



May 4, 2021

HAND-DELIVERED TO CITY OF SAN LUIS

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya,
City Manager
1090 Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349

Re: City of San Luis District Membership and Dues

Dear Mr. De La Hoya,

Western Arizona was designated an Economic Development District (EDD), or WAEDD, by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) on June 30, 2020. In conferring designation, the EDA has committed to providing financial assistance to economic development in western Arizona's distressed communities.

EDA assistance was essential in obtaining the EDD designation as well as completing and implementing the annual regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS report. In addition to directly funding CEDS development and implementation, EDA funding leverages other regional funding opportunities which advance the District's economic and community development work. Continued EDA funding will help reduce economic distress in our region as we address our economic challenges, including those related to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the most important benefits of the EDD designation and the accompanying CEDS is the City of San Luis' eligibility for EDA's competitive grant awards.

EDA's financial commitment was awarded in the Partnership Planning Program for **\$210,000** for the award period 2020-2022. The total non-Federal (local match) contribution is **\$17,500** for the award period 2020-2022 for the entire District.

The District Counties, Cities, and Towns participate with a financial commitment with prorated membership dues per population determined from the current decennial (2010) U.S. Census. The 2020 decennial U.S. Census will be adopted for future determination of dues.

The City of San Luis' prorated membership dues for the three-year period (2020-2022) is **\$1,190** (2020), **\$1,190** (2021), and **\$1,190** (2022) for **\$3,569** total.

Per the Bylaws, with membership, the City of San Luis will recommend and appoint an elected member to the WAEDD Executive Committee. Each Executive Committee member will chair or co-chair a committee and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. They will also oversee the District's membership.

Please let us know if you have any questions and need to discuss further.

Very respectfully,

Alan Pruitt
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Jenny Torres, City of San Luis Economic Development Manager