

**Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
2025 Arizona Benefits Fund Grant Application**

Background

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation continues to stand as a leader in giving back to Arizona communities since the establishment of its casino in the early 1990s. This willingness to share with neighbors is a central facet of Yavapai culture and is reflected in Fort McDowell's current motto, "*Never give up; always give back.*"

Over the years, Fort McDowell has shared its prosperity with several non-profit organizations that serve the public, stimulate economic and community development, and promote education. Recipients include local and national non-profits, school districts, tourism programs, and public safety departments (e.g., law enforcement and fire).

Pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact as amended in 2021 ("Compact"), tribes may donate 12 percent of their total annual contribution under Section 12(b) of the Compact to Arizona cities, towns, and counties for the provision of government services that benefit the public, including public safety, mitigation of impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce and economic development.

Fort McDowell is currently looking to award grants for programs and projects that focus on education, public safety, mitigation of impacts of gaming, health, environment, and economic and community development. As such, Fort McDowell invites eligible cities, towns, and counties to apply for a 2025 Arizona Benefits Funds Grant as part of its ongoing commitment to giving back.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients for 2025 Arizona Benefits Fund Grants are limited to cities, towns, and counties within the State of Arizona, and non-profit organizations that partner with qualified cities, towns, and counties to provide government services for the benefit of the public. Fort McDowell's policy is to generally focus on nearby municipalities and local non-profit organizations; however, all will be considered and encouraged to apply.

Fort McDowell *will not* award 2025 Arizona Benefits Fund Grants for the following: state agencies or departments, municipalities outside of Arizona, other gaming tribes, individuals, sponsorships, religious activities, indirect or administrative costs, and programs or projects that benefit Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Furthermore, a non-profit organization must have and maintain its official headquarters in the State of Arizona to qualify.

All awarded 2025 Arizona Benefits Fund Grants must be deposited into the appropriate account by the receiving city, town, or county within sixty (60) calendar days of the check being issued. Failure to do so will result in Fort McDowell canceling the check and awarding the funds to another city, town, or county as noted above.

Applying

Applicants must submit an application as follows. Failure to submit an application as described below will result in the application being considered incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be considered for 2025 Arizona Benefits Fund Grants.

Grant Application – Page 1

Applicant Info: Name and contact information for government entity/organization applying for grant funds.

Primary Contact: Name, address, e-mail, and phone number(s) for the primary point of contact.

Sponsor Info: Name and contact information of government sponsor, including the signature of acknowledgment from government sponsor.

Project Summary - Page 2 & 3

Project Summary: A short description of the project that is **no more than four (4) sentences**.

Narrative: A narrative of **no more than two (2) pages** describing the following:

1. The proposed program or project, and whether it is a new or continuing project;
2. The purpose of the program or project and how it meets one or more of Fort McDowell's funding priorities (i.e., education, public safety, mitigation of impacts of gaming, health, environment, and economic and community development);
3. The need that the program or project aims to fulfill, the population targeted, and the estimated number of people who will be served by the grant;
4. The partners in the program or project, and other entities providing funding and support (please indicate whether the organization will be submitting applications to any other tribes); **and**,
5. The timetable for implementation of the program or project.

Signatures – Page 4

Signatures: **Signatures of the relevant representatives of the city, town, or county on an official document (such as a resolution or letter) showing the government sponsor's support. Applications without signatures will be considered incomplete.**

Budget – Page 5

Attachments: Attach a detailed budget for the program or project, a statement addressing the need for long-term funding (if applicable), and any other relevant attachments

that will give the Grant Committee a fuller understanding of the program or project. The budget is required; however, other attachments are optional.

The application shall be **no more than five (5) pages** in total, except for any attachments. Fort McDowell reserves the right to require additional documentation as necessary.

Important Dates

- January 6, 2025: Grant applications made available to the public.
- May 1, 2025: All completed grant applications must be hand-delivered, received by mail, or submitted electronically in PDF format no later than 11:59 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered.
- August 21, 2025: Notification sent to the awardees. Additional instructions will be sent at this time.

Contact and Submission Information

All inquiries must be directed to Verlene Baptisto, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council Secretary at (480) 789-7111 or Prop202@ftmcdowell.org.

If submitting an application electronically, please send the file in PDF format only to Prop202@ftmcdowell.org. Please include "Prop 202 Grant Application" in the subject line.

If submitting an application via mail, please send it to the following address:

Ms. Verlene Baptisto
Tribal Council Secretary
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council
P.O. Box 17779
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269
Attn: Prop 202 Grant Application

If hand-delivering an application, please mark it as "Prop 202 Grant Application" and deliver it to:

Tribal Council Secretary's Office
17661 East Yavapai Road
Fort McDowell, AZ 85269

Further Information

For further information about Fort McDowell's application process, please visit our website at www.fmyn.org.

For further information about the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compacts, please visit the Arizona Department of Gaming website at <https://gaming.az.gov/>.