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Pueblo of Kewa Unveils New Housing Initiative in Historic Village

Ribbon cutting ceremony kicks-off historic village renovation

KEWA PUEBLO –Governor Sidelio Tenorio and Kewa Pueblo tribal leaders hosted an open house for federal and state officials to celebrate the first newly restored traditional adobe home within the Kewa Pueblo main village. With the support of federal and state funding, the Pueblo has begun to address the dire conditions of over 150 traditional adobe homes within the heart of the ancient village.

Between 2013 and 2014 severe weather damaged hundreds of homes in the Pueblo. Since then, the housing shortage has only continued to grow affecting multigeneration households throughout the community. Throughout the past year these conditions exacerbated the pandemic and made quarantine extremely difficult. Despite the challenges of funding this project, the Pueblo remained committed to providing safe, healthy housing options. The Pueblo of Kewa launched today's initiative with the goal to renovate XY homes over the next year.

“The Pueblo of Kewa should be commended for the tremendous work that has gone into to making this initiative possible. Families in this historic village can once again return home and be a part of their ancestral community. The Lujan Grisham administration and our department is incredibly proud to have been a part of the solution to this housing crisis in Kewa,” said Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo.

Funding for this project included:

- 2 Million in Capital Outlay from the State of New Mexico
- 1.4 Million from the State of New Mexico's allocation of CARES Act funds
- 70k from Indian Affairs Department from FY20 and FY21

Photos and interviews available upon request.

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