

## **Application of Criteria for Pima County Bond Project Proposals**

Directions: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee adopted criteria for project inclusion. For each resubmitted and new bond project proposal, please answer how the project meets the criteria below. If certain criteria do not apply to the project, please answer not applicable. The total response for each project should be no longer than two pages in Arial size 11 font. Please do not submit exhibits or attachments. The completed form should be e-mailed to [Deseret.Romero@pima.gov](mailto:Deseret.Romero@pima.gov) on or before July 15, 2013.

### **Project Name: North Marana Library and Community Center (FM39)**

1. **Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:** There continues to be a tremendous amount of support for the expansion of services in the Marana area. During the 2007 subcommittee meetings, hundreds of signatures and dozens of individual letters were submitted on behalf of this project. Once again with housing starts on the rise, the Northwest Region of Pima County is expanding at a rapid rate and municipal and county resources have been unable to keep up with the infrastructure and amenity needs of the population. Public meeting space, library services, and recreational venues are nonexistent or over capacity. As the population continues to increase these facilities will become even more vital to the sustainability and economic growth of the region.
2. **Has Regional Public Benefit:** Residents are currently served by a small 2500 sq. ft library. The Library was visited 49,313 times last year and over 39,000 items were borrowed. A new full service 15,000 sq. ft. library will serve the entire northern part of Marana including residents who may drive from Picture Rocks and the extended parts of northern Pima County.

Both the University and Pima College would like to extend educational services into the region, but are unable to locate classroom space and there is a critical shortage of childcare and recreational facilities. In addition, the region lacks adequate meeting space, the ability to host regional events and conferences. The Community Center would provide an innovative collaborative solution for these needs without duplicating efforts or services and providing world-class facilities with shared M&O maximizing scarce financial resources. The current library is too small to provide the full range of services offered by the library. A full service library built in partnership with the Marana Unified School District will serve both the new and older communities and provide a gathering place for the entire region. The Community Center will bring together multi-generational activities, provide support for public education, non-profits, and serve as an economic development catalyst for the region.

3. **Partnerships:** Over the past few years, Marana has been in discussions with a wide variety of community partners developing plans for a regional education and recreation center that will meet the growing needs of the community. Early in the discussions Town management and representatives of the Marana Unified School District, Pima Community College, Pima County, the Pima County Library District, the University of Arizona and the YMCA of Tucson drafted the concept of a regional community campus that would be jointly and cooperatively developed, funded, built, and operated. The development of this jointly managed complex, the Marana Regional Community Center, will allow the Town of Marana and community

partners to maximize the strengths of each organization, reduced duplication of effort and provide the highest quality of services with the

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches: The Town or Marana Unified School District (MUSD) will contribute land and possibly infrastructure support. MUSD will leverage in funding along with the YMCA and other partners to support general fund, grant, and bond funds provided through the Town. The Town and MUSD have secured land near the Town Center for a joint use facility bringing together educational and recreational services for residents. In addition, other funding streams have been identified to assist in the development of this project.
5. Education and Workforce Training: The center will house a variety of workforce training and educational programs.
6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation: The Center will be developed using sustainable building practices and both solar energy and a portion of the Town's hydro-electric allotment.
7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding: NA
8. Phasing of Large Projects: This project may be built in phases to accommodate the needs of the public and educational partners.
9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs: Maintenance and operating costs (indirect and administrative) - for infrastructure improvements will be shared by the Town of Marana, Pima County Libraries, and private and non-profit partners.
10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project: This project is a new capital improvement.