

FY 2015 Indian Community Development Block Grant Award Project Summaries SW Region

COCOPAH INDIAN HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT (Somerton) (AZ)

This grant of \$374,002 will be used to build 1 New Home and rehab 2 homes. The new construction and existing home rehabs will meet an essential community development need for quality housing and contribute considerably to community viability by reducing overcrowding.

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBE (Parker) (AZ)

The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) will use \$825,000 to construct a 4,095 square foot Fire Safety Substation to be located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near the town of Parker, Arizona. This facility will be a new substation where firefighting capability, firefighting training and Emergency Response & Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be provided in the northern section of the reservation.

ELK VALLEY RANCHERIA (Crescent City) (CA)

The Elk Valley Rancheria, California will use \$605,000 to assist the Tribe and the City of Crescent City, CA by rehabbing the fire station and purchasing fire equipment to ensure continued emergency services and response for the health and safety of residents of these communities. The city of Crescent City is a remote, economically distressed Pacific coastal community located in the northwest most corner of California. Crescent City is the County seat and the only incorporated city in the county of Del Norte. The Elk Valley Rancheria (reservation) (hereinafter "Rancheria") is located approximately one mile from the city of Crescent City.

ISLETA PUEBLO HOUSING AUTHORITY (NM)

The grant of \$825,000 will provide funds for the construction of seven (7) new energy efficient, healthy single-family homes that will be occupied by Low-and Moderate-Income ("LMI") homeowners on scattered sites within the Pueblo. The proposed Project is part of a coordinated effort with the Pueblo of Isleta and other Tribal departments to address a need for 90 new affordable housing units, for Isleta families who are currently living in defective, unsafe and/or severely overcrowded mobile homes. These conditions pose significant health and safety hazards for the LMI occupants and the overall housing conditions on the Pueblo.

JICARILLA APACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY (Dulce) (NM)

The Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority (JAHA), will use \$825,000 to construct Mundo Ranch Phase VI, 6 new energy efficient, healthy single family homes that will be occupied by Low-and Moderate-Income ("LMI") homeowners. The proposed Project is the fourth phase of deliberate housing strategy devised by JAN and JAHA to fill a staggering need for 286 new housing units that are affordable for LMI households.

NORTHERN CIRCLE HOUSING AUTHORITY (Ukiah) (CA)

The Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA), was awarded \$605,000 on behalf of the Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians, to rehabilitate twenty-one homes on the Redwood Valley Rancheria. A major focus of this project is to replace old wooden fencing with flame-resistant chain-link fencing for twenty-one units, but also to replace hazardously deteriorated carports on thirteen units, and conduct moderate rehabilitation on fourteen units. NCIHA is committing \$31,450 in NAHASDA funds as leverage for this project, which will take two and a half years to complete.

NAVAJO NATION (Window Rock) (AZ)

The Navajo Nation was awarded \$4,121,557 to extend Power lines and Waterlines for 6 Chapters that include Kayenta, Dilkon, Coalmine, Rockpoint, Chinle, and Many Farms that lack such services. By providing basic electrical and water services many hardships will be alleviated as well as facilitate changes and bring many benefits including an improved living environment, fulfillment of health-related needs, safety of the recipients, exceptional academic achievements, promotion of development and improved economic conditions and efficient use of energy.

PINOLEVILLE POMO NATION (Ukiah) (CA)

The grant of \$605,000 will allow the Pinoleville Nation to construct a 3,000 sq. ft. Youth Wellness and Education Center. The Center will serve 50-60 Low and Moderate Income (LMI) American Indian (AI) students (pre-k to 12 grades) and AI youth (21-24) to promote their wellness and educational goals. The project will collaborate with Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD), Mendocino Office of Education, PPN Head Start, PPN Vocation Rehabilitation program and Indian Health Services to deliver the following services to the Tribal students: Tribal Library, community cultural education, wellness and prevention, college counseling and afterschool programs.

PUEBLO OF ACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY (NM)

The Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority (PAHA) will use the requested \$825,000 for 4 new homes over an 18-month period for lease purchase to low and moderate-income (LMI) and qualified homebuyers that are living in overcrowded conditions. The lack of available, habitable housing has created severe overcrowding for LMI households and a need for 177 new homes as documented by the PAHA Physical Needs Assessment (“PNA”) and the 2015 Housing Needs (“HNA”) as well as 2010 ACS Census data. Overcrowding creates health, safety problems for LMI households and endangers the social and cultural fabric of the Pueblo community, and therefore its viability.

ROBINSON RANCHERIA OF POMO INDIANS (Nice) (CA)

The Robinson Rancheria was awarded \$605,000 for a Public Facility Infrastructure project. The proposed worksite is 42 acres of vacant land within proximity of the Robinson Rancheria reservation. The Rancheria intends to divide 42 acres of vacant land into 12 lots, with lot size between 5,900 sq. ft. and 7,199 sq. ft. to support future new housing construction of stick built, single-family dwelling units. The 2015 ICDBG Public Facility Infrastructure project entails construction of the first six vacant lots of the proposed sub-division. The estimated project expenditures of the proposed project are \$755,000 and the estimated project time length is 24 months. Robinson Rancheria is committing tribal funds in the sum of \$150,000 in addition to \$605,000 of ICDGB funds.

TEJON TRIBE (Bakersfield) (CA)

The Tejon Indian Tribe was awarded \$605,000 to purchase a public building to be converted to a new Community Center for the Tejon Tribal community. Total estimated project expenditures are \$745,000, with the estimated time length of 12 months to complete this project. The proposed public facility project aims at addressing the lack of community meeting facility for the Tribal members. The Tribe has never had a permanent location to provide critical cultural events to the tribal members. This proposed project’s objective is to allow for a common meeting place for Tribal members and their families, which is of critical importance for ensuring the self-sufficiency and the well-being of the Tribal community.

TOLOWA DEE-NI NATION (Smith River) (CA)

The Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation, currently known by the federal government as the Smith River Rancheria was awarded \$576,999 to complete the Prince Island Court Wastewater Infrastructure Project under Public Facilities and Improvements, for a total project cost of \$769,332. This project would enhance the health and safety of the tribal community by developing sewer infrastructure to serve the southwestern portion of the Rancheria.

TOHONO O'ODHAM KIKI ASSOCIATION (Sells) (AZ)

TOKA was awarded \$2,750,000 to build 15 new single-family homeownership units. All 15 single-family homes will be occupied by low-income families. There is no other suitable housing available in the immediate reservation area. There are more than 30,000 enrolled members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and more than half live on the reservation according to the Nation's Enrollment office. There are approximately 2,900 homes on the reservation. Of those, most are either dilapidated trailers or traditional homes and/or have no plumbing or electricity. There are 180 families on the rental and active homebuyer waiting lists. Included with the application are the referenced waiting lists. As indicated by the lists, many families have been waiting for housing for many years. In addition, there are many more families who have applied for housing in the past but have given up on ever getting a home.

UTU UTU GWAITI PAIUTE TRIBE (Benton) (CA)

The Utu Utu Gwaiti Tribe was awarded \$605,000 for a Housing Rehabilitation Project. The goal of the proposed Rehabilitation project is to rehabilitate 12 substandard single family housing units in the Tribe's housing inventory. The occupants of the housing units are low- and moderate-income Tribal members and their families. The proposed Housing Rehabilitation project entails: (a) installation of solar panels (for 12 units), (b) replace existing windows with energy efficient windows (for 10 units), (c) installation of new siding and insulation/vapor barriers (for 10 units), and (d) installation of new roofs (for 10 units). Additionally, reducing energy consumption of tribally owned housing units is a cost-effective way to optimize available financial resources for the Tribe. The anticipated outcomes of this proposed project are: (a) a safe, healthy living environment for the Tribal members, (b) a significant reduction of utility costs to the tribe, and (c) create local employment opportunities for very low- and low-income individuals.

Wiyot Tribe (Loleta) (CA)

The Wiyot Tribe was awarded \$605,000 for the construction of 4 new housing units. The Wiyot Tribe is situated in Humboldt County's semi-isolated and rural western region. The Reservation is comprised of 88 acres, near the rural unincorporated community of Loleta, CA. The Wiyot Tribe is miles outside the closest city of Eureka, where some of the tribal members reside. Currently, many tribal members have no permanent homes, live in overcrowded homes, or are homeless. The Wiyot Tribe ensures that the beneficiaries to receive a homeownership unit are very low, low and moderate-income status.

ZUNI HOUSING AUTHORITY (NM)

The Zuni Housing Authority (ZHA) grant of 2,200,000 will rehabilitate thirty-five owner-occupied housing units on scattered sites across the lands of the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico. ZHA is committing \$485,000 in a combination of program income and Indian Housing Block Grant as leverage for this project, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. The project will create full-time jobs for 25 individuals, and all 35 units will be made more energy-efficient through rehabilitation.