



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Tribe Public Works Department to Apply for the 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development – Rural Business Development Grant)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Article IV, Section 1(j) “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe’s Public Works Department (“Public Works”) is responsible for the management and maintenance of the Tribe’s residential and commercial solid waste program, as well as the operation and maintenance of the Tribe’s landfill; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Works is responsible for all trash collections for approximately six-thousand commercial and residential accounts using an integrated collection strategy to recycle or dispose of household waste in an a cost-effective manner for the purpose of reducing waste in tribal communities, protecting public health, alleviating hazardous wastes, eliminating pollution, keeping communities clean, and to protect the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development – Rural Business Development Grant program is accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2024 to promote tribal economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rural Business Development Grant Program enables tribal businesses and tribal enterprises to be competitive, fluid, bonded, financially secure, flexible, and industrious by implementing business opportunities for project planning, small business incubation, counseling, customer service improvements, community economic development, job training advancement, and long-term business strategic planning; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Works is eligible as a tribal enterprise and tribal business to apply for the Rural Business Development Grant; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Works is applying for the Rural Business Development Grant to help improve the services it provides to the communities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation through strategic business planning for Public Works operations, substantial reinvestments in its local infrastructure, and capital assets, including building renovations, plant improvements, and the acquisition of new machinery and equipment; and

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WHEREAS, the Council supports the submission of the 2024 U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development – Rural Business Development Grant application for the Tribe’s Public Works Department, in the amount of \$850,000, to help improve the services it provides to the communities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and determines it is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.


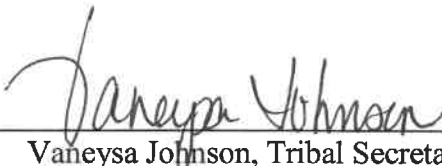
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission of the 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development– Rural Business Development Grant application, in the amount of \$850,000, for the White Mountain Apache Tribe’s Public Works Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 6, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1, of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

	
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary
2.6.2024	02/07/2024
Date	Date