

Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding Between Bisbee Seniors Association and City of Bisbee, Arizona

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describes the long-term partnership between the Bisbee Seniors Association and the City of Bisbee, Arizona in their continuing collaboration to maintain, improve, and redevelop the Bisbee Senior Center and the surrounding two-acre property located at 300 Collins Road in Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

Historical Background

In May of 1987, the Bisbee Seniors Association was incorporated. Funds were solicited from local businesses, and donations of money or in-kind services were received from Bisbee citizens and members of the association. By August 1988, additional funds of \$157,000 in land, money, and in-kind services had been secured. In partnership with the Bisbee Seniors Association, the City of Bisbee requested a block grant of \$150,000.00 in matching funds to build a senior center. In May of 1989, a CDBG intergovernmental agreement between the Arizona State Department of Commerce and the city of Bisbee was signed for this purpose.

On July 27, 1990, ground was broken at 300 Collins Road for construction. The center was officially opened on July 31, 1991.

For the past 32 years, the Bisbee Seniors Association has occupied and actively managed the Bisbee Senior Center to successfully accomplish its mission of:

- Empowering our community's older adults
- Promoting their confidence and independence
- Providing enriching social, educational, and recreational activities
- Enhancing their fitness and well-being
- Perpetuating their positive participation and influence in the greater Bisbee community.

The City of Bisbee retains ownership of the property, pays for utilities and maintenance, and provides a monthly stipend for the center's operation.

Purpose

This MOU documents the joint effort of the Bisbee Seniors Association and the City of Bisbee to maintain, improve, and redevelop the Bisbee Senior Center. The Bisbee Seniors Association intends to produce site development plans that will enable them to apply for grants, solicit gifts and donations, and organize fund raising events to support this endeavor. The City of Bisbee will continue to maintain the property and perform necessary repairs and will act as the municipal Fiscal Agent to receive awards and monies from county, state, federal, and tribal agencies corporate entities when necessary.

Reporting

The Bisbee Senior Associates agrees to provide all required grant reports to the funding agencies and the City of Bisbee (as the municipal fiscal agent) at such times as are required in the grant agreements. The City of Bisbee agrees to accept such funds and to distribute them to the Bisbee Senior Center in an appropriate and timely manner. Both parties will meet annually, or as needed, to fulfill the requirements of this agreement.

Funding

This MOU is not a commitment of specific funds by either agency.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the Bisbee Seniors Association and the City of Bisbee. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the Bisbee Seniors Association and the City of Bisbee and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.

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