



Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS)

State of Arizona Tribal Liaison Year-End Report July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

This report provides summaries of AZDOHS statewide and Tribal-specific funding programs, outreach activities and other projects

PROJECT RESULTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. On October 6, 2010 subject matter experts (SMEs) from Tribal communities participated in the update of the State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS). SMEs throughout Arizona were chosen to impress their knowledge of their respective fields upon the SHSS. With the help of SMEs, AZDOHS is making meaningful and relevant updates and shaping the SHSS into a framework that is overarching enough to guide Arizona's future homeland security efforts, yet applicable to the needs of first responder agencies and local communities.
2. On November 23, 2010, AZDOHS and the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) office traveled to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (FMIT) and met with the Tribal Council. The purpose of the meeting was to support the FMIT's Office of Emergency Response effort in seeking approval from the Tribal Council to pursue federal homeland security grant funding for the implementation of a regional interoperable communications plan. Both AZDOHS and the PSIC office provided subject matter expertise on federal homeland security grant programs and regional communications. Through this joint effort, the FMIT Office of Emergency Response was able to obtain the Tribal Council's permission to pursue grant funding during the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program application period. AZDOHS and the PSIC office will continue to provide assistance to the FMIT in achieving first responder radio interoperability in the region.
3. On January 18, 2011 the AZDOHS Tribal Liaison volunteered at the annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol. While performing volunteer duties, the AZDOHS Tribal Liaison had the opportunity to network with various Tribal leaders and discuss the AZDOHS's mission and funding programs.
4. On February 15, 2011 AZDOHS in partnership with the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AZ HIDTA) agency conducted a Tribal Funding and Border Crime Overview for Tribes in the lower half of Arizona. The event was hosted by the Ak-Chin Indian Community and was attended by Tribal government and first responder representatives as well as grants management personnel from ten different Tribes. AZDOHS offered an overview of available U.S. Department of Homeland Security (U.S. DHS) grant funding and AZ HIDTA presented an overview of border crime affecting Tribal communities. This seminar was a successful outreach effort by the AZDOHS as it provided Tribal representatives an opportunity for networking and receive information available at the federal and state level that can help them in the U.S. DHS grant application process. Tribes in attendance included:
 - Ak-Chin Indian Community
 - Cocopah Indian Tribe
 - Colorado River Indian Tribe
 - Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
 - Gila River Indian Community
 - Pascua Yaqui Tribe
 - Quechan Indian Tribe
 - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
 - Tohono O'odham Nation
 - White Mountain Apache Tribe
5. On May 6, 2011 the AZDOHS Director and Tribal Liaison traveled to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for the grand opening ceremony of the community's newly constructed fire station. The AZDOHS Director and Tribal Liaison were invited to take part in this special event which included speeches from the community leaders, Fire Department leadership, community members and surrounding community emergency services personnel. The event also included

a tour of the new facility and a special dedication ceremony. The AZDOHS and Tribal liaison used this opportunity to congratulate the Tribe's Chairman and Fire Chief on their state of the art facility.

6. On May 19, 2011 the AZDOHS Tribal liaison reached out to Tribes around Arizona by sending them grants related information regarding the U.S. DHS Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program open grant application period. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison forwarded a packet of information such as application materials, helpful hints and tips as well as frequently asked questions that will aid Tribes in their grant applications. This effort yielded 12 applications from the 21 federally recognized Tribes around Arizona.
7. On May 31, 2011 AZDOHS in partnership with the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) conducted a second Tribal Funding Seminar for Tribes in the northern half of Arizona. The event took place at the Law Enforcement Administrative Facility in Flagstaff and was attended by Tribal first responder representatives from law enforcement, fire, and emergency services departments as well as grants management personnel from four different Tribes. AZDOHS offered an overview of available U.S. DHS grant funding, specifically the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, a funding stream set aside for Tribes. In addition, ADEM offered a presentation on the Consequences of Methamphetamines Use which yielded a productive dialogue on this very dangerous drug affecting Tribal communities. This seminar was another successful outreach effort by AZDOHS because it provided Tribal representatives information for available resources at the federal and state level. Tribes in attendance included:
 - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
 - Hopi Tribe
 - Hualapai Tribe
 - Navajo Nation

CURRENT PROJECTS

Listed below are federal homeland security grant programs that are available from U.S. DHS to Arizona's Tribes. Though the FFY 11 current grant application period has closed, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security provides continuous outreach and support to Arizona's Tribes. Awards for FFY 2011 have not been released.

A. *State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)*

This Federal Homeland Security program allows all State, County, Local, and Tribal government agencies to apply for funding to address homeland security, measure progress in achieving the national preparedness guidelines and strengthen planning and preparedness capabilities.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2010, Arizona Tribes received a total of \$251,771 in SHSGP funding. Congratulations to the following Arizona Tribes on their awards:

- Gila River Indian Community - \$132,000
- Tohono O'odham Nation - \$32,771
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe - \$87,000

B. *Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)*

UASI program funds are utilized to address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs within high threat, high-density urban areas, and to assist these areas in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism (Pima and Maricopa Counties only).

Accomplishment: In FFY 2010, the Tohono O'odham Nation received \$133,666 in UASI funding

- Tohono O'odham Nation - \$133,666

C. *Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)*

The THSGP program sets aside funding exclusively for eligible Tribes to enhance their homeland security capabilities. Under this program, Tribes apply directly to the Federal Department of Homeland Security for grant funding.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2010, the THSGP funding allocation nationwide was \$10 million. Arizona Tribes received nearly \$4 million, almost 40% of the total nationwide allocation. The total THSGP funding awarded to Arizona Tribes was \$3,949,690. Congratulations to the following Arizona Tribes on their awards:

- Cocopah Indian Tribe - \$199,235
- Colorado River Indian Tribes - \$971,955
- Gila River Indian Community - \$1,011,000
- Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community - \$110,000
- Tohono O'odham Nation \$1,657,500

Note: The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada was also awarded \$115,500 but was listed on the U.S. DHS FFY 2010 Overview as a California Tribe.

D. *Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG)*

The intent of OPSG is to provide federal funding that enhances law enforcement coordination and operations along the international borders of the United States and Territories. Funding is given to designated localities in Arizona to enhance cooperation and coordination between law enforcement agencies and U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Border Patrol in a joint mission to secure the Arizona – Mexico Border.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2010, Arizona's southern border Tribes received a total of \$1,675,007 in OPSG funding. Congratulations to the following Arizona Tribal Law Enforcement Departments on their awards:

- Pascua Yaqui Tribal Police Department - \$88,592
- Tohono O'odham Tribal Police Department - \$611,720
- Cocopah Tribal Police Department - \$419,755
- Quechan Fish and Game Department - \$ 89,480
- Quechan Tribal Police Department – \$465,460

E. *Emergency Operations Center Grant Program (EOC)*

This Federal Homeland Security program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2010, the Tohono O'odham Nation received \$500,000 in EOC funding

- Tohono O'odham Nation - \$500,000

FUTURE DEADLINES

1. We encourage Tribal communities interested in applying for U.S. DHS funding to visit our department's website at www.azdohs.gov for updated grant program information.

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