

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.

Coordination with Federal Agencies Needed to Benefit from Congressionally Directed Spending

\$1.5 Million Federal Appropriation Needs Support from Hopi Tribe to Receive Funds

Work by the Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) committee in cooperation with the Hopi Tribe and the Water Energy Committee (WEC) has successfully realized a \$1.5 million federal allocation through the process known as Congressionally Directed Spending.

The \$1.5 million award will be routed through a fund controlled by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In effect, the “pre-approved” grant still must go through the formal application process in order for the Hopi Tribe to receive the funding and then to apply such funding to the project being coordinated by the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA).

JVSP will continue to report to the WEC and collaborate with the Hopi Tribe Natural Resources Department in order to assist MUA to secure the funding needed for the water improvement project.

During the Congressionally Directed Spending process, funding support letters were issued by the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Upper Moenkopi Village. There is unanimous support by all JVSP members to successfully advance the project.