



City of Apache Junction
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Request for Financial Assistance



Application Cover Sheet

Name of Agency: Apache Junction Community Development Corporation

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Project: Operating Expenses, Code Compliance & Residents Cleanup Needs

Total Amount requested: \$7,500

Population and number of people to be served: Residents of Apache Junction (2024 pop. reported as 42,000) who are elderly (34%), disabled (15%), veterans (14%), or living below the poverty line (12%).

Agency Description:

Please provide a brief description of your organization's history, experience, and services provided. Please address the following:

1. Has your agency received funding from Apache Junction in the past? If yes:
 - a. What was the year
 - b. Amount,
 - c. Project/Service
 - d. How your agency met the expectations of the funding agreement.

Apache Junction Community Development Corporation (AJCDC) has been in operation for over 20 years and has received funding from the City of Apache Junction for FY22, FY23, FY24 (\$5,010); FY25 (\$5,010) and FY 26 (\$3,937.52).

This funding has been used primarily to provide operating expenses such as insurance; web page and applicable software such as the Give application, WP Forms; shared cloud document storage; and cell phone service to allow citizens to contact the AJCDC directly.

The funding is also used to provide needed services (such as dumpster service) as well as a variety of tools, supplies and safety items to include first aid kits and high-visibility shirts for our volunteers to use and safety.

Thus far in FY 26, AJCDC has completed cleanup projects at E. 4th Ave, S. Lawson, 2 on Foothill, assisted Pinal County on N. Canyon (please see quarterly reports for more detail). We have also provided additional assistance with transporting material to the Hazardous Waste Event in Apache Junction.

2. Purpose of the agency

The AJCDC was established in November 2002 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our purpose is to support and improve the health and quality of life of residents of Apache Junction by combatting community deterioration through redevelopment. We work in neighborhoods to help those less fortunate to maintain their yards and property. AJCDC is committed to helping our community by focusing on initiatives that create positive change and strong neighborhoods. Through community outreach and partnerships within Apache Junction, including Pinal County islands within the city, AJCDC works to create a neighborhood friendly atmosphere, helping local businesses thrive and pride in community.

Mission: Working together to maintain and create safe affordable housing, support economic opportunities, instill a sense of community pride and commitment, and enhance the physical image of Apache Junction.

Vision: Through community involvement, having a common and unified purpose to “Make a Difference” while providing conduits and assistance that enable a strong and sustainable community.

3. Type of agency

AJCDC is a Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The purpose of community development corporations is to revitalize their neighborhoods and/or towns through community redevelopment, economic development, and social services.

4. Services provided

The AJCDC offers cleanup assistance to qualified homeowner/residents who have Code Compliance cases, through removal of excess, dry or dead vegetation and weeds, removal of compiled trash and refuse. This assistance is offered to any citizen who meets the criteria: elderly, disabled, veteran, and those living below the poverty line.

AJCDC also hosts the annual Community Action Day event in Apache Junction, which includes engaged neighborhood-scale cleanup opportunities as well as roadway and trail improvements in local city parks such as Silly Mountain and Flatiron parks.

AJCDC works with the City of AJ to transport Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for those residents who are unable to transport it themselves (due to physical limitations or lack of financial ability), this being accomplished during the City’s two HHW annual events.

“Make A Difference Day” is a nationally recognized day in early October to help beautify America. Due to heat considerations here, the AJCDC holds Community Action Day in conjunction with the city of Apache Junction. We have adopted Baseline from Ironwood to Tomahawk for street clean up (about a 2-mile stretch) and performs this event at least twice per year.

5. Provide target population and demographic information on your current clientele to include percentage located within the City of Apache Junction

Population and number of people to be served: Residents of Apache Junction (2025 est.) pop. reported as 44,529) who are elderly (34% of AJ population), disabled (15% of AJ population), veterans (14% of AJ population), or living below the poverty line (12% of AJ population).

6. Explain how your agency will have adequate capacity to complete the project/service being requested.

Over the past 12 months, AJCDC has added new Board members who have shown needed skills and experience with both community development, management of volunteers and other expertise needed. This offsets Board losses over the past two years due to health concerns, terms of service and other reasons. The AJCDC's ability to recruit volunteers and complete projects has been greatly enhanced. The Board continues to seek out new members who show a commitment to serve the community.

7. Provide a list of your annual fundraisers and average amount raised.

The AJCDC has not held any fundraising events. Our web page has a Donations section, which has been utilized by the public.

8. Are you listed on the www.211Arizona.org website?

Not at this time as we are awaiting the process of getting listed on this site; an application for listing has been submitted.

9. Have you participated in the following: a Project Connect event, a Health and Wellness Expo or the Apache Junction Community Resource Center in the past?

No

Project/Service Description:

Please describe the proposed project/service to be funded. Please address the following:

1. Who will be served?

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The efforts made by AJCDC benefit many Apache Junction residents beyond those directly served. This is done by the removal of unsightly trash and debris. In this the neighboring properties find, property values are improved; neighborhood relations improve; regional neighborhood esthetics benefit; the quality of life in the neighborhood increases; and there is reduction of fire threat and again, better quality of life for the entire community and neighborhood.

3. What services will be provided?

Cleanup assistance. Again, as previously noted the AJCDC aids those homeowners/residents facing Code Compliance cases, through the removal of identified excesses of dry or dead vegetation and weeds, removal of accumulated trash and refuse. This assistance is offered to any citizen who meets the criteria: elderly, disabled, veteran, and those financially unable and or living below the poverty line.

Community Action Day. AJCDC also hosts the annual Community Action Day (formerly Make a Difference Day) in Apache Junction, which includes neighborhood-scale cleanup activities in identified areas working with the city, as well as quality of life improvements in local city parks such as Silly Mountain and Flatiron parks.

Household Hazardous Waste assistance. AJCDC works in concert with the city to transport Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for those qualified and unfortunate residents who are unable to transport it themselves during the City's two HHW annual events and as needed. With the use of the cell phone and internet services CDC is available 24/7.

(Note: Make-A-Difference Day is a national event held the first Saturday in October and the AJCDC participates in this program when it's possible but has created a local Community Action Day in support of the national initiative. This was done due to the excessive heat in October which limited the number of volunteers we got for the event. We continue to support and participate in any city clean-up activities.

4. What are the benefits?

Due to the removal of debris, trash, and sometimes hazardous waste neighboring properties experience a healthier safer environment. Property values are improved; neighborhood relations improve; neighborhood esthetics improve; and, there is a reduction of fire exposure/risks for the entire neighborhood.

5. Provide a timeline and who is responsible.

From the time a candidate property and owner resident has been identified and accepted for assistance, AJCDC projects average 2-weeks start to finish. A board member is responsible to oversee this process.

6. Where will the services be provided?

AJCDC provides services primarily within the city limits, including county Islands within this perimeter. We also assist Pinal County as needed in the spirit of cooperation.

7. How will you provide the services?

AJCDC goes out to the identified location, with additional volunteers if appropriate, and performs a variety of services to remediate the identified issue as needed.

8. Are there any community partners in this project? If so, please list.

AJCDC is proud and happy to list many valued community partners:

Ace Hardware	Genesis Project
ADR Hardware True Value	Handlebar Pub and Grill
AJI Sporting Goods	Ironhorse Seating
AJ Mounted Rangers	Hitching Post Saloon
Austin Devel. & Construction	Hardknox Rox & Excavating
Bank of America	Jayrey Graphics
City of Apache Junction	Kulvert King
Clear Title Agency of Arizona	Linx Auto Body
Dilly Dog	Modern Woodman Insurance
Dutson Law Firm, Ltd.	Mountain View Lutheran Church
Edward Jones – Magie Berizzi	Planet Fitness
Electric Panel Specialist	Safeway
Evans Family	VFW Post 9399
Friends of Apache Junction	Walmart

9. What is the project/service and agency goals?

AJCDC has continued the goal of providing AJ Code Compliance with as much assistance as possible to remediate those properties in distress by city code authorities. AJCDC also accepts requests for assistance from resident owners who meet the criteria (elderly, disabled, veterans, living below poverty level). We provide the same assistance to self-identified owner residents for property cleanup and household hazardous materials transport as possible. The AJ Code Compliance group have hundreds of open cases they work on a regular basis, only a few will meet the requirements to receive help from the AJCDC. Code will make a referral to the AJCDC and the AJCDC will make an in person or telephonic contact with the resident, determine eligibility and do an evaluation of the dept of the project.

10. How and will you sustain this project after the agreement has ended?

AJCDC will continue to provide assistance to AJ residents who are in need, utilizing resources as available.

Project/Service Budget: Provide a detailed project budget and narrative based on activities indicated above including:

1. Amount being requested: \$7,500

2. Amount of funding provided by your agency (include source):

All funding for AJCDC activities is provided by external grants and donations.

3. Amount of funding provided by partners (include source):

For the previous 12 months, a total of \$2000 has been provided by partners:

\$2,000 from Republic Services (in-kind donation)

\$500 AJ Mounted Rangers

4. A detailed narrative of the costs

Q1 FY25	
Zoom	\$159.90
Give WP Software App	\$99.00
Sparkles Screen Print	\$1,502.34
Republic Services	\$343.13

Q2 FY25	
Word Press Forms	\$399.00
Kabat's Ace Hardware	\$833.45
Philadelphia Insurance	\$1,217.00
TracFone	\$22.13
Republic Services	\$69.28
AJ Chamber of Commerce	\$195.00
Q3 FY25	
None	
Q4 FY25	
Republic Services	\$11.93
AJ Parks & Rec	\$6,419.98
Blue Host	\$324.73

5. What percentage of your agency's total annual budget is this funding request?

The requested \$7,500 represents the total AJCDC annual budget for FY 27 and would enable the agency to complete projects without additional funding. Since the AJCDC works with AJ residents only.

6. Indicate if you would accept partial funding and if so, provide the minimum amount and how your project will change.

AJCDC would of course accept any partial funding and would then prioritize the number of projects and support we could offer Code Compliance and the City. As an example, if funded to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the

request, or \$5,625, AJCDC may have to adjust be able to complete $\frac{3}{4}$ of the planned Neighborhood, Community Action Day, Household Hazardous Waste assistance projects for the fiscal year. As we do not always know ahead of time what the needs of the community could be we would have to find a way to render the unknown services requested.