

**ACA Grant Solicitation 2021-19:  
Request for Grant Applications (RGA)  
FY2021 Economic Strength Projects (ESP) Grant  
Proposal & Evaluation Information**

Fiscal Year 2021 Economic Strength Projects (ESP) Grant

- Submission Window: February 24, 2021 – April 20, 2021
- Competitive grant program designed to enhance the economic strength and competitiveness of Arizona rural communities by providing funding for highway projects that foster job growth
- Reimburse specified costs of qualifying rural road and/or highway projects that are projected to accomplish one or more of the following:
  - i. Retain a significant number of jobs,
  - ii. Significantly increase the number of new jobs,
  - iii. Foster significant private capital investment and
  - iv. Otherwise make a significant contribution to the regional economy, particularly in base industries.
- **\$1,150,000 available in ESP grant funding**

Applicants:

- City of Bullhead City
- Town of Chino Valley
- Mohave County
- City of Nogales
- Town of Prescott Valley

Eligibility:

- Bullhead City’s proposal was found ineligible for being incomplete and late (received 4/21/21).

Evaluation Criteria:

- The cost of the Project
- The number of jobs that the Project will cause to be retained or created
- The nature and amount of capital investment or other contribution to the economy of the State as a result of the Project
- The likelihood that benefits resulting from the Project will exceed the costs of the Project
- The amount and percentage of funding for the Project that will come from a source other than the Program.
- The amount of expenditures required for the Project.
- The magnitude of the Project and its relative value to the State as compared to other proposed Projects
- The extent to which the Project would contribute to achieving an equitable distribution of monies and Projects among the various regions of the State and throughout the State as a whole
- The schedule for completion of the Project

Evaluation Committee Scoring:

#	Applicant	Maximum Points:							Total	Percentage
		Costs/ Expenditures	Quality Jobs	Cash Match	Local Support	Economic Impact	ROI	Timeline		
1	Town of Chino Valley	115	100	190	85	67	137	85	779	77.9%
2	Mohave County	100	100	185	40	62	95	85	667	66.7%
3	City of Nogales	105	110	165	105	80	130	80	775	77.5%
4	Town of Prescott Valley	93	60	50	55	30	60	90	438	43.8%

**Award Recommendations to Rural Business Development Advisory Council (RBDAC):**

- **Town of Chino Valley:** 100% funding request, **\$400,000**
- **City of Nogales:** 100% funding request, **\$500,000**
- **Mohave County:** 50% funding request, **\$250,000**

# Applicant 1: Town of Chino Valley

## “Year One” Rodeo Drive Reconstruction

### Project Information

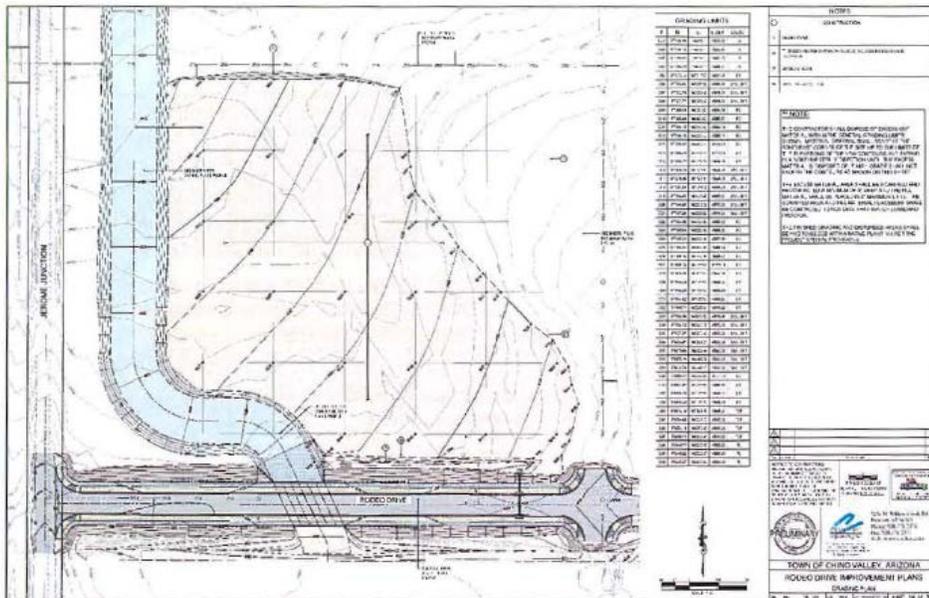
- Reconstruction of 780' of roadway at center and entrance to Old Home Manor business park (in development, 2.7M sq ft) with waterlines and construct north sewer trunk main and drainage improvements; development of recreation core for tourism, etc.
- Planned uses include the Business Park, ballfields, Equestrian Park, RV Park, parks and recreation, infiltration basins, public works/wastewater treatment plant, as yet undetermined parcel development, Yavapai College Agricultural Extension, and a shooting range with model airplane airport.
- Improving infrastructure that has been an impediment could become the catalyst to attain the vision of Old Home Manor becoming the premier employment and recreation basin for the Town of Chino Valley.

### Funding Information

- Total project cost \$1,704,875 (56% reimbursement-eligible)
- Cash match for reimbursement-eligible project costs, \$553,055 (58% match)
- Requested grant funding, \$400,000

### Investments/Benefits

- Capital investment, \$60.75M
- 163 new full-time jobs; average salary \$40,000



## Applicant 2: Mohave County

### Apache Road Construction for Mohave County Industrial Growth

#### Project Information

- Construct new 2.5-mile section line gravel road to serve over 1K acres of vacant land primed for heavy manufacturing development; shovel ready Establishes access to 1,128 acres of heavy manufacturing zoned land.
- Provides for future Mohave County ongoing maintenance of Project
- Situates in immediate proximity of Interstate 40 and its access to Southern California and the CANAMEX Corridor (future Interstate 11)
- Creates opportunities for Mohave County – an Economically Distressed Area where per capita income is 77% of national average – and local Golden Valley – with per capita income at 61% of national average – to realize an explosion of new full-time job growth in a broad range of employment categories

#### Funding Information

- Total project cost \$858,240 (100% reimbursement-eligible)
- Cash match for reimbursement-eligible project costs, \$358,240 (42% match)
- Requested grant funding, \$500,000

#### Investments/Benefits

- Capital investment, \$100M
- 300 new jobs; average salary \$48,000



# Applicant 3: City of Nogales

## Industrial Park Dr Reconstruction

### Project Information

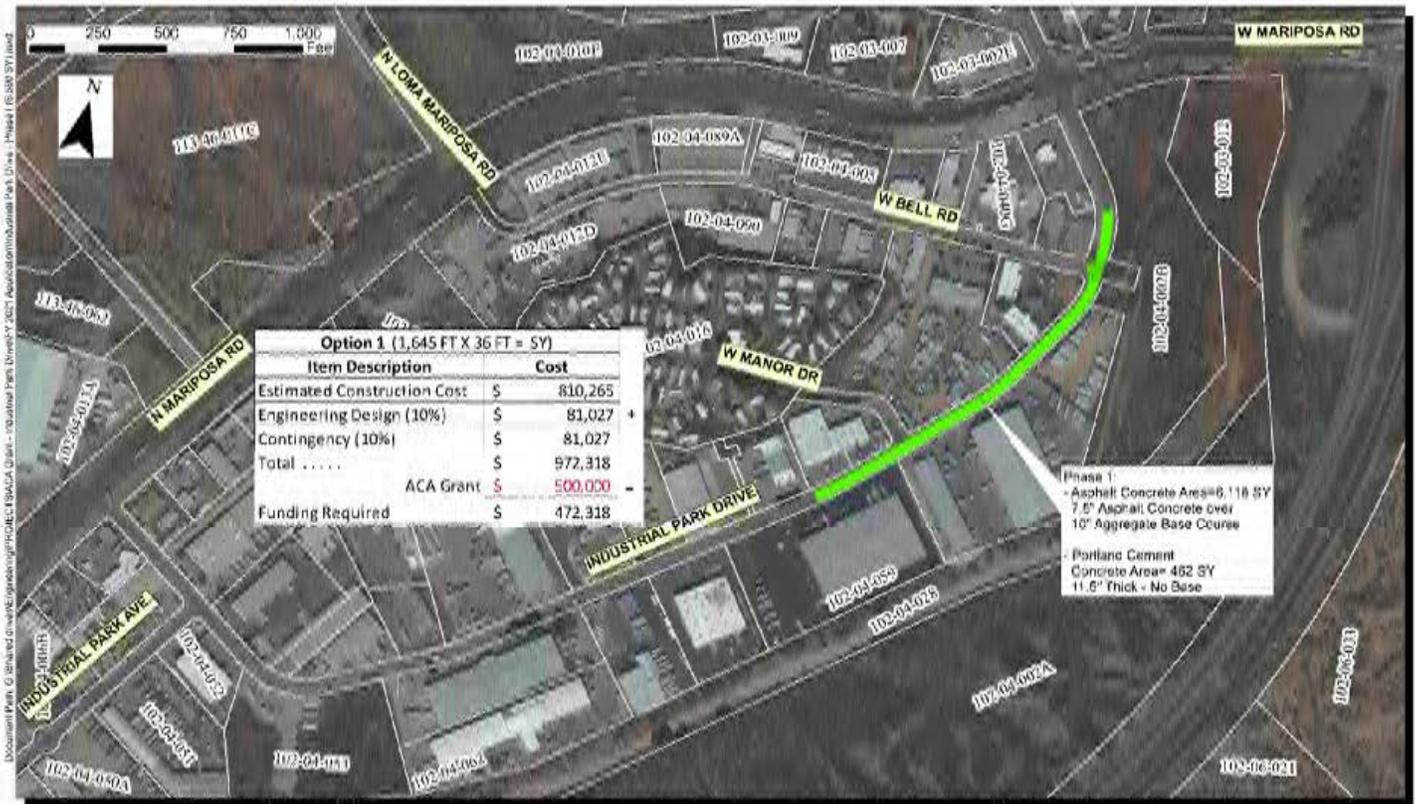
- Reconstruct 1,645 feet of Drive; serves Nogales border and thriving Maquiladora industry (\$30B in goods)
- Industrial Park Drive is a City owned and maintained street situated within public right of way
- Vacant parcels and space on partially developed parcels for the addition of more warehouses within the corridor
- Highly desirable development area due to its close proximity to the international border

### Funding Information

- Total project cost \$972,318 (92% reimbursement-eligible)
- Cash match for reimbursement-eligible project costs, \$891,292 (44% match)
- Requested grant funding, \$500,000

### Investments/Benefits

- Capital investment, \$8.2M
- 132 new jobs; average wages \$25/hr



█ Proposed Phase 1: 1,646 FT x 36 FT = 59,220 SF = 6,680 SY

**Industrial Park Drive**  
 Proposed Paving Project: Phase I  
 Nogales, AZ

# Applicant 4: Town of Prescott Valley

## Panther Path Improvements

### Project Information

- Main driveway for Yavapai College and Glassford Hill Middle School; enhance for future commercial development;
- Highest traffic count within Town limits that is not a state route; 27K vehicles per day
- Enhance traffic routing, act as a storm drainage system, and increase road safety for both campuses
- Most of the economic growth in Prescott Valley has happened within the last 20 years and continues to be on a steady trajectory

### Funding Information

- Total project cost \$331,200 (100% reimbursement-eligible)
- Cash match for reimbursement-eligible project costs, \$33,200 (10% match)
- Requested grant funding, \$298,000

### Investments/Benefits

- Capital investment, \$500K
- 8 new jobs; average wages \$23/hr

