



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 and Code Compliance 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.

>> AJCDC has been in operation for over 20 years and has received funding from the City of Apache Junction for many years, including 2023 (\$5,010) and 2024 (\$3,937.50). This funding has been used primarily to provide operating expenses such as insurance; web page and applicable software such as the Give application; shared cloud document storage; and cell phone service. The funding is also used to procure needed services (such as dumpster service) as well as tools and supplies for our volunteers to use.

So far in FY 2023-24, AJCDC has completed cleanup projects at S. Cedar, E. Kachina, S. Ocotillo, S. Main Dr., and W. Smoke Tree (please see quarterly reports for more detail). We have also provided additional assistance with dumpsters and cleanup services to three other neighborhoods: 1) Delaware and N. Pinyon 2) S. Plaza and Broadway 3) S. Cedar and W. 12th Ave. and two city parks (Silly Mountain and Flatiron) as part of our October Make a Difference Day event.

2. Purpose of the agency

>> The Apache Junction Community Development Corporation (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 to thrive.

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 Apache Junction CDC offers cleanup assistance to homeowner/residents in Code Compliance cases, through removal of excess, dry or dead vegetation and weeds; removal of 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 Make a Difference Day event in Apache Junction, which includes neighborhood-scale cleanup opportunities as well as cleanup 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), during the City's two HHW annual events.

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

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

>> Over the past 12 months, AJCDC has added two new Board members who have great skills and long experience with both community development and management of volunteers. This will greatly offset Board losses over the past two years due to health concerns and other reasons. The CDC's ability to recruit volunteers and complete projects has been greatly enhanced.

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 to a small extent.

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

>> No, but we are in the process of getting listed on this site; an application for listing has previously 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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2. How will this project serve Apache Junction proper residents?

>> The efforts made by AJCDC benefit many Apache Junction residents beyond those directly served. Due to the removal of debris and trash, neighboring properties experience a healthier environment. Property values are improved; neighborhood relations improve; neighborhood esthetics benefit; the neighborhood has fewer rats and other vermin; and, importantly, there is reduction of fire threat and better quality of life for the entire community and neighborhood.

3. What services will be provided?

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

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

Household Hazardous Waste assistance. AJCDC works with the City of Apache Junction to transport Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for those residents who are

unable to transport it themselves, during the City's two HHW annual events and as needed.

4. What are the benefits?

>> Due to the removal of debris, trash, and sometimes hazardous waste neighboring properties experience a healthier environment. Property values are improved; neighborhood relations improve; neighborhood esthetics benefit; the neighborhood has fewer rats and other vermin; and, importantly, there is reduced fire exposure 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. The Community Revitalization Project Manager is responsible to oversee this process.

6. Where will the services be provided?

>> AJCDC provides services within the city limits / exterior boundaries of the City of Apache Junction, including County Islands within this perimeter.

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
Frito Lay	And others have donated for shirts

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

>> AJCDC has a goal of providing AJ Code Compliance with as much assistance as possible to remediate properties in distress. 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.

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 they are 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 \$10,937.50 has been provided by partners:

- a. \$3,937.50 grant funding from HHS
- b. \$2,500 cash donation from Brookfield
- c. \$1,500 cash donation from Republic Services
- d. \$2,000 from Republic Services (in-kind donation)
- e. \$1,000 from Kabat's Ace Hardware (in kind donation)

4. A detailed narrative of the costs

>> Six quarters of costs and are provided below: complete FY 2023-24, and FY 2024-25 to date (Q1, Q2 completed).

FY 2023-24 Full year

<u>Quarter 1</u>			
7/31/23	Admin costs	Business phone renewal	\$22.27
7/31/23	Admin costs	Zoom conference calling renewal	\$149.90
8/17/23	Admin costs	Give website application software	\$99.00
9/20/23	Focal Point	Commemorative brick	\$24.00
9/20/23	MADD t-shirts	Volunteer t-shirts	\$2,347.40
			\$2,642.57
<u>Quarter 2</u>			
10/3/23	MADD	Shovels and gloves	\$335.00
10/3/23	MADD	Pole saw/hedge trimmer	\$420.20
10/3/23	MADD	Shovels/rakes	\$435.00
10/10/23	Community Revitalization	Tractor parts and Repair	\$657.62
10/10/23	Administration	Wordpress forms: website forms	\$399.00

10/25/23	Community Revitalization	Dumpster Fees	\$1,542.62
11/8/23	MADD	Flatiron mural	\$500.00
11/8/23	Administration	Insurance payment	\$1,217.00
12/19/23	Administration	AJ chamber of commerce dues	\$195.00
12/19/23	Community Revitalization	Tractor parts	\$33.00
12/19/23	Community Revitalization	Wheelbarrow	\$20.36
			\$5,754.80
<u>Quarter 3</u>			
1/10/2024	Community revitalization	Dump fees for 437 S Main	\$29.33
1/10/2024	MADD	Dumpster padlocks reimbursement	\$59.98
1/10/2024	Administration	Trac phone usage plan fee	\$22.32
2/6/2024	Administration: Insurance	insurance payment	\$918.00
3/4/2024	AZ corp commission	corporate commission fee	\$10.00
3/4/2024	Administration	Trac phone usage plan fee	\$22.32
			\$1,061.95
<u>Quarter 4</u>			
4/22/2024	Administration	Trac phone usage plan fee	\$22.32
			\$22.32

FY 2024-25 To Date

<u>Quarter 1</u>			
7/15/2024	Administration	Zoom video conferencing software	\$159.90
8/15/2024	MADD	T-shirts for Make a Difference Day	\$1,502.31
8/21/2024	Administration	Give app for website	\$99.00
8/26/2024	Community Revitalization	Dumpster fee for 1687 E 2nd Ave	\$343.14
			\$2,104.35
<u>Quarter 2</u>			
10/5/2024	Administrative	WP Forms for website	\$399.00
10/16/2024	Make a Difference Day	Tools for Make a Difference Day event	\$833.45
10/21/2024	Administration: Insurance	Insurance payment	\$1,217.00
10/24/2024	Administration: phone	Trac Phone usage plan fee	\$22.13
11/13/2024	Community Revitalization	Dumpster fee for 822 E Kachina	\$33.61
12/17/2024	Community Revitalization	Dumpster fee for 822 E Kachina	\$11.87
12/18/2024	Administrative	Membership dues	\$195.00
12/18/2024	Community Revitalization	Dumpster fee for S Cedar	\$23.80
			\$2,735.86

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 2024-25 and would enable the agency to complete projects without additional funding.

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

>> AJCDC would accept partial funding, with the number of projects and amount of support offered to Code Compliance and the City directly tied to and impacted by the amount of funding. As an example, if funded to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the request, or \$5,625, AJCDC would be able to complete $\frac{3}{4}$ of the planned Neighborhood, Make a Difference Day, and Household Hazardous Waste assistance projects for the fiscal year.