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To: McDaniel, Don
Subject: Fwd: Introduction and Request

Mr. McDaniel,

I am Rick Gibson and since Jim Sprinkle retired last year I have been the interim county Extension director for Gila County. I have been working with our Extension Advisory board to set goals, identify new educational opportunities for our Extension faculty and staff, and to develop new programs to address those opportunities.

My purpose in writing is to introduce myself and to let you know that the Advisory Board has requested Mori Farmer, administrative assistant, and I to forward to you a request and proposal for additional funding in addition to the the $60,000 that Cooperative Extension has received in the past. The formal letter that will be arriving shortly will have more detail, but the Extension Advisory Board has approved a request for an additional $40,000 for a total of $100,000 for FY 2016-17. The additional dollars will help us maintain momentum in developing in school programs in our newly developing Family, Consumer, and Health Sciences curriculum. FCHS programs are relatively new offerings to Gila County communities and are starting to accrue results and impacts across the county. These developments are somewhat threatened by a loss of a key grant to the Gila County Health Department late last year. We have been using resources from various sources, including our budget resources from Gila County to maintain these programs but we are finding that we have insufficient funds to sustain an entire year of programming. This is the reason the Advisory Board has directed us to submit a request for addition county resources. Members of the Advisory Board have been visiting with the individual supervisors and there seems to be sufficient support for the increase that we have felt the need to tender an official request through your office.

I look forward to meeting you in person and hope that in the near future that we could find a time to visit in person. We are in the process of scheduling appointments for me to visit individually with each of the supervisors to share our 2015 Annual Report and Plan of Work with them. Perhaps there might be time during that interval for me to stop in and introduce myself.

I believe that I am on the agenda for the June 7 Supervisors Board Meeting for an official presentation such as was done by Jim in the past. In the meantime, I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have relative to the request.

Thanks for considering our proposal and for the continued support of Gila County for Cooperative Extension programs.

Sincerely,

Rick Gibson
Interim County Extension Director

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