Positioning Hopi through Strategic Planning

How the Hopi Villages can realize the Promise
Bennett Freeze

- Upper Village of Moenkopi
- Moencopi Village (Lower)

Relocation Effort

- Yuwehloo Pahki
JOINT VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLANNING RESOLUTION
JVSP-001-2018

This Resolution is by and between the Village of Moencopi (Lower) (hereinafter “VML”), Upper Village of Moenkopi (hereinafter “UVM”) and Yuvéélhool Pa’aki Community (hereinafter “YP’C”); and referred to as the “Three Villages”, for the purpose of conducting economic development strategy planning and project implementation work designed to assist all three Villages and the Hopi Tribe in general to realize the promises made by the federal government for infrastructure, quality housing and economic development related to the Former Bennett Freeze Area (hereinafter “FBFA”) and Relocation efforts.

WHEREAS, VML, UVM and YPC remain impacted by decisions of the federal government related to the FBFA and Relocation effort; and

WHEREAS, Promises made by the Federal Government, that due to the FBFA-based moratorium on development, have gone on for over 40 years without realization; and

WHEREAS, Past efforts by the Federal Government to address varied impacts of the FBFA and Relocation have been inadequate at best and non-existent at worst; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe and the Three Villages have worked together to document a continuing list of un-filled needs associated with infrastructure and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Past efforts identifying known impacts and needs were not to or addressed under a necessary level of commitment by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Three Villages seek to immediately update their previous and desire to address all existing needs in the context of economic strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2018, the Three Villages organized and attended a Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) Session to discuss viable strategies to address the closing of Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the planning work conducted by JVSP is consistent with Hopi Tribal Resolution H-95-2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Villages have received a proposal for such economic development strategic planning services from Native Builders and its subcontractor Building Communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under a unified effort, the Three Villages have reviewed said proposal and approve of the requested compensation amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars ($96,000) for said proposed services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Three Villages have also determined that Native Builders and Building Communities are qualified to conduct such strategic planning services which will also include project and implementation advocacy over a period of 12 months.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Villages recognize that time is of the essence due the planned reduction in financial and technical assistance by the federal government beginning in FY 2019 (October 1, 2018).

BE IT RESOLVED, that Native Builders indicates that strategic planning services can begin immediately and a proposal for advocacy to Congress completed prior to October 1, 2018 with further advocacy work extending through the end of one-year following the execution of this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the scale of planning and implementation efforts will benefit not only the Three Villages, but the entire Hopi Tribe as well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VML, UVM and YPC desire to engage the professional services of Native Builders and its subcontractor Building Communities to develop village-based Economic Development Strategic Plans and provide implementation advocacy work over a period of 12 months, per above mentioned proposal.
A Promise Has Been Made

Because of the Freeze
Because of the Relocation

Jobs
Housing
Infrastructure
Economic Development
Past “Solutions” Have Been Inadequate
The Tribe and the Villages Have *Tried* to Make Our Case
3% of $600,000,000 = The Result
Perhaps Our Final Chance
Not Just a Handout, a Hand Up
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP)?
The two villages impacted by the Bennet Freeze (Upper Moenkopi Village (UMV) and the Village of Moencopi (Lower) (VML)) have partnered with Yuwehlooh Pahki Community (YPC) to develop and implement a plan that addresses the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation eras of Hopi history. YPC is the community established when Hopi members were forcibly relocated from Navajo Lands.

What is the “Plan?”
Each of the three villages/community have completed a plan that identifies the investments necessary to address the impacts of the injustices of Federal policy. All three plans are economic development strategic plans intended to lead to a diversified, sustainable economy while investing in the required housing, infrastructure, public facilities, and economic development needs.
Who Developed the Plans and Identified the Projects?
Each of the villages developed their own Steering Committee which completed a strategic planning process to identify economic development strategies and associated projects. In addition, historical information was collected, examined, and updated to identify specific projects and associated estimated project budgets.

The result is four documents including strategic plans for each of the participating villages/community as well as an overall project budget that combines the funding needs from all three participating areas.

What is the Total Budget Request?
The total request is for approximately $1.2 billion over ten years over three phases.
How Much Funding is Requested for Each Phase?

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Who Determined the Budget?  Are the Cost Estimates Accurate?
The identified projects and their associated budgets were determined by each of the villages/community staff members based upon historical research and an estimate of current construction costs.
What Happens During Phase I?
The $60 million to be invested in 2021-2022 will accomplish two overarching goals: 1) to construct *Immediate Recovery Projects*. These are projects that are local priorities that have all the clearances and plans in place for immediate construction. The remainder of the $60 million will be invested in engineering, architecture, environmental site clearances, and other work to ensure the success of Phase II. During Phase I, all of the project cost estimates will be refined which could result in changes to the Phase II and Phase III funding request.

Is the Hopi Tribe Supportive of this Initiative?
The three participating villages/community presented the strategic plans and budget request to the Hopi Land Commission, a subset of the Hopi Tribal Council focused upon Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation issues. The Hopi Land Commission expressed support for the initiative. The Hopi Tribal Council is considering a resolution of support at this time.
If Funding is Appropriated by Congress, how will it be Directed/Allocated?
The recommendation is for the repurposing of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) to become the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Recovery. That is, funding would be utilized by the “new ONHIR” under the supervision/direction of a Hopi committee to ensure that priority projects are completed.

Has there been Local Public Involvement in the Development of the Plan and Identification of Projects?
Yes. Originally, public outreach was conducted in 2010 when the original projects and budgets were identified. More recently, all three of the villages/community have had public involvement sessions in the development of their strategic plans.

Once these Public Improvements have been Developed, how will They be Maintained and Operated?
A maintenance and operation plan for all public improvements will be developed as a part of Phase I of the effort.
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