



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approving FY 2022 BIA Office of Indian Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, Indian Business Incubator Program Grant
Application:
White Mountain Apache Business Innovation Center)**

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has recognized that providing new and improved opportunities for White Mountain Apache businesses to start-up, succeed, or expand is a key strategy in revitalizing the economic health of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council supports the White Mountain Apache Business Innovation Center (“WMA BIC”) and its efforts to develop entrepreneurship services that address a variety of client needs, business sectors and experience levels across a broad range of stages of business development from start-up through growth and expansion; and
- WHEREAS,** The WMA BIC will develop small business management educational materials and professional development workshop curriculum specifically targeted to enhance entrepreneurial capacity building and empowerment among existing and potential White Mountain Apache small businesses and Tribal enterprises to expand the private sector within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The WMA BIC, with BIA support of \$ 300,000.00 over a 3-year period, will implement the White Mountain Apache Entrepreneurship Program to support White Mountain Apache entrepreneurship and Tribal enterprise management providing capacity building support to implement business planning and capital investment strategies leading to small business development, job creation, and create a flow of private and public capital into the White Mountain Apache small business community for start-up, growth, and expansion; and
- WHEREAS,** The BIA Office of Indian Economic Development, Division of Economic Development has announced Indian Business Incubator Program grant funding to establish and operate business incubators that serve tribal reservation communities; and

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WHEREAS, The Council finds that authorizing the Tribe's Planning Department to apply for the BIA office of Indian Economic Development's Indian Business Incubator Program Grant will help the Tribe support the growth of small business on the Reservation, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission by the WMAT of a grant application to the BIA Office of Indian Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, Indian Business Incubator Program grant funding in the amount of \$ 100,000 per year for a 3-Year period for a total amount of \$ 300,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 1, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>6-13-22</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>6/13/2022</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date