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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Fighter Country Foundations (FCF) Top Three Programs target Morale & Well-Being, Culture & Tradition and Mission Sustainability, addressing specific needs within Luke Air Force Base (AFB). These needs are identified by the senior leadership of Luke AFB and change over time.

The mission of Luke AFB is to train the world's greatest fighter pilots and maintainers, and to deploy mission-ready warfighters. FCF's programs enhance the quality of life on the base, helping to maintain high morale while these airmen, soldiers, and sailors serve our great nation with integrity.

## **NARRATIVE**

### **Proposed Program**

Business and community leaders in Maricopa County founded Fighter Country Partnership (1993) and Fighter Country Foundation (2006) to support the men, women and families of Luke AFB. We believe that quality of life for the Luke AFB community is vital to the success of the ongoing mission.

FCF played a pivotal role in the effort to retain Luke AFB during difficult economic times. Our goal in supporting the mission of Luke AFB is to enhance the quality of life for military members and their families. In 2023, the Department of the Air Force recognized (FCF) and Luke AFB as the best Community Partnership in the entire Air Force.

FCF's Top Three programs target the Morale & Well-Being, Culture & Tradition and Mission Sustainability areas within Luke AFB that have been identified as areas of need. These areas change as the areas of need within the base change and are identified by the senior leadership of Luke AFB. FCF's role is to support these evolving needs.

FCF allocates its resources to where they are needed most, whether it is funding Financial Literacy Programs, Chaplain's Monthly Deployed Family Dinners, Luke Single Parent Retreats, or base wellness events. FCF also collaborates with other non-profits to provide educational, recreational, and support services.

### **Purpose and Connection to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Priorities**

The reduction of federal funding for non-mission critical programs has left Luke AFB families without essential resources to maintain morale, well-being, and community engagement. Many airmen and their families experience financial strain, emotional stress, and isolation, especially during deployments, all tying back to their health and overall well-being.

The proposed project addresses:

- The emotional and psychological strain of deployments by offering support programs like Deployed Family Dinners and Resiliency Retreats.
- Financial instability through education and resource fairs.
- The loss of cultural traditions due to budget cuts by continuing essential morale-boosting events.

With an increasing need for non-governmental support, FCF's programs play a crucial role in sustaining military families' health, well-being and fostering a sense of community at Luke AFB.

### **Need, Populations and People Served**

Beneficiaries of FCF include Military Members and their families stationed at Luke AFB to include Navy, Marines, Army, and Reserve personnel. This total population of approximately 22,000 is located in Glendale. In 2023, over 6,000 Airmen and family members were impacted by the work of FCF. We estimate that 350 individuals will be impacted by this grant.

### **Partners and Implementation**

FCF collaborates with Luke AFB leadership, who identify service gaps and coordinate base-wide participation.

Other key funding partners include:

- West Valley Mavericks (\$20,000 approved) – Supporting morale-based initiatives.
- Lockheed Martin (\$10,000 approved) – Contributing to community integration.
- USAA (\$75,000 invited) – Funding resiliency and financial literacy programs.
- SRPMIC (\$20,000 to submit) – Supporting community-building programs.
- Gila River 12% (\$25,000 applied) - Supporting morale-based initiatives.
- Tohono O'odham (\$40,000 to submit) - Supporting morale-based initiatives.

These partnerships ensure that FCF can maintain a diverse funding stream to execute its programs effectively.

There are almost 70 programs operating under the The Top Three Programs umbrella. All activities are ongoing.

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