



CITY OF OROVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Andy Pickett
Butte County Indian Gaming
Community Benefit Committee
25 County Center Drive, Suite 200
Oroville, CA 95965

Re: Oroville Fire Department Grants 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14

Dear Mr. Pickett,

The Oroville Fire Department was the recipient of grant funding over the past three years from the Indian Gaming Community Benefit Fund. The grants were for various programs and to offset the cost of personnel. I am writing today to request permission to modify the purpose of this grant funding. As you may be aware the City of Oroville has experienced a severe economic downturn. The downturn resulted in a structural imbalance of approximately 2.1 million dollars. This imbalance necessitated the reduction in our workforce. This workforce reduction City wide resulted in the loss of three Fire Engineers, and the discussion of a potential reduction in minimum staffing of the Fire Department.

The Ladder Truck of the Oroville Fire Department is an essential piece of equipment to ensure the safety of the facilities located on both the Moore Town Rancheria and the Berry Creek Rancheria. Both facilities have high rise structures that in the event of a catastrophic event would require the use of this piece of equipment. The Oroville Fire Department is part of the County wide Mutual Aid and Auto Aid agreement. These agreements are one established between all Fire Departments in Butte County. As a signer on this agreement the City of Oroville is responsible to provide the Ladder Truck as the first due in Ladder Truck to both facilities. The City of Oroville may not have the funding necessary to keep this essential piece of equipment staffed if this request is denied. If the Ladder Truck was needed after a staffing reduction it would require the calling in of an off duty Fire Crew. If this were to occur the delay in the response of this piece of equipment would be catastrophic to the rescue of patrons and significantly increased damage to the Tribe's investment.

I feel the fact this piece of equipment is the first due in Ladder Truck fulfills the direct nexus component for both Casinos. I understand the desired requirement of a physical connection to Tribal lands; however Fire Service is delivered by proximity and not physical jurisdiction. The decision to keep this piece of equipment

staffed would greatly improve the probability of the rescue of patrons of both facilities and the protection of the Tribes investment in the event of a catastrophic event.

With the reduction in our workforce the programs originally approved are much more difficult to complete and may extend beyond end of the granting funding period. Therefore I am requesting permission to modify the grant and utilize all remaining funding to fund personnel for the Oroville Fire Department Ladder truck.

The Grants requested to be modified are:

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| 1. | 2010/14 IGLCBC | \$223,770.00 |
| 2. | 2012/13 IGLCBC | \$37,353.00 |
| 3. | 2013/14 IGLCBC | \$32,309.00 |

The Funding remaining in each of the grants and the original purpose is as follow:

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| 1. | 2010/14 IGLCBC | \$52,781.00 |
| 2. | 2012/13 IGLCBC | \$37,353.00 |
| 3. | 2013/14 IGLCBC | <u>\$32,309.00</u> |
| | Total | \$122,443.00 |

These proposed changes would ensure the staffing of this essential piece of equipment

I am requesting permission to modify the grant or appear before the Committee at the September 18, 2013 meeting and pled the case of the Oroville Fire Department for modification.

If I may be of further assistance to the Committee, please feel free to contact me at (530)538-2480.

Sincerely,

Bill LaGrone Jr.
Fire Chief
City of Oroville

Indian Gaming Grants Fire Department

2011-2014 Grant Cycle

Item	Amount Granted	Amount Spent	Amount Remaining
PPE	\$26,280	\$26,280.00	\$ -0-
Training	\$30,000	\$16,977.91	\$13,022.09
Equipment for truck	\$60,000	\$45,895.41	\$14,104.59
Interns	\$107,490	\$85,294.53	\$22,195.47

2012-2013 Grant Cycle

Item	Amount Granted	Amount Spent	Amount Remaining
Radios	\$887	\$ 887.00	\$ -0-
Training	\$3,790		\$ 3,790.00
Interns	\$6,176		\$ 6,176.00
Overtime	\$26,500		\$26,500.00

2013-2014 Grant Cycle

Item	Amount Granted	Amount Spent	Amount Remaining
Training	\$7,200		\$ 7,200.00
PPE	\$10,800	\$ 165.52	\$10,634.48
Employee	\$5,543		\$ 5,543.00
Interns	\$9,600		\$ 9,600.00
		Total remaining approximately	\$118,765.63

This accounts for all expenses thru 8/21/13.