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Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board Awards More Than \$14 Million to Critical Projects in New Mexico Tribal Communities

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) on Wednesday announced that more than \$14 million in funding was awarded across 11 tribal communities by the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board.

The Tribal Infrastructure Act, which created the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board in 2005, recognizes that many of New Mexico’s tribal communities lack basic infrastructure, resulting in poor health, social and economic conditions. The nine-member board thoroughly evaluates and scores each project proposal from tribal communities to ensure that critical need is established. The funds will be administered through the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.

“These projects are absolutely essential and, in some cases, long overdue,” said Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham. “Hundreds of families across New Mexico’s tribal communities will benefit from these investments. State government must always be proactively seeking measures that will meet the needs of our rural neighbors, tribal neighbors and any neighbors who lack crucial infrastructure – and my administration will continue to explore means of honoring and rebuilding sacred government-to-government partnerships.”

“The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department is honored to be able to make these awards to so many important projects in Indian Country. I’m thankful to our Governor and to our Legislature for their leadership and their continued support for the Tribal Infrastructure Fund. These resources are funding critical infrastructure projects that impact the daily lives of thousands of New Mexicans,” said Secretary Trujillo

“The Pueblo of Santa Ana is grateful for the funds that were awarded to our community. This money will help us to construct a water storage tank and will help to improve the lives of many and strengthen the community,” said Governor Timothy Menchego. “My administration looks forward to working with the State of New Mexico to accomplish our project.”

“Vice President Myron Lizer and I are very thankful to the TIF board for recognizing and funding the needs of our communities, especially those in rural areas,” said President Jonathan Nez, “ We are very optimistic that the Navajo Nation and the State of New Mexico will work well together to complete these projects to help our overall community development efforts.”

“On behalf of the Pueblo of Santa Clara I’d like to thank the TIF board and the Lujan Grisham administration for this appropriation,” said Governor J. Michael Chavarria, “This money will allow our pueblo to rebuild our wastewater infrastructure and will provide service to hundreds of families in the pueblo. I’d also like to thank our New Mexico Legislature for their support for the Tribal Infrastructure Fund. This fund is critical to ensuring that tribes can provide essential infrastructure in our rural communities.”

Below are the awarded projects and a description:

Navajo Nation, Tse'iiAhi Chapter (\$400,000) - Tse'ii'ahi' Head Start Facility Construction

To construct a Head Start Facility in the Tse'iiAhi Chapter of the Navajo Nation in McKinley County

Pueblo of Santa Clara (\$1,858,393.20) - Water and Wastewater System Improvements

To construct a Water and Wastewater System Improvement in the Pueblo of Santa Clara in Rio Arriba County

Navajo Nation, To'hajiilee Chapter (\$975,000) – To'hajiilee Water System Improvements Project

To construct a Water System Improvement in the To'hajiilee Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Bernalillo County

Navajo Nation, Chichiltah Chapter (\$501,113) - Chichiltah-Vanderwagen Community Water System - Design Phase 2

To design a Community Water System Design Phase 2 in the Chichiltah Chapter of the Navajo Nation in McKinley County

Pueblo of Santa Ana (\$1,457,401.20) - Construct a 350,000-gallon Welded Steel Community Water Storage Tank with appurtenances.

To construction a 350,000-gallon Welded Steel Community Water Storage Tank with Appurtenances for the Pueblo of Santa Ana in Sandoval County

Ohkay Owingeh (\$1,458,128.80) - Phase III Waterline

To construct Phase III Waterline for Ohkay Owingeh in Rio Arriba County

Pueblo of Isleta (\$1,945,693.20) - NM 47 Two-Way Left Turn Lane Project; 3 construction segments between Tribal Rd 2 and NM147

To construct NM 47 Two-Way Left Turn Lane Project; 3 construction segments between Tribal Rd 2 and NM 147 for the Pueblo of Isleta in Valencia County

Pueblo of San Ildefonso (\$1,943,693.20) - To construct Phase 2 Wastewater System for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso

To construction Phase 2 Wastewater System for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in Santa Fe County

Jicarilla Apache Nation (\$1,928,252,20) - Cutter Lateral Intertie Water Supply Project

To construct Cutter Lateral Intertie Water Supply for the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Rio Arriba County

Pueblo of Nambe (\$1,476,718,20) - Wastewater System Improvements

To construct Wastewater System Improvements in the Pueblo of Nambe in Santa Fe County

Pueblo of Laguna (\$106,000) - Laguna Fire Station 1 Design request

To design a Fire Station 1 for the Pueblo of Laguna in Cibola County

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