



SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 PARTNERSHIP PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) has been designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD) for the four-county region of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, SEAGO is desirous of continuing and expanding activities to advance the economic development of these four counties; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce has partnership planning assistance grants which will cultivate long-range and regional planning among the SEAGO member entities to alleviate economic distress; and

WHEREAS, the current economic distress in these four counties is demonstrated by the depletion of full time high-wage jobs, continuing market stagnation of commercial and residential properties, unresolved international border issues, unacceptable unemployment levels, lack of business diversity, and persistent low/median family incomes in the majority of the SEAGO Region; and

WHEREAS, the region-wide economic distress factors described above are exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SEAGO Executive Board hereby authorizes an application to be made to the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA for a Fiscal Year 2022 planning grant in the amount of \$75,000; and

THAT, up to \$35,357 is hereby committed to assure that SEAGO meets the matching funds requirement for the EDA grant, funded through annual assessment (membership) dues paid by its members; and

THAT, the SEAGO Executive Director is hereby authorized to sign and execute all application forms, contracts, or documents for the receipt and use of these funds.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 21st day of May, 2021.

Michael Laws,
Executive Board Chair

Randy Heiss,
Executive Director

SEAGO Member Entities

Cochise County

Benson

Bisbee

Douglas

Huachuca City

Sierra Vista

Tombstone

Willcox

Graham County

Pima

Safford

San Carlos

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Thatcher

Greenlee County

Clifton

Duncan

Santa Cruz County

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