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12 /02 /2025

Project Title / Description:

Donation of Surplus Property

Agenda Item Report

Introduction / Background: The Arivaca Coordinating Council / Human Resource Group (AHR) is requesting the

donation of a surplus 12-passenger van that has met its end of life and is designated

for auction.

Discussion:The vehicle will be primarily used to provide transportation to seniors for grocery

shopping, medical appointments, and social activities. It will also be used to support

youth activities such as educational outings.

Beyond these initial uses, it may expand to a commuter role allowing access to Sun

Tran in Green Valley for Arivaca residents

The AHR serves an isolated community 45 miles from the nearest grocery store,

with no available public transportation. Due to Covid, the prior vehicle that provided these services was sold with no funding for a replacement. This vehicle will again fill that role and provide access to much needed services, providing well-being and

stability to those in need.

Conclusion: The donation of the 12-passenger van to the Arivaca Coordinating Council / Human

Resource Group (AHR) will benefit those community members who rely on, and are

supported by, the transportation services this vehicle will provide.

Recommendation: Fleet Services recommends the donation of the surplus vehicle to AHR to help better

serve their community and provide access to beneficial services.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated revenue of this asset at auction is \$4,500.

Support of Prosperity Initiative:8. Prioritize Transportation Options to Connect Disadvantaged Communities to Jobs

and Resources

Provide information that explains how this activity supports the selected Prosperity Initiative

This vehicle will help provide transportation of seniors to food resources, medical care, and social activities. Along with this, it will help support youth activities and provide access to job opportunities and educational resources in Green Valley.

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October 29, 2025

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RE: Donation of a 2006 Ford E150 Passenger Van

Dear Ms. Lesher,

On behalf of Arivaca Coordinating Council / Human Resource Group (AHR), I am writing to respectfully request the donation of the 2006 Ford E150 passenger van that we understand may be available through the County. We believe this vehicle could make a transformative difference for our rural community and enable us to better serve residents of all ages.

AHR has been the "heart" and safety net of Arivaca for 37 years, delivering essential services—Mobile Meals, food pantry, energy assistance, emergency support, and more—to over half of our village's 700 residents each year. Our role is especially critical given Arivaca's extreme isolation: we are located 45 miles from the nearest grocery store and 11 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border, with no public transportation or city services. For many, simple tasks like shopping or making a doctor's appointment are daunting, if not impossible, without community support.

Transportation has always been a lifeline in Arivaca. Many still recall "The Burrito Bus," a beloved AHR service that operated until the pandemic, providing rides for seniors, families, and youth to essential destinations. While the bus was sold during COVID—when both funding and logistics made it impossible to continue—the need never went away. In fact, as we rebuild and reimagine post-pandemic, access to reliable transportation has become even more urgent.

If granted, the Ford E150 van would primarily serve our seniors, providing rides for grocery shopping, medical appointments, and socialization opportunities that are vital to health and well-being. We also envision using the van to support youth activities—such as trips to the Amado swimming pool and educational outings—helping our youngest residents stay active and engaged. Beyond these immediate uses, we hope to explore a "commuter van" service, connecting Arivaca residents to the Sun Tran system in Green Valley and expanding access to jobs, education, and resources across Pima County.

While we are still working out the logistics, this van would be a flexible, community-powered asset—helping to ensure that no one in Arivaca is left behind due to lack of transportation. It aligns perfectly with AHR's mission: to empower every individual toward health, well-being, and stability by providing essential, life-affirming services and resources.

We would be honored to steward this vehicle for the benefit of our entire community and would gladly provide updates, share success stories, and ensure it is used to its fullest potential. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to rural communities like ours and for considering our request.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you need additional information or wish to discuss our vision further.

With gratitude,

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