

PAWNEE NATION COVID DIVISION

ARPA PROJECT PROPOSAL

Jim Jestes, Division Director Property Management

TITLE: Pawnee Nation Cattle Program Expansion

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Covid-19 has exacerbated protein access for tribal members, partly offset through the Local Pandemic Beef Delivery System. The current size of the Pawnee Nation Cattle Program cannot sustainably provide enough meat to meet community needs. Increasing the herd size by purchasing livestock, necessary equipment, and supplies will allow us to feed our people and become financially self sustaining with little or no cost to the Pawnee Nation.

PROBLEM CREATED OR EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC :

Interrupted food supply and shipping creates regional food insecurity. Job loss creates food insecurity for families, particularly in rural areas that have typically lower household savings and exist in "food deserts". In response, last fall the Pawnee Nation created the Local Pandemic Beef Delivery System, to provide red meat protein to our tribal members. However, the Pawnee Nation herd is currently too small to sustain feeding our community either financially or by volume at the necessary capacity. In addition to livestock, increasing the herd will require additional land, equipment to improve and maintain that land, and some additional supplies.

HOW PROJECT PROVIDES SOLUTION:

The Pawnee Nation Cattle Program was started with 60 bred heifers and 128 stocker cattle. To date, the Pawnee Nation Cattle Program has sold 119 stockers for a total of \$87,521.05. In order to achieve the goals of the beef delivery system, the Cattle Program needs to be expanded, which requires more equipment, cattle and supplies. By doubling the size of the current operation through an additional 65 bred cows and an additional 125 stocker cattle that can be rolled over every 6 months, we will bring our total of cows up to 125 head producing approximately 115 to 125 baby calves per year. The sales of calves and stockers will provide funds needed to pay for costs of running the operation. To support this herd size increase, we will need some additional equipment to allow the Big Pasture and the Day Property as well as the lease land to become a fully operational entity of the Pawnee Nation.

Through this herd expansion, community members will be provided necessary and nutritious red meat from locally raised and processed cattle.

SUSTAINABILITY OF PROJECT:

Herd Manager
Field Hand
Division Director

This expansion will increase the herd number to 125 cows and 125 stockers, so that sales from the calves produced and stockers would fully fund the Cattle Program. I believe if the herd was expanded there would be little or no cost to the Pawnee Nation to maintain the herd on a yearly basis.

PROJECTED COST SUMMARY:

Waters property \$183,000 Supplies- \$22,500 Non-Capital Outlay- \$5000 Capital Outlay- \$482,500 Professional Service Fees- \$99,000

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

\$792,000

PLEASE ATTACH BUDGET, TIMELINE, KEY PERSONNEL AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

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