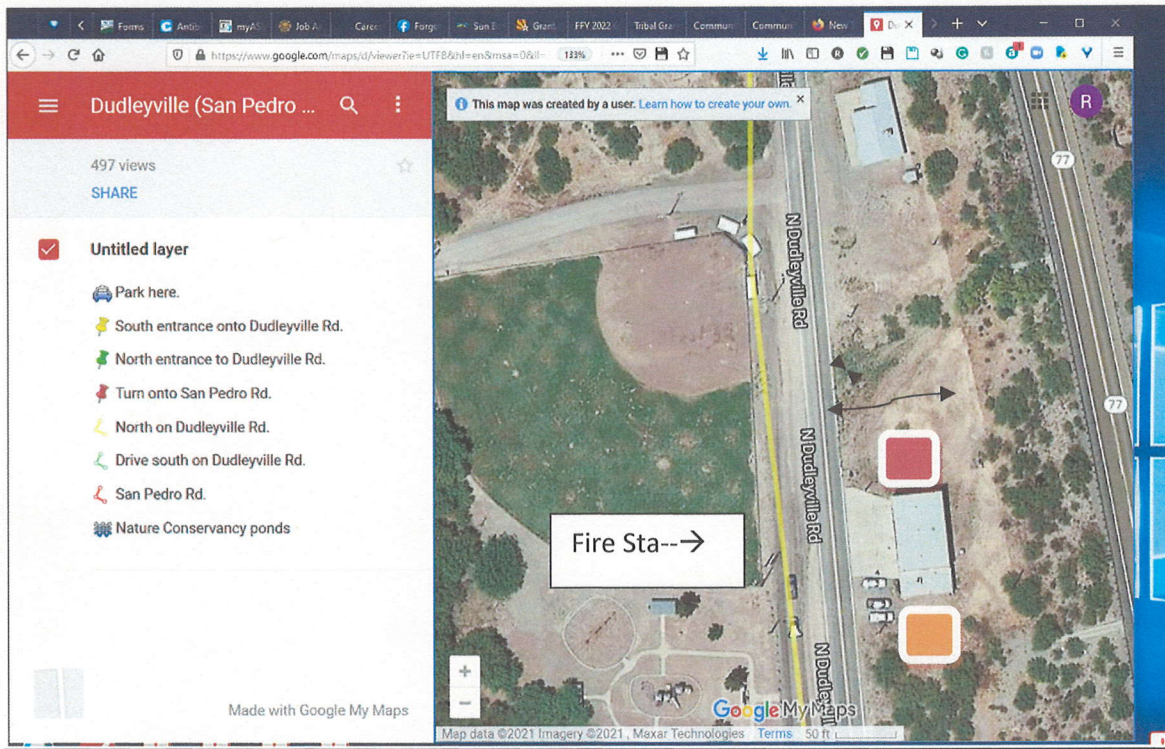
1979 Chev E1—(brush truck is 'front line' engine)



2003 KME (Purch 12/20)



**Attachment 3: Map of station:**



**\*\*The proposed changes to below the Fire Station (lower bldg Orange) include a kitchen/bunk/day room to the South; and 2 bays building to the North (upper bldg Red). Est. total 2400 sf.**