

Joint Village Strategic Planning Report to Hopi Tribal Commissions

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Joint Village
Strategic Planning

UMV, VML & YPC

Project Purpose

The purpose of Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) is to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation by planning for infrastructure, housing, community facilities, and economic development investments.

JVSP coordinates with the Hopi Tribal Council to advocate for such funding and investment.

Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) has been active since 2017.

JVSP has held weekly meetings virtually every Tuesday morning at 10 am MST since the spring of 2020.

JVSP Briefed on Status of Congressionally Directed Spending

Pre-approved Grant Through EPA in Place

Efforts by both the Hopi Tribe and Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) have successfully resulted in a \$1.5 million allocation of federal funding through the Congressionally Directed Spending process.

On Tuesday, May 2, JVSP invited Joe Russell and Luther Lee of the Office of Senator Mark Kelly to update the group on the status of the funding award.

Joe Russell reported that the \$1.5 million allocation is secured, and the official recipient of the funding is the Hopi Tribe. The funding is allocated through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In effect, the award is a “pre-approved grant.” Although the funding is secured, the Hopi Tribe is still obligated to officially apply for the federal funding.

To date, advocacy for federal funding has been done through Indian Health Services (IHS). The Hopi Tribe will need to coordinate between IHS and EPA in order to fully inform the grant application process.