About the Consulting Team
MDC has teamed up with Building Communities and Native Builders to provide this service.

Building Communities and Native Builders held over 40 meetings in 2017-2018 to understand the top needs and priorities of the Hopi Villages. Building Communities has grant writing and project management skills that can be beneficial to the project.

Native Builders is very familiar with the area and provides a local perspective to the consulting team.

Contact
Hopi Villages and Communities that desire to benefit from this program should contact Cheryl Honahni at (928) 283-5999 or Cheryl.Honahni@moenkopidevelopers.com.

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Project Funding

Committed to the future of rural communities.

Hopi OCPED: An Important Partner
The Hopi Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (OCPED) is an important collaborator with this project. Andrew Gashwazra, Fred Shupla and Marlene Joshevama will be supporting the effort. OCPED can be reached at (928) 734-3242.
Purpose of the Grant
USDA Rural Development provided grant funding to MDC to assist Hopi by providing technical assistance related to “Essential Community Facilities.”

The grant helps to identify and plan for community facilities, and then to assist by identifying public and private resources to fund such projects.

Specific project activities include:
- Assisting Villages to identify and plan for community facility needs
- Identify financial resources
- Prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance
- Prepare grant and loan applications
- Improve management and financial capacity

Possible Project Ideas
Essential community infrastructure is key in ensuring that rural areas enjoy the same basic quality of life and services enjoyed by those in urban areas. Community Facilities Programs offer direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America. These amenities help increase the competitiveness of rural communities in attracting and retaining businesses that provide employment and services for their residents.

Federally recognized American Indian Tribes can use the funds to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services. Projects include fire and rescue stations, village and town halls, health care clinics, hospitals, adult and child care centers, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, public buildings, schools, libraries, and many other community-based initiatives. Financing may also cover the costs for land acquisition, professional fees, and purchase of equipment.

Ultimate Goal
The consulting team ultimately hopes to help Hopi Villages to successfully apply for grant and loan funding to improve facilities and benefit the local economy.

Project Timeline
Technical Assistance will be provided through December 31, 2020

A Critical Time for Hopi
The closure of the Peabody Mine is having a big impact on budgets and jobs at Hopi. The Hopi Tribe and MDC want to do their part to assist the Villages and Communities to address this problem.

This federal grant is one way to help. Villages and Communities are invited to work with the Consulting Team to identify and advance eligible projects.

We invite you to be in touch with our team today to begin to make this difference!