

**Summary Report**  
**Summary of Building Communities Projects at Hopi**  
**January 2021**

Building Communities is pleased to be working with the Hopi Tribe, villages, and non-profits to advance community and economic development projects at Hopi. Below is a high-level summary of our status on the various projects.

- **Victim Services Program** - We continue to enjoy our weekly contact with Jamie, Kim, and Carey to finalize the Needs Assessment and move into the Strategic Plan for the formulation of the Victim Services Program. I believe that Phylline is finalizing the process for the Phase II Strategic Planning work for this project.
- **Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP)** - We have continued to coordinate with UMV, VML and YPC on almost a weekly basis to finalize the documentation to seek over \$1 billion from Congress to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation. The group is trying to get on the agenda for the HTC for a supporting resolution to approach Congress. This matter is highly urgent given the new President and new Congress. Anything you can do to help with internal communication is appreciated.
- **Tourism Strategic Plan** - We finished our work to complete the Hopi Tourism Strategic Plan back in November. It is a beautiful plan and we are working with a 30-member Hopi Tourism Cohort to implement portions of the plan. I assisted the Moenkopi Developers Corporation to receive a USDA Rural Development grant to implement portions of that plan.
- **Hydroponics Feasibility Study** - We finalized the Hydroponics Business Feasibility study in 2020 and we are now looking for ways to help the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) to move forward with that project. The pandemic and lack of VML Board Members has slowed this effort down but I really believe there is a significant opportunity for Hopi to create jobs, generate revenues, and provide healthier food for the people. We will keep working on this.
- **Water Well #9 Feasibility Study** - This is an emerging opportunity that has come out of the JVSP planning effort which concluded that the development of a long-term, sustainable water supply for Moenkopi is the top priority. One opportunity would be to repurpose the right-of-way from the Peabody Mine to Laughlin Nevada to bring water to Moenkopi. I believe with the partnership of Hopi DNR that we are securing the funding for that analysis.
- **MDC USDA RD Community Facilities Grant** - This is the grant received by the Moenkopi Developers Corporation with \$40,000 of matching funds from the Hopi Tribe. The purpose of this project was to reach out to Hopi communities and villages to identify potential community facilities projects. Despite the distraction of the pandemic and CARES Act funding, I do believe we can continue to assist the villages with the information that we have once life gets somewhat "back to normal."
- **EDA CARES Act Project** - This is a federal award from the Economic Development Administration to assist the Hopi Tribe to address the impacts of the pandemic. I continue to work with Andrew to refine the scope of work and get this project underway.
- **YPC Business Assistance Project** - This is the effort to do business planning and work with entrepreneurs. Although this project has been stalled by the pandemic, we hope to complete this work between now and June.