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Tribal projects honored at New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference

ALBUQUERQUE – The 2025 New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference recognized tribal excellence at the Albuquerque Convention Center with Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and tribal-serving entities receiving seven out of the nine infrastructure project awards.

The awards highlight investments made through both Capital Outlay funds and the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) administered by the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) and other state departments.

“To have a majority of these awards go to Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and communities, exemplifies how meaningful partnerships between state and tribal governments can yield significant results,” said **Indian Affairs Department Sec. Josett D. Monette**. “Congratulations to the leadership behind these projects and our department looks forward to continuing to support these efforts.”

The 2025 New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference award recipients for the following categories are:

Best Project Over \$1 Million

Navajo Nation, *Shiprock Incident Command Center*

Tribal

Jemez Pueblo, *Hemish Path to Wellness*

Broadband

Pueblo of Jemez, *Jemez Pueblo Tribal Network*

Planning

Pueblo of Taos, *Spider Rock Housing Subdivision*

Finance

Pueblo of Zuni, *Zuni Fair Building*

Economic Development

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, *Indian Pueblo Entrepreneur Complex*

Transportation

Mescalero Apache Tribe, *White Mountain Drive*

“We were so pleased to recognize success across multiple Nations, Pueblos and Tribes at the annual Infrastructure Finance Conference,” said **Senior Infrastructure Advisor to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham Rebecca Roose**. “The determination and hard work reflected across the teams that delivered these projects offer inspiration to communities across New Mexico, including outside Indian Country.”

“I am proud to see these projects recognized because they come from the priorities of the Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and communities.” said **Indian Affairs Department Capital Outlay and TIF Manager Tsoniki Crazy Bull**. “It has been meaningful to support the work that strengthens, connects and creates lasting impact across Indian Country in New Mexico.”

IAD administers both Capital Outlay and TIF to provide essential monies and planning investments that help tribal governments build infrastructure, deploy broadband networks, expand housing subdivisions, and foster economic development. These awards underscore the effective collaboration between the State of New Mexico and tribal governments.

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