

**PROMISE ZONE DESIGNATION INITIATIVE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
between  
GILA COUNTY  
and  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF GILA COUNTY  
Part I  
General Information**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU) establishes the terms and conditions between Gila County and the Industrial Development Authority of Gila County (hereinafter referred to as IDA) for the Promise Zone Designation Initiative. This MOU is entered into for the purpose of delineating the respective roles and responsibilities of the Promise Zone Designation Initiative as a required partner in the implementation of the Promise Zone Designation Initiative. By signatures to this MOU, the parties agree to abide by the terms, conditions, goals, policies, principles and regulations of the Promise Zone.

This agreement is to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of services to prevent duplication and coordinate resources in the Promise Zone Corridor. In addition, the MOU establishes joint process and procedures that will enable partners to integrate the current service delivery system, resulting in a seamless and comprehensive array of educational opportunities, job training and other workforce development services; health and human services; safe, affordable housing; initiatives to reduce serious and violent crimes; job creation and economic development opportunities being accessible throughout the Promise Zone.

**Part II  
Services to be Provided**

The Promise Zone Partners agree to the following:

The IDA agrees to the following:

- Increase awareness of Promise Zone Initiative and programs to achieve regional transformation.
- Work with local units of government, school boards, businesses, chambers of commerce, business associations, foundations, and other partners.
- Serve as the point of contact for the Promise Zone, communicating with partners and federal departments as necessary including coordinating monthly meetings, meeting minutes, task lists, and regular written updates.

- Ensure that appropriate reporting requirements are met. Examples may include grant reporting requirements, Promise Zone reporting requirements.
- Coordinate federal, state and local resources with the needs of Promise Zone partners.
- Partner in the assessment, development, and implementation of programs and initiatives with the goal of regional transformation.
- Maintain comprehensive knowledge of all Promise Zone Initiative programs, policies; state, federal and local services ensuring appropriate referrals or solutions can be made.
- Support the Promise Zone by participating in joint planning and continuous improvement efforts throughout the Promise Zone region.
- Provide information such as brochures, literature, etc., for distribution in each of the Promise Zone regions to encourage support and participation in achieving regional transformation throughout the Central Arizona Transformation Corridor.

Gila County agrees to do the following:

- Appoint a County representative to the Promise Zone Governing Board.
- Appoint a County representative from departments such as education, housing, health and human services, and law enforcement to each focus area consortium.
- Encourage participation in programs and initiatives sponsored by the Promise Zone.

### **Part III Funding of Services and Operating Costs**

Gila County and the IDA are the entities responsible for regional transformation in the Central Arizona Transformation Corridor Promise Zone. Program decisions are the responsibility of Gila County, IDA, and Promise Zone Governing Board in consultation with the other partners. Each entity will share equally in the benefits of the collaboration.

Under the MOU, Gila County will provide up to \$25,000 per calendar year for the first five years to cover costs toward the Promise Zone Coordinator, overhead and associated program costs.

Under the MOU, IDA will provide up to \$25,000 per calendar year for the first five years to cover costs toward the Promise Zone Coordinator, overhead and associated program costs.

For partners located within the Promise Zone whose funding source is administered through the Promise Zone Lead Applicant, overhead costs shall be deducted from the grant before the award is made to the selected program contractor.

**Part IV**  
**Duration of Agreement**

This MOU is entered into this 5th day of January 2016, by and between the IDA and Gila County, as Promise Zone Initiative partners. This MOU shall remain in effect until 2026, or unless otherwise terminated by mutual agreement of all parties, under the following conditions.

Any party may withdraw from this MOU by giving written notice of intent to withdraw at least 120 calendar days in advance of the effective withdrawal date. Notice of withdrawal shall be given to all parties covered by this agreement. Should any partner withdraw, this MOU shall remain in effect with respect to the remaining parties until a new MOU is executed or the end of the duration of this agreement.

**Notice: Participation in similar activities.** This instrument in no way restricts Gila County/IDA from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations and individuals.

**Part V**  
**Procedure for Amendment or Assignment**

This MOU may be modified at any time by written agreement of the parties. Such amendments will require the signature of all parties affected by such amendment. Assignment of responsibilities under this MOU by any of the parties shall be effective upon written notice to the other parties. Any assignee shall also commit in writing to the terms of this MOU.

**Part VII**  
**Certification**

An amendment to this MOU can be offered at any time by either of the partners. Such amendments will require the signatures of both parties signifying their agreement.

Approval on behalf of Gila County:

Approval on behalf of IDA:

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman  
Gila County Board of Supervisors

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Cliff Potts, President  
Industrial Development Authority