



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

July 2, 2013

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

Background

Recognizing the importance of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and its role in the economic vitality of this community, Pima County continually supports efforts to secure the long-term survival of the Base.

Pima County's Economic Development Plan identified the Base as providing an economic benefit of \$1.6 billion, employing 3,994 civilian and creating 4,538 jobs in Pima County during Fiscal Year 2011. Although the community supports this Base installation substantially, there have been concerns with military noises which could affect the future of the Base.

Significant space is available to create a noise buffer on the eastern boundary of the Base. This buffer would protect Base operations and mitigate noise in the community, especially near the target shooting range.

The Military Installation Fund, established under House Bill 2140 signed by then-Governor Napolitano on May 17, 2004, provides state funding to acquire lands and property that directly impact the function of Arizona's military installations. If awarded, Pima County will not be required to match any funds received.

Recommendation

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base installation is a key component of Pima County's Economic Development Action Plan. I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the Resolution authorizing County staff to submit an application for Military Installation Funds to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Huckelberry", is written over the typed name and title.

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

RESOLUTION 2013 - _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE MILITARY
INSTALLATION FUNDS THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT
OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS TO HELP PREVENT
URBAN ENCROACHMENT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN END OF DAVIS-
MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE THROUGH ACQUISITION AND
PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE TO PRESERVE THE LONG-TERM
SURVIVAL OF THE BASE**

WHEREAS, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is one of the primary institutions in Pima County and Southern Arizona, contributing \$1.6 billion annually to the local economy, employing 3,994 civilians and creating 4,538 jobs in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, the community substantially supports the military installation in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is committed to preserving open space, protecting habitat, assisting the Base in fulfilling its mission to ensure the safety of the nation, and continuing the positive economic impacts of the Base for the community; and

WHEREAS, preserving open space near the Base will also benefit the community by reducing or eliminating long-term exposure to high levels of noise and the high level of risks associated with Base operations and the conveyance of live ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of property to establish a buffer around the Base will assist the Base in fulfilling its mission to ensure the safety of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Military Installation Fund (MIF) is established and authorized by ARS §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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pima County Board of Supervisors that:

1. County staff is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for Military Installation Fund grant funds to acquire property on the southeastern end of the Base.
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.
3. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Pima County Administrator are each hereby authorized to sign any and all documents to effectuate the grant application and any subsequent amendments and/or documents relating thereto.
4. Pima County shall comply with all appropriate state and federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the Military Installation Fund award.

5. The Pima County Administrator shall act as the agent of the Pima County Board of Supervisors to take any further actions necessary to implement and complete the grant application and the project to be funded by the grant.

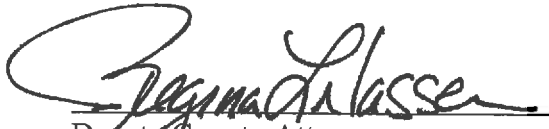
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2013.

Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney
REGINA NASSEN