

**Community Focus Statement F:** Grow the local economy in a manner consistent with the rural character of Morongo Valley

**Action Statement F.4:** Secure funding from local financing mechanisms, state and federal grants to fund non-essential services, events, and programs in Morongo Valley.

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**Benchmark:** Non-essential services, events, and programs are annually funded through grants and other financing mechanisms.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Variable depending on the projects proposed

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Reach out to community members with nonprofit or grant writing experience to assist in securing funding for the community.	Champion	Year 1	Grants.gov <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html</a>
2. Develop a list of program, events and other non-essential services needing funding in the community.	Morongo Valley, community members	Year 1	Academy for Grassroots Organizations <a href="http://www.academygo.com/">http://www.academygo.com/</a>
3. Prioritize projects to be completed in Morongo Valley.	Grant writing committee	Year 1	
4. Complete research and match projects with applicable grants. Identify government grants and private philanthropic grant sources.	Grant writing committee	Annually	
5. Partner with the Community Service District, County and 501(c)(3) community organizations as fiscal agents for applicable grants.	Grant writing committee	Annually	
6. Apply for applicable grants.	Grant writing committee	Annually	
7. If the grants are received, begin project initiation. If the grant is not awarded, request a debrief meeting with the grant foundation to understand why it was not awarded and what could be improved upon next time.	Grant writing committee, with Community Service District or County support	Annually	