



P.O. BOX 13
KUNA ID 83634
(208)922-5546
www.KunaCity.id.gov

Mayor
Joe Stear

**City Council
Members**

Briana Buban-Vonder Haar
Richard Cardoza
Pat Jones
Greg McPherson

City of Kuna

August 26, 2016

COMPASS
700 NE 2nd St, Suite 200
Meridian, ID 83642

RE: Kuna's Communities in Motion Implementation Grant Program Application for Paving Behind Indian Creek School for Greenbelt Extension

Dear COMPASS Board Members,

Kuna appreciates the opportunity to submit our project for your consideration. We have a growing population of almost 17,000 with over 5,000 of those youth. The extended population rises by 12,000 when the 5 mile radius is included. As we upgrade and expand our recreational options such as greenbelts and easier access, the number of users grows. The City is committed to providing more transportation options that will minimize congestion and increase walkability as well as bettering our parks system. We recognize the necessity of supporting those needs for residents. This project provides improvements that will make the greenbelt and recreational space accessible as well as connect a residential area to the Indian Creek School, businesses, and Kuna's Historic Downtown with a walkable pathway that anyone can safely use.

Indian Creek is one of the dominant recreational features of our community and we have worked extensively to create accessible pathways along it. This approach is included in our Comprehensive Plan because of the importance we place on recreation options. Our yearly budget includes scheduled reviews of all pathways and amenities. We maintain a use agreement with Union Pacific Rail Road to continue enhancing the recreational opportunities in Kuna. The adjoining property owners, the Kuna Police Chief, Kuna Rural Fire District Chief and School District Superintendent support this project for the overall benefit to the community and the additional aspects of safe accessibility. Community support for connecting recreational pathways is consistent as is budgeting and direction from the Kuna City Council members, staff, and myself.

The City commits to a match of \$14,160.00 of in-kind equipment and labor. Once the greenbelt extension is completed, the Kuna Parks Department and Kuna Facilities Department will provide maintenance to sustain the landscape and path usability. Associated costs, including ongoing expenses, will be absorbed into the annual budget each year. For this section of the greenbelt, there will be a minimum of \$500.00 available for maintenance and prevention of encroaching weeds that could crack the pathway. We feel the shared goals of Communities in Motion 2040 and Kuna will be furthered by this project. We invite you to Kuna to view the project area and feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Stear, Mayor



Funding Application – Second 2017 Call for Projects (Testing 2018 Phase I Application Form)

Project Title:

Greenbelt Paving Behind Indian Creek School

Agency Name/Main Contact Information:

City of Kuna
Chris Engels, City Clerk/Grant Administrator – (208) 387-7727

Type of Project: Place an X next to the project type that most closely matches your proposed project.

Infrastructure (construction project)	X
Non-Infrastructure (non-construction project, such as a study, signage, ITS, vehicle purchase, etc.)	

Location of Project: Be specific and indicate if in downtown, a major activity center, or other. Attach a map/sketch. (200 character limit)

The path will be along Indian Creek, a major activity center, going east to the existing Greenbelt and west to existing sidewalks on 4th St; connecting residential areas to school and downtown.

Description of Project: Describe total project and specify which part(s) this funding will cover. (500 character limit)

This project will convert a non-ADA accessible dirt foot path between Indian Creek and Indian Creek School into a paved pathway from the Greenbelt to 4th St. Funding will cover materials for ground prep and installation of asphalt. Ground prep includes demo of the ground to level/slope for ADA accessibility, rough grade of the area to cut the preliminary layout, and finish grade of the area for final ground prep and compaction. Once that is completed 11,250 sq. ft. of asphalt will be installed.

Purpose and Need for Project: Why is this project important to your agency, as well as the region? (1,000 character limit)

This paved pathway addresses critical accessibility needs in the community for physical activity space and accessible pathways for pedestrians, bicyclers, skaters, and ADA mobility devices. Indian Creek and the Greenbelt are well used for recreation and non-motorized transit. The off months see 200 - 400 people a day enjoying the existing trail and adjacent area. That number spikes to 1,000 - 1,500 people a day in summer. When the pathway is complete those numbers are

expected to increase. The popularity of recreation in this area compelled Kuna to include this project in the Comprehensive Plan. Currently, the trail behind the Indian Creek School is narrow, unkept, unlevelled, and not safely accessible for the general public, let alone ADA accessible. Developing this pathway will create a public route going safely around traffic to the school, Kuna City Hall, and businesses in downtown district; offsetting congestion and continuing the development of a major activity center.

Estimated Cost: (45 character limit for each "How cost was determined")

Task	Cost Estimate	Amount Requested	How Cost was Determined
Environmental/Planning	\$0	\$0	
Design	\$0	\$0	
Construction/Procurement	\$33,860.00	\$19,700.00	Cost of Materials & Labor
TOTALS	\$33,860.00	\$19,700.00	

Partners/Support: Describe jurisdictional agencies and their role in the project, owner/status of right-of-way, project partners, and demonstrated general public support. (500 character limit)

The City held a public open house in 2015 to present the proposed plan for paving the trail behind Indian Creek School. A support list was signed by 17 attendees. The adjoining school, residential owner, and the City Hall east of the area support the transformation of the area into an accessible path way. The Kuna Police Department, Kuna Rural Fire District, and Kuna School District support access for safety and community reasons. There is support across the board to further connect all of Kuna.

Project Readiness: Indicate which of the following elements of the project are not yet started, in process, or complete, and whether COMPASS assistance is needed. Place an X next to all of the following that apply. Select Y/N/NA and enter % complete in the In Process column unless N/A.

PROJECT READINESS	Yes, No, or N/A	Not Yet Started	In Process	Date Completed	Need Assistance
Idea/concept only	N/A				
Identified in local or regional plan - List plan & page #'s below*	Yes	No	100%	8/18/15	No
Public/stakeholder involvement	Yes	No	100%	2015	No
Formal approval by agency leaders	Yes	No	100%	2015	No

PROJECT READINESS	Yes, No, or N/A	Not Yet Started	In Process	Date Completed	Need Assistance
Preliminary design (up to 30% of design)	Yes	No	100%	2015	No
Concept Report	N/A				
Environmental Evaluation is approved	N/A		%		
Right-of-way or easements	Yes	No	90%	PENDING	No
Final design	Yes	No	100%	2015	No
Plans Specifications and Engineering (PS&E)	N/A	N/A	N/A%	N/A	No

***List Plan and page numbers where project is identified. Provide explanation of other selections, as necessary. (500 character limit)**

This project is in Kuna’s Comprehensive Plan on page 11. It says, “Kuna’s residents are interested in maintaining and further developing park, pathway, trail and recreation connectivity. Some residents expressed a desire to maximize connectivity for recreation and relaxation purposes... *Indian Creek*, existing City parks, and Hubbard Reservoir provide anchors for future recreational development opportunity and should be connected by way of an integrated network of pathways, trails and bike lanes.”

Project Status/Timeline/Schedule: Include general status of the project and the timeline that would benefit the project most efficiently. (300 character limit)

The project overall is anticipated to take approximately six months from start to finish; weather contingent.

Funding/Match Available: Please list the amount of match that you anticipate will be available and its source. What other sources have you applied to for funding for this project, and what was the outcome? (300 character limit)

The City of Kuna will match \$14,160.00 through labor costs and equipment use. The City did apply for grant funding through Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation in 2015 but we were not awarded those funds.

Measuring Project Success: Which performance measures apply to this project? Place an X in the boxes that represent your project. (More details about performance measures can be found in the TIP Achievement section of the FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program available online: <http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/trans/FY2016TIPrpt.pdf> page 9)

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES (not limited to these)
----------	---------------------------------

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES (not limited to these)	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlays or chip seals • Preventive maintenance on vehicles 	
Transportation Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge repair or rebuild • Bus or van replacement • Increase bus service 	
Congestion Reduction/ System Reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add park and ride spaces • Increase vanpool service • Increase opportunities to walk and ride bicycles 	X
Freight Movement and Economic Vitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety or capacity improvements to decrease congestion for freight 	
Transportation Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety projects for autos, sidewalks, bicycle paths, or public transportation services or facilities (such as bus stops or transfer stations) 	X
Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional public transportation service • New sidewalks or pathways • Signalization improvements to improve traffic flow 	X
Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve quality of living in downtown, Major Activity Center, or infill areas 	X
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widen a congested road to increase access to employment opportunities 	
Community Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New sidewalks in urban areas 	
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifically add connectivity and accessibility option to parks, schools, or grocery stores 	X
Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New or improved connections or access to parks and pathway amenities, or the greenbelt 	X
Farmland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not negatively impact farmland 	X
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning projects • Staff salary • Technology improvements • Public transportation operations 	

Provide explanation, if necessary. (200 character limit)

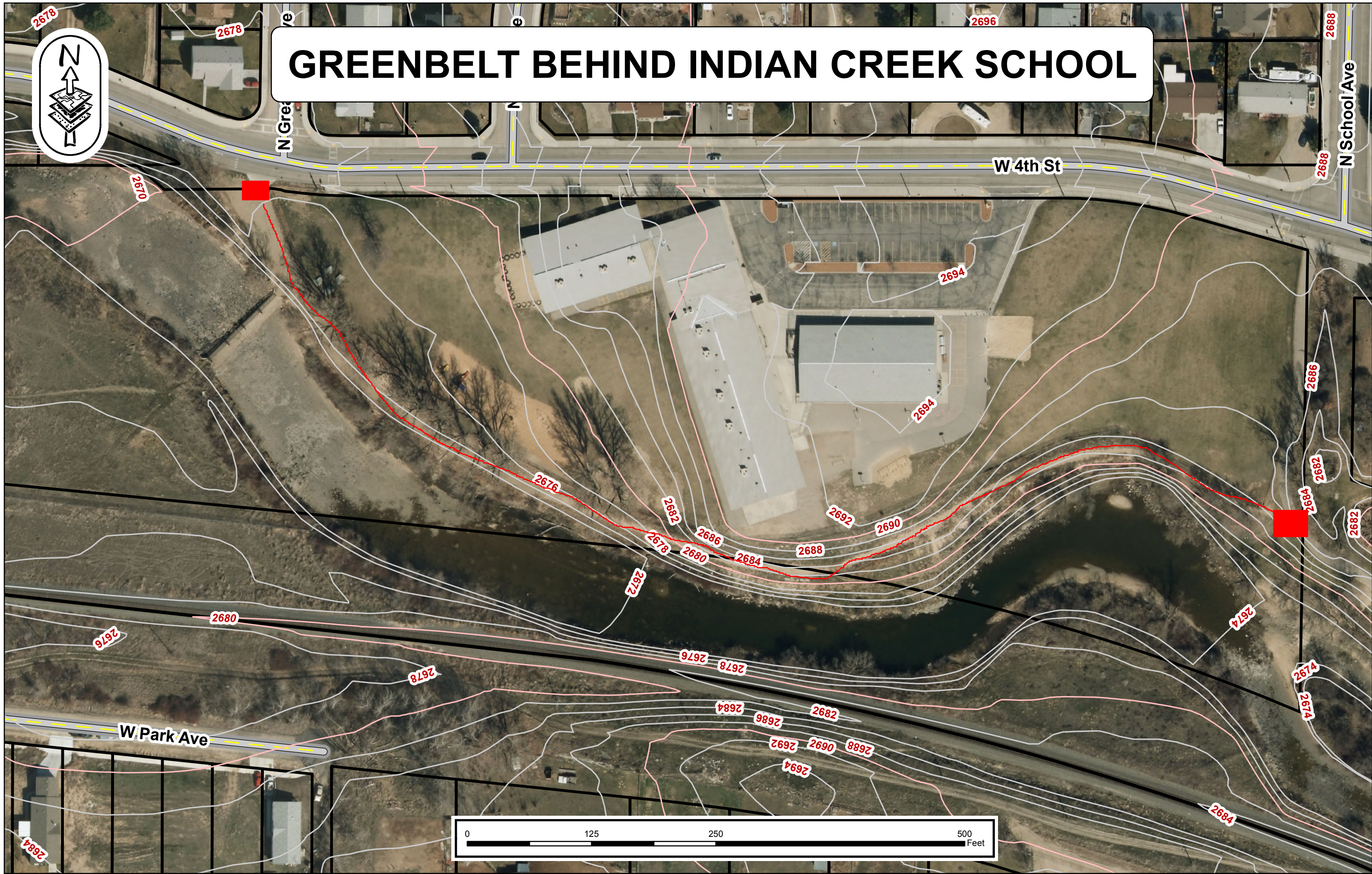
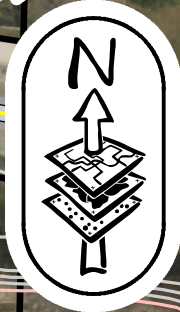
NOTE:

- **Maximum Phase I Funding Application size is four pages.**
- **Attach no more than two map/sketch pages and no more than three one-page commitment/support letters (both required).**
- **Cover letters may not exceed one page (not required).**
- **See 2017 Local Program Guidelines for additional information.**

All character limits include spaces! Please do not change font size.



GREENBELT BEHIND INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL



Kuna School District

Inspiring each student to become a lifelong learner and a contributing, responsible citizen.



September 7, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support of the new grant project to pave the greenbelt behind Indian Creek Elementary. The Indian Creek Greenbelt not only provides a link to several of Kuna's recreational amenities, but also provides a safe route to school for students to ride their bikes or walk to Indian Creek Elementary, located conveniently at the trail's western end.

Kuna is a working class community with a population slightly over 16,000 and is one of the youngest communities in Idaho that continues to experience rapid growth. The growth has brought continued challenges to our schools and to our community. We are working together with the City of Kuna to ensure that we are united in making real change. We take pride in the natural beauty that exists along the Indian Creek Greenbelt and having that trail paved would be a much needed improvement.

Nothing is more important to us than our youth, and this grant would provide our Indian Creek students and their families, along with the rest of our community, a safer route to our school and provide a link to several of Kuna's recreational spots. This in turn, helps students to become healthier, more stable and successful. I wholeheartedly support this grant project to pave the greenbelt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Johnson".

Wendy Johnson
Superintendent

711 E. Porter Rd., Kuna, Idaho 83634

Phone: (208) 922-1000

FAX: (208) 922-5646

Wendy Johnson
Superintendent

Kim Bekkedahl
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Catherine Beals
Administrator of CIA

Eileen O'Shea
Administrator of Student Services

David Reinhart
Administrator of HR

Kuna Rural Fire District



From the Desk of
Jon Tillman
Fire Chief

Ph. 922-1144
Fax 922-1135
P.O. Box 607
Kuna, ID. 83634

TO: COMPASS

DATE: September 7, 2016

RE: Letter of support

Dear COMPASS Board Members:

The Kuna Fire District enthusiastically supports Kuna's initiative to pave the pathway behind Indian Creek School and to expand their greenbelt for community access. This community enhancement project underscores Kuna's commitment to preserving access for citizens and visitors alike while continuing to link Kuna's current pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

Moreover, the Kuna Fire District believes that this project follows with the community sentiment of safe and accessible recreation opportunities through partnerships.

The Kuna Fire District respectfully urges your positive consideration and approval.

Please feel free to contact me at the District office should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Tillman".

Jon Tillman
Fire Chief



September 6, 2016

COMPASS
700 NE 2nd St, Suite 200
Meridian, ID 83642

RE: Letter of Support

Dear COMPASS Board Members:

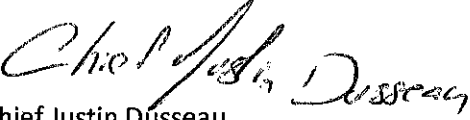
As Chief of Police for the City of Kuna I enthusiastically support Kuna's initiative to convert the dirt pathway behind Indian Creek School to a paved pathway. In addition, I fully support the overall desire to expand Kuna's greenbelt for added community access and ease of use.

This community enhancement project underscores Kuna's commitment to preserving access for citizens and visitors alike while continuing to link Kuna's current pedestrian and bicycle paths. The project will provide ready access from their current pedestrian / bicycle pathway.

Moreover, all members of the Kuna Police Department believe that this project follows with the community sentiment of safe and accessible recreation opportunities through partnerships.

I respectfully urge your positive consideration and approval.

Sincerely,


Chief Justin Dusseau
Kuna City Police