



15th July 2016

Gila County Board of Supervisors
1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, Arizona 85501

Re: Annual Report Information
Economic Development Grant
2015-2016

It has been another busy year at Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum. Our work continues, as we grow and develop a more professional and polished image, while retaining that feeling of Rural Arizona and community. We are becoming a destination, with some groups and organizations returning for another visit.

BPCC&M is expanding its cultural and educational elements as we produce more variety in our lecture programs, music presentations, school tours, Community College class offerings, and other events ... like Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture/Taliesin West community presentation and showing at Bullion Plaza. We are also bringing more organizations in from other areas to hold meetings and retreats. Improvements to our exhibits continue as we offer a “classy” look to what our visitors come to enjoy and take with them to tell their friends of their experiences.

Below ... are a few things of note:

- Our Arizona Forestry Service Grant has been satisfactorily completed. Through this grant we have returned flowers and plants to the front of Bullion, added water adjustable sprinklers, a water harvesting – drip system for plants, plant identification signage, a crushed stone barrier to conserve water usage, and a college level class as an adjunct to the grant.
- We hosted the Arizona Historical Society Board meeting for another year.
- We hosted the Arizona Humanities Board meeting and retreat.
- Continued partnership with Taliesin West.
- Including STEMfest, we were able to host other education related events at Bullion.
- Other partnerships include – Globe-Miami Concert Association, Gila County Historical Museum, Chamber of Commerce, and many others. Also, greater involvement with State Parks/Tonto National Monument.
- The Museum Director and one Bullion Plaza Museum board member have been appointed by Arizona Governor Ducey to sit on the board of Arizona Historical Society, representing Gila County and Eastern Arizona Chapter.
- All of our exhibits have received upgrades, additions, and improvements.

- Improved, energy efficient lighting is being added, exhibit room floors are being renovated, new windows and window coverings are being added to protect artifacts and to save energy.
- We are using more advertising via local printed material.
- Our Facebook page is current and drawing more visitors. One post alone reached more than 7,000 people.
- The Museum Web Site (bullionplazamuseum.org) is growing and evolving ... adding more content all the time. Currently, we are exploring the addition of an online gift shop.
- The Research Room is gaining in exposure and our ability to provide information on request. We have received requests from City of Globe to private individuals looking for their families and the history they generated.
- Our utilities are now stand alone and we no longer share utilities with the Town of Miami. Our refuse is picked up by Copper State as a donation.
- We have added A-Frame signage (event parking) for our guests holding events at Bullion.
- Through grants, and awards ... we are working, in the beginning stages, to develop rooms on the 2nd floor. These will be used for office and exhibit development, events, and for exhibit and research space.

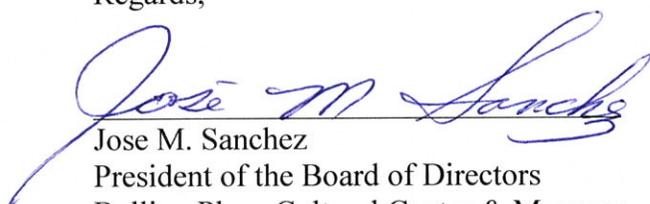
With these projects, improvements, and accomplishments, much has been omitted, however, in this space, you can see how our impact on this community not only generates greater visitor participation but begins to change, in a small way, the economic growth on this area.

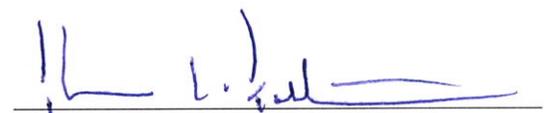
In the funds requested, we do not come to you lightly in these difficult economic times. We appreciate your partnership.... your funds are, in essence, the nuts and bolts of Non-Profits like Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum. Your funding provides us the opportunity to grow and increase our offering to the community and to the public at large. From fasteners to hang exhibits to light bulbs and riding lawnmowers it is only made possible by your commitment, generosity and partnership. Together, we make Gila County a better place to live, enjoy, stop and visit.

From the Board and Staff of Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum, we wish to thank you for your past partnership, and your consideration of our request and the future.

With sincere regards,
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