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# Board of Supervisors Memorandum

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March 17, 2015

**Grant Funding from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs for the Open Space Acquisition Around Davis-Monthan Air Force Base**

Background

In May 2004, then-Governor Janet Napolitano signed House Bill 2140 to establish the Military Installation Fund (MIF). The MIF provides State funding to acquire lands and properties that directly impact the function of Arizona military installations.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB; Base) is important to the economic vitality of this community. Pima County continually supports efforts to secure the long-term survival of the Base. However, concerns with cost of operations and noise impacts could affect the future of the Base.

DMAFB currently leases approximately 100 acres of land adjacent to and at the end of its existing runways from private property owners and another 133 acres of land from the State of Arizona. If these existing property owners denied DMAFB future leases, the Base would no longer be able to complete its assigned mission without significant investment to relocate the roadway system that supports activities along the runway; potentially resulting in Base closure and a devastating economic impact to the community.

Staff would like to submit an application to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs for MIF grant funding to acquire some of the leased parcels around DMAFB to protect Base operations in the community.

If Pima County's MIF application is awarded, Pima County will use the grant to cover costs associated with this open space acquisition. Pima County would own the acquired space and lease it back to the Base for a nominal annual fee to continue efforts in preserving Base operational viability and prevent urban encroachment around the Base. Pima County will not be required to match any funds received, nor will the County use its funds for costs associated with the acquisition.

If the Arizona Department of Military Affairs does not select the County's application, no property will be purchased with the MIF at this time.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No. 2015-\_\_\_\_ authorizing County staff to submit an application for Military Installation Funds to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Re: **Grant Funding from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs for the  
Open Space Acquisition Around Davis-Monthan Air Force Base**

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Respectfully submitted,



C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

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Attachment

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**RESOLUTION 2015 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE MILITARY INSTALLATION FUNDS FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS TO HELP PREVENT URBAN ENCROACHMENT THROUGH ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND PRESERVE THE LONG-TERM SURVIVAL OF THE BASE.**

**The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:**

1. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (“DMAFB”) is a significant component of the Pima County and Southern Arizona economy.
2. In Fiscal Year 2013, \$1.5 billion was circulated into the local economy, 2,884 civilians were employed and 4,403 jobs were created in Pima County as a result of DMAFB operations and activities.
3. Pima County is committed to assisting the Base in fulfilling its mission to ensure the safety of the nation.
4. Pima County has a history and commitment of preserving open space and protecting habitat for the benefit of all.
5. Preserving open space around and near DMAFB will reduce or eliminate long-term exposure to high levels of noise and the high level of risk associated with the conveyance of live ordinance and DMAFB military operations.
6. The reduction of these risks through the preservation of open space to establish a larger buffer from development around and near DMAFB will benefit the community, support the preservation and continuation of operations at DMAFB and assist DMAFB in fulfilling its mission to ensure the safety of the nation.
7. The Military Installation Fund (“MIF”) is established and authorized by A.R.S. § 26-262 to allocate monies to acquire private property, real estate, rights to real estate, property management, and infrastructure that is vital to the preservation of a military installation.
8. Pima County recognizes that acquiring and protecting open space around and near DMAFB will significantly increase DMAFB’s long-term viability as a military installation and wishes to ensure that viability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:**

- Section 1. County staff is authorized and directed to file an application for an MIF grant to acquire property on the southeastern end of DMAFB.

- Section 2. If the grant application is approved by the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Pima County will accept and approve the state grant award.
- Section 3. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute any and all documents required to accept the MIF grant award and any subsequent amendments and/or documents relating thereto.
- Section 4. Pima County will, in carrying out its responsibilities under the MIF grant, comply with all state and federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements applicable to the use of the MIF grant.
- Section 5. The Pima County Administrator is authorized and directed to take any further actions necessary to implement and complete the grant application and the acquisitions to be funded by the MIF grant.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Karen S. Friar, Deputy County Attorney