

Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board and Review of Projects Update

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Executive Summary

Pursuant to New Mexico statute §6-29 to §6-29-9, the Tribal Infrastructure Act, was designed as a mechanism to provide financial resources for infrastructure development in tribal communities. The overarching goal of the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) is to improve the quality-of-life for New Mexico's tribal citizens and to encourage economic development in tribal communities. The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is responsible for facilitating the TIF board and administers the TIF fund through the Administrative Services Division. The TIF Guidelines & Procedures with tribal consultation was last approved and adopted by the TIF Board on November 4, 2016. The department receives applications through an online portal that opens annually on February 1st for a duration of 30 days. The department averages approximately 50-60 applications each year for infrastructure projects in tribal communities. In 2022, the department received a total of 37 applications for consideration.

The TIF Board reviews all the applications and scores them according to 4 main criteria:

- Critical need (30 points);
- Readiness (30 points);
- Entity capacity (25 points); and
- Leveraging (15 points).

Using this scoring criteria, the board further refines its selections through public meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Project scoring includes an emphasis on projects that address specific health, safety, welfare, or economic development needs in tribal communities. Projects that are ready to proceed within the time allotted for the grant are also prioritized. Timely expenditure and compliance with requirements for grant funding are also used as an indication of ability to complete proposed projects. And finally, proposals are given priority that demonstrate a high percentage of match funds or in-kind contributions in relation to the amount of the TIF funding requested.

The TIF board consists of voting and non-voting members.

The voting members are:

- Indian Affairs Department Lynn Trujillo, Cabinet Secretary, TIF Board Chairperson
- Department of Finance and Administration Wesley Billingsley, (Designee)
- Department of Health Janet Johnson, Acting Tribal Liaison
- New Mexico Environment Department Judi Kahl, Construction Programs Bureau Chief
- New Mexico Finance Authority Michael Vonderheide, Managing Director
- Pueblo Representative, Pueblo of Acoma, Mark Thompson
- Mescalero Apache Tribe Representative, Alfred Lapaz
- Navajo Nation Representative, Dr. Pearl Yellowman
- Jicarilla Apache Nation Representative, Romaine Wood

The non-voting members are:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Regional Office, Vacant
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Regional Office, Vacant
- Indian Health Service Navajo area, Vacant
- Indian Health Service Albuquerque Area, Gretchen Tsosie, P.E.,PMP (Designee)

2022 Tribal Infrastructure Fund Projects

Through the leadership of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Legislature the Indian Affairs Department awarded \$38,140,000.00 in TIF funding in 2022. The following projects were selected to receive funding by the TIF Board based on the scoring criteria listed above.

Tribe	Project Name	Project Type	Funds Awarded
Coyote Canyon Chapter	Coyote Canyon Waterline Extension North/ South	Planning	\$602,796.00
Ohkay Owingeh	Drainage Master Plan Improvements - Tsigo Bugeh Apartment & Jackrabbit Systems	Construction	\$4,119,506.42
Baca Chapter	Baca Water System Improvements Project	Planning	\$300,000.00
Santa Ana Pueblo	To Construct, Equip and Furnish a Public Safety, Judicial and Social Services Complex	Construction	\$5,715,000.00
Huerfano Chapter	Carson - Burnham Regional Water System Project	Design	\$700,000.00
Zuni Pueblo	Zuni Fair Building	Construction	\$5,715,000.00
Pojoaque Pueblo	Water/Wastewater System Improvements	Construction	\$850,189.00
Santo Domingo Pueblo	Wastewater Project	Construction	\$2,999,050.00
Thoreau Chapter 371 Regional Supply Project		Planning	\$725,000.00
Santa Ana Pueblo	Tribal Administration Complex Design	Design	\$800,000.00
Mescalero Apache	Eagle Creek Service Route 21 & Route 90 Reconstruction	Construction	\$4,997,897.59
Church Rock Chapter	Superman Canyon Road (County Road 43) and Bridges Improvement Project	Construction	\$2,494,034.23
Mescalero Apache	Carrizo Fire Hydrants, Water System & Wells	Design	\$3,971,370.00
San Ildefonso Pueblo	Deer Tail Vista Housing Subdivision Infrastructure Phase 2	Construction	\$1,500,000.00
Chichiltah Chapter	Chichiltah Chapter New Wastewater Construction	Construction	\$159,300.00
Santa Clara Pueblo			\$66,583.13
Santa Clara Pueblo	Santa Clara Pueblo Emergency Radio Communications Upgrade	Construction	\$2,424,273.63
			\$38,140,000.00

2022 TIF Project Summaries

The following project summaries are edited excerpts from TIF applications submitted by the grantees.

COYOTE CANYON WATERLINE EXTENSION NORTH/SOUTH

This project proposes to connect the 43 unconnected homes in the West, West Scattered, East, and East Scattered areas of Coyote Canyon Chapter to existing NTUA waterlines by gravity-fed waterline extensions. The project includes a total of 17 miles of gravity pipeline, with three new pressure reducing valves (PRVs). This is a regional project, with some waterlines extending from existing Coyote Canyon water distribution network and some extending from the Tse'ii'ahi (Standing Rock) water distribution network.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The proposed project is to serve forty-three (43) families (approximately 150 people) within the Coyote Canyon Navajo Chapter project area who lack running water service.
- These households must haul water to their homes for their daily needs such as drinking, cooking, bathing, and washing.

The proposed initiative is to plan a Waterline Extension North/South which includes the following details:

- Include septic tanks with leach fields for approximately 26 homes. Home field surveys found onsite sewage disposal systems lacking.
- The new waterline will address the sanitary wastewater disposal which is important for public health and is a prerequisite for connection to NTUA's water system.
- The requested TIF grant will cover legal and topographic surveys. Previously secured funds will be used to obtain land rights.
- Completion of these critical path tasks will allow the project to advance to final design and construction in a future funding cycle.

Coyote Canyon Chapter Waterline Extension North/South

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$602,796.00
Matching Funds (other sources) \$3,043,968.00
Total Funding of Project \$3,646,764.00

OHKAY OWINGEH DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS – TSIGO BUGEH APARTMENT AND JACKRABBIT SYSTEMS

Ohkay Owingeh had eleven (11) families displaced due to the flood damage in their homes and unlivable housing conditions. These families were placed in temporary housing at the Ohkay Casino for four weeks; with the Tribal Council paying for their housing. Roads were impassible for more than 150 Tribal residents and 75 residences had utility system problems with their septic/sewage and water systems. Seventy-five (75) residences had raw sewage backup issues after the 2016 catastrophic flooding. This is a critical health issue.

Description of need and preparedness:

 The Ohkay Owingeh road crew took nearly a month to remove debris and scrape the main roads and grade the residential driveways so that residents could have access to and from their homes.

- Flooding not only causes damage and disruption, but it also poses a safety concern. Floodwater
 can disguise many dangerous obstacles, like uncovered manholes and unforeseen debris in
 roadway systems.
- Ohkay Owingeh was forced to close 10 roads so that debris could be removed, roads scraped, and manholes located. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding to complete improvements to the critical areas, the Pueblo has been forced to be reactive instead or proactive in emergency situations.
- The Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Council, along with the community, have identified the flood and storm prevention plan as the highest priority for the welfare of the community.

The proposed initiative is to construct a drainage master plan improvements includes the following details:

- On August 26, 2017, the Ohkay Owingeh Planning Department hosted a community meeting. A needs assessment and survey was received from seventy-five (75) residents in the community.
- In the assessment the members were asked "What would be your priority for future projects in the Community?" Twenty (20) residents, or 27% of those surveyed, stated to "correct the drainage issues throughout the Pueblo."
- Due to the prior flooding in 2013, and again in 2016 and to address the Community concerns, the Storm/Surface Water Control project (Drainage Master Plan) has been ranked in the top five priorities on the Pueblo's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Ohkay Owingeh Drainage Master Plan Improvements – Tsigo Bugeh Apartment and Jackrabbit Systems

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$4,119,506.42
Matching Funds (other sources) \$2,580,000.00
Total Funding of Project \$6,699,506.42

BACA CHAPTER WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Twenty-Eight families (100 people) in Baca Chapter do not have running water and are forced to haul water for their daily needs. The hauled water has the potential to be from unsafe sources and may be stored in unsanitary containers. The water is used for drinking, cooking, washing, bathing, and other necessities. Hauling water is time-consuming and expensive.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The Navajo Nation has calculated that hauling water costs as much as \$49.94 per 1,000 gallons, over 10 times the cost of piped water based on methodology used in a Final Environmental Impact Statement Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, July 2009.
- This is a severe economic burden for low-income communities. During bad weather, dirt roads can become impassable, further increasing this physical and economic burden.

The proposed initiative is to plan to improve the Baca Chapter Water system which includes the following:

- The proposed project consists of two separate waterline extensions, the first along the South Chavez Loop and the second along Woodview Drive.
- Approximately 4.5 miles of mainline piping will be required to serve all 28 families, for an
 average of 6.2 metered services per mile. Unfortunately, the homes are in rocky terrain at a
 higher elevation than the existing water system and preliminary design options need to be
 analyzed to serve these homes.

- The project would have the ability to utilize the two new wells to provide a safe water supply for 100 people, reducing the risk of water-borne diseases, provide water service to home sites, making possible the installation of indoor plumbing and toilets for families that need them.
- Further reducing the risk of disease transmission, reduce economic and physical hardships for
 residents, especially elders, who must drive long distances over dirt roads to haul water,
 complete the physical labor of water hauling, sometimes wait for days for the roads to clear of
 snow before they can get access to water, and use outhouses in cold or inclement weather.

Baca Chapter Water System Improvement Project

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$300,000.00

Matching Funds (other sources) \$2,750,000.00

Total Funding of Project \$3,050,000.00

SANTA ANA PUEBLO PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMPLEX

Over the past 20 years the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD), Tribal Courts (TC) and Social Services Department have grown in personnel, jurisdiction, duties, and responsibilities to provide effective law enforcement services, court and probation services, social services, and sex offender registration. As a result of these services and operations the departments have outgrown their current facilities.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The departments operate out of offices spread throughout the tribal administration and there is a desperate need for a secure and formal Public Safety, Judicial and Social Services Complex that meets the minimum life safety, building code, environmental and operational requirements.
- The Complex will provide a safe and secure setting outside of the heart of the Pueblo community to limit exposure to the community members and employees from potential outside criminal elements/activities.

The proposed initiative is to construct, equip and furnish a Public Safety, Judicial and Social Services Complex to include the following:

- The Complex will provide a safe and secure setting outside of the heart of the Pueblo community to limit exposure to the community members and employees from potential outside criminal elements/activities.
- The proposed site for the Complex will place the SAPD with proximity to the area with the most police responses and will provide quicker access to the highway system.

Santa Ana Pueblo Public Safety, Judicial and Social Services Complex

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$5,715,000.00

Matching Funds (other sources) \$6,904,219.00

Total Funding of Project \$12,619,219.00

HUERFANO CHAPTER CARSON – BURNHAM REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM PROJECT

The interconnected Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Carson – Burnham community water system (CWS) for the Huerfano and *Tiis Tsoh Sikaad* Chapters has aged and has become increasingly difficult to maintain adequate service throughout the system. The water system serves approximately 424 households with metered connections via 200 miles of water pipelines, six storage tanks, three groundwater wells, booster pump stations, and control valves. Furthermore, the community water system was connected to the Cutter Lateral Transmission System, part of the Navajo Gallup Water

Supply Project (NGWSP), which dramatically increased the delivery capacity of very high-quality water to the water system.

Description of need and preparedness:

- Households in the community not presently served by the existing water system, either due to
 the prohibitive cost of connecting remote households or because of the hydraulic limitations of
 the existing network, constantly deal with the health and sanitation risks related to hauling and
 storing water.
- Families without water service are also likely to ration water, making it difficult to maintain hygiene and sanitation in the home. Homes without a utility provided water connection often do not enjoy the benefits of indoor plumbing, properly functioning showers, and flush toilets.

The proposed initiative is to design the Carson – Burnham Regional Water System project includes the following details:

- The hardships of maintaining hygiene and proper sanitation without adequate water supply affect children, elderly, and the sick the most. For instance, clean water readily available in the home is critical to diabetic patients for cleaning pressure sores.
- The health and sanitation issues resulting from the current condition of the community water system have constant ongoing health effects and result in daily hardship for community members and leave the community at a heightened risk of water-borne pathogen caused illnesses.
- The TIF application scope of work conducts a thorough design analysis of the CWS and will recommend appropriate measures to upgrade, replace, or re-align water system components to fully use the available water source capacity.

<u>Huerfano Chapter Caron – Burnham Regional Water System Project</u>

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$700,000.00

Matching Funds (other sources) \$6,660,000.00

Total Funding of Project \$7,360,000.00

ZUNI PUEBLO FAIR BUILDING

The Pueblo of Zuni had a fair building that was outdated and not up to code. Community members utilized that building during the annual Zuni fair and for other community functions until the building was inspected and condemned in 2014. The former fair building not only supported annual fair activities but supported other community activities and gatherings organized by various Tribal and community organizations. The building was demolished in 2019.

Description of need and preparedness:

- Since the demolition of the building, the Zuni fair was relocated to a different location that is an open dirt lot with no building or on-site utilities.
- The area is set up with tents and portable restrooms to accommodate spectators during the fair activities and other organized community activities.
- The area has no paved parking or sidewalks and makes it difficult for the elderly and those with mobility challenges to attend any community function.
- The area is non-ADA compliant and limits the Tribe from being able to host large gatherings
 during inclement weather or provide safe access for people with disabilities jeopardizing the
 health, safety, and welfare of those attending.

The proposed initiative to construct the Zuni Pueblo Fair Building includes the following details:

- Community input was received at public meetings that were held on May 7, 2019, and November 15, 2019, in Zuni, New Mexico to discuss the community development and facility needs of the community.
- An online survey was distributed via email and paper surveys were distributed at community outreach events to gather input on the community priorities for facilities, services, and infrastructure.
- The overwhelming response from the community members was for the construction of a new Fair Building that could be used to meet a variety of community needs, including spaces for meetings, vendors, cultural activities, and various Tribal program events.
- The new Fair Building will have a large gathering room that could be separated into separate smaller meeting rooms, men's and women's restrooms, office and conference room, kitchen area, and incubator space. On-site improvements will include site entrance improvements, paved parking with ADA parking, sidewalks, on-site drainage, fencing, and security lighting.

Zuni Pueblo Fair Building

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$5,715,000.00
Matching Funds (other sources) \$600,000.00
Total Funding of Project \$6,315,000.00

POJOAQUE PUEBLO WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Pojoaque Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) was built in 2008 after three years of wastewater system planning, design and construction improvements undertaken by the Pueblo of Pojoaque. The planning and design of the WWTF system was completed by ASCG Inc. of Albuquerque for a variety of reasons, but primarily because of the contamination of the groundwater from both old and dilapidated septic systems in both the tribal and non-tribal communities surrounding Pojoaque, as well as contaminated runoff from Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) had reached dangerous levels in portions of the Pojoaque Valley. This contaminated water posed considerable health risks to many of the people in this community, as this area is not served by a municipal water system, rather it is served almost exclusively by wells drilled between 1950-1980, of which many are now mostly contaminated.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The WWTF was built in part to wean the community off the old, unregulated individual septic systems and to use a centralized system that could produce high quality effluent for use as reclaimed water.
- By reclaiming the water and treating it at the WWTF, the burden the Pueblo was placing on the
 aquifers was dramatically reduced. Additionally, the WWTF and the septage receiving area were
 initially constructed to serve 367 connections, to include 211 mobile homes located in the
 Butterfly Springs Mobile Home Park, 96 apartment units at Butterfly Springs Apartments, and 60
 single family homes.
- The number of facilities served by the WWTF has expanded dramatically since 2009, to include the Pojoaque Valley Middle School and the Pojoaque Valley High School, and some 990 tribal residences and 30 non-residential buildings.

The proposed initiative is to construct a Water & Wastewater System and Improvements to include the following:

- The proposed project is an effective method for the Pueblo to address the increasing wastewater demands of the community and allow for growth of all portions of the wastewater infrastructure concurrently.
- The prospect of a Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System will greatly affect and influence how the Pueblo deals with its wastewater. Removal of debris and dried sludge from the existing/unused basin (western basin). Re-work the existing steel air piping on the blower side of the plant so that a new 8" service will be provided to the western basin.
- This is the second aeration and currently unused basin. Install a new aeration piping system in the unused western basin and install one dissolved oxygen sensor and tie the system to SCADA. 5. Once the unused (western) basin is operational.

<u>Pojoaque Pueblo Water & Wastewater System Improvements</u>

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$850,189.00
Matching Funds (other sources) \$15,000.00
Total Funding of Project \$865,189.00

SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO WASTEWATER PROJECT

The Pueblo currently operates three main lagoon systems for the multiple housing areas. In 2021 and last month, the lagoon, wastewater system, and infrastructure exceeded capacity and overflowed into the environment. In 2021 the Pueblo performed an assessment of the pipes within the main village area, which are mostly vitrified clay piping (VCP). The Pueblo found that most of the clay pipes were collapsed, broken, joints were offset, infiltrated with roots. This continues to result in raw sewage leaking into the ground within the Pueblo's main village area. As an urgent and immediate threat to public health and safety, the Pueblo aggressively sought funding for needed repairs and improvements, including a wastewater treatment plant and lift stations.

Description of need and preparedness:

- Santo Domingo Pueblo has identified the need to have a robust, long-term, and efficient wastewater system, including the lift stations and force mains, that will manage and treat the wastewater from the residences, offices, schools, health facilities, for-profit companies, and other buildings within Pueblo lands.
- The Pueblo is developing the project and initiative so it may be completed in phases that allow for a fully functioning wastewater system while all phases receive funding and are brought online.

The proposed initiative is to construct a Wastewater Project to include the following:

- The solution to this condition will be to design and construct an extended collection system that will move the wastewater from the community septic tank & leach field to a new lift station.
- The lift station will pump and transport the wastewater to a central wastewater treatment facility where it will meet all Environmental Protection Agency and all local design standards.
- This will consist of a collection system serving the Wa-Di community and reaches the collection system to the Domingo area and adds additional customers north of the railroad tracks.
- This portion of the overall project will provide an essential immediate solution that will dovetail into the larger plan for the wastewater system

Santo Domingo Pueblo Wastewater Project

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$2,999,050.00

Matching Funds (other sources) \$23,600,000.00 Total Funding of Project \$26,599,050.00

THOREAU CHAPTER 371 REGIONAL SUPPLY PROJECT

Thoreau Navajo Chapter, as well as neighboring Baca-Prewitt, Casamero Lake, and Smith Lake Navajo Chapters are served by two existing water systems, owned, and operated by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA). These water systems currently rely entirely on groundwater wells supplies which lack adequate redundancy and capacity for supporting growth in our communities. A regional water supply project is needed to provide a sustainable, high quality water supply for these four communities, benefitting the health, safety and welfare of existing families and future generations within the communities.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The need for additional total water supply capacity, the groundwater sources in these communities also lack significant redundancy and struggle with water quality issues typical of the region.
- In Smith Lake the new well provides some partial redundancy but has significantly lower production than the other older existing well. In Casamero Lake, one well serves the entire system with no reliable back up source.
- In Thoreau, three of the four wells all draw on the same San Andres/Glorieta Formation groundwater source, which is also used by many neighboring non-NTUA utilities in the region.

The proposed initiative is to plan the 371 Regional Supply Project that will provide the following:

- To address the supply shortfall and imbalances a conceptual design layout for the two alternatives that will be further evaluated and developed through the proposed planning project.
- Both alternatives would connect the southern end of the existing Smith Lake/Casamero Lake
 regional water system with the northern end of the Thoreau/Baca-Prewitt regional water
 system via a gravity-fed water pipeline, allowing water supplies to flow southward and downhill.

Thoreau Chapter 371 Regional Supply Project

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$725,000.00
Matching Funds (other sources) \$128,395.50
Total Funding of Project \$853,395.50

SANTA ANA PUEBLO TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX DESIGN

The Pueblo of Santa Ana has pursued a strategy of developing tribal enterprises, realizing that economic independence is crucial to maintaining and safeguarding its traditional concepts and cultural values. The Pueblo has formulated economic development and community policies for its tribal members, business enterprises and programs that pays careful attention and consideration to improving quality of life through tribal governmental services; creating a diverse and sustainable economy; pursuing projects in step with cultural and natural preservation and restoration; and maintaining and protecting its capital assets and resources.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The Pueblo has a total of 214 tribal government employees in 17 departments of which 95 employees are in an existing 20,755 sq. ft. building that was built in the mid 1970's, with additions, that is inefficient and is more than 45 years old.
- The building has outlived its useful life and the increase in employees and programs has resulted in the need for additional tribal government offices, storage space, meeting rooms, furnishings and equipment that meet the Health, Life, Safety, and general welfare of the community and meets the most recent Universal Building Codes (UBC), including compliance with the American Disabilities Act.

The proposed initiative is to design a Tribal Administration Complex to including the following:

- The Pueblo will hire an architectural and engineering firm for the design of up to a 40,00 square foot new tribal administration building which will address the above noted health, life safety and general welfare concerns of the eventual construction of the new tribal administration building.
- The efforts will include more detailed design requirements to determine space needs to meet
 the latest universal building code requirements, electrical, mechanical, communications and fire
 separations between occupancies.
- It will be designed to meet ADA accessibility and COVID-19 requirements and to identify the
 appropriate number of parking spaces required for the new administration building. Determine
 approximate probable construction costs for a new tribal administration building and
 infrastructure improvements

Santa Ana Pueblo Tribal Administration Complex Design

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$800,000.00

Matching Funds (other sources) \$9,410.00

Total Funding of Project \$809,410.00

MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE EAGLE CREEK SERVICE ROUTE 21 AND ROUTE 90 RECONSTRUCTION

M21 Road is located on the northern area of Mescalero in Lincoln and Otero Counties, New Mexico. It starts at NM 532 and leads south to the Eagle Creek RV Park office and Eagle Lake. It is the only way to reach Route M90 which is the roadway leading to the existing campground facilities. The Mescalero Apache Tribe is proposing roadway and drainage improvements for approximately one mile of route M21 and one mile of M90 consisting of the campground facilities.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The existing pavement section exhibits signs of distress and weathering. Deep rutting can be observed in areas where subgrade has failed.
- Due to the lack of shoulders, the edges of the road are unraveling and crumbling over time.
- The campground area has very narrow one-way roads that lack proper striping and signage. The driving surface is very worn and shows cracking throughout.

The proposed initiative is to construct an Eagle Creek Service Route 21 and Route 90 which includes the following:

• The project consists of reconstruction of the roadway by processing, placing, and compacting 10 inches of the existing surfacing, treating it with EMC Squared, and spreading it over at a thickness of 7.5 inches.

- This will widen the road and provide more room for travelers. One layer of hot mix asphalt 2.5 inches thick will be laid on top of the new width.
- The slopes coming off the road will be reshaped to a 6:1 fore slope. The reconstruction of Route M21 for 0.98 Miles. Reconstruction of 7 drainage structures under the roadway.
- Processing, Placing and Compacting 10 inches of existing surfacing treated with EMC Squared and spread 7.5 inches throughout widening areas, widening of shoulders, installation of positive barrier, singing and striping, and top off roadway with 2.5 inches of Hot Mix Asphalt.

Mescalero Apache Tribe Eagle Creek Service Route 21 and Route 90 Reconstruction

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$4,997,897.59
Matching Funds (other sources) \$263,047.20
Total Funding of Project \$5,260,944.79

CHURCH ROCK CHAPTER SUPERMAN CANYON ROAD – COUNTY ROAD 43 AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Superman Canyon Road (County Road 43) and Bridges Improvement Project is a critical concern and need for this region of McKinley County that is recognized as the Church Rock Chapter community, located more than 5 miles northeast of the City of Gallup. This project will entail the improving 2 miles of roadway and the replacement of two structurally deficient bridges with constructed arch-pipe culvert.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The Superman Canyon Road (CR43) is a major corridor that is utilized not just by the Church Rock community by also by surrounding Chapter communities due to course and quicker access to city and local services.
- This road is both paved (chip seal) and unpaved (dirt). The chip sealed roadway sections are in suitable condition (for the most part) but are deteriorating in certain sections where potholes are forming, that can further impact travel and vehicles.
- The dirt roadway sections have corrugated (washboard) that also impact travel and vehicles.
 Additionally, these sections are severely impacted the most during severe weather conditions, making this corridor inaccessible and impassable for residents and elderly.
- The existing project roadway conditions are fair to poor, with certain sections that have deteriorated and have created potholes. Depending on speed and condition of a vehicle, a simple pothole can cause further damage to the road and the suspension of a vehicle.

The proposed initiative is to construct Superman Canyon Road and Bridge improvement which includes the following:

- Creating safe passages for residents and surrounding communities for education and employment to further improve livelihoods.
- Design and construction of roadway and bridges will meet all cultural and environmental requirements. Minding cultural significance during construction is meaningful, particularly for elders and cultural practitioners.
- Effective planning and the use of technology as an advantage to develop efficient operations and management will result in creating safer roads and infrastructure.
- Creating low-cost safety improvements that are cost-beneficial in reducing highway accidents and crashes.

Church Rock Chapter Superman Canyon Road – County Road 43 and Bridge Improvement Project

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$2,494,034.23
Matching Funds (other sources) \$2,472,174.10
Total Funding of Project \$4,966,208.33

MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE CARRIZO FIRE HYDRANTS, WATER SYSTEM & WELLS

The Carrizo Community Water System consists of nearly 20 miles of PVC water mains, ranging in size from 2- to 6-inches in diameter. The system has three mainline PRVs, but field pressure testing indicated that only one is working. The system has three working pressure zones: the Upper Pena Pressure Zone, the Lower Pena Pressure Zone, and the Palmer Loop Pressure Zone. Upper Pena Pressure Zone receives water from the Lower Pena Pressure Zone via the Upper Pena Booster Station. The Upper Pena Pressure Zone has one dedicated water storage tank and serves 74 homes. System piping does not allow for water from the Upper Pena Pressure Zone to flow back down into the Lower Pena Pressure Zone.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The Carrizo Water System serves a Head Start center, a childcare center, a community center, a telecom building, a tribal roads building, a hunting lodge, horse stables, a small fire station, a church, and approximately 313 residential connections.
- The Carrizo Water System's distribution system was built in stages, and some of the original pipes are now 30 to 40 years old. Since these pipes were installed, the community's population has grown, and several sections of the distribution system are now undersized, increasingly unreliable, and prone to breaks due to age and high pressures.

The proposed initiative is to design the Carrizo Fire Hydrants, Water System & Well to include the following:

- Two-sources of reliable water are required by IHS standards for water systems and are a generally accepted standard.
- Compliance with EPA disinfection guidelines for 4-log virus inactivation.
- Fire flow and fire reserve comply with ISO recommendation.
- Proposed Pipe Diameters comply with AWWA M-31.

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$3,971,370.00
Matching Funds (other sources) \$149,400.00
Total Funding of Project \$4,120,770.00

SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO DEER TAIL VISTA HOUSING SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 2

From 1979 until 2000 the Pueblo was able to construct an average of 40 new homes each decade. However, due to poor performance of a now-dissolved tribally designated housing entity that the Pueblo depended upon to meet its housing needs since 2001, no new housing has been constructed at the Pueblo for more than a decade. The resulting acute shortage of new housing at the Pueblo has had profound health, safety, and welfare implications. Without new housing, the Pueblo is unable to attract and retain the Pueblo members needed to maintain cultural traditions and preserve the nation. Many talented Pueblo members have left to live elsewhere due to the lack of housing.

Description of need and preparedness:

• The San Ildefonso Housing Authority proposes to construct a 12-unit housing subdivision to address the acute need and demand for new housing at the Pueblo de San Ildefonso.

 Part of a long-term housing masterplan that leverages existing foundational investments in housing infrastructure, Deer Tail Vista, Phase 2, will be built on a 21.66-acre site adjacent and connect to the existing services provided to a 10-unit subdivision known as Deer Tail Vista, Phase 1.

The proposed initiative is to construct the Deer Tail Vista Housing Subdivision Infrastructure Phase 2 and includes the following:

- The Pueblo took the extraordinary step of forming a new housing authority to take on the Deer Tail Vista Phase 2 project from a tribally designated housing authority that worked with other Pueblo Tribes in addition to San Ildefonso after several years of inaction.
- The Pueblo will transfer the Deer Tail Vista Phase II project site, "Tract 2" to SIHA. SIHA will have the site surveyed and create land titles for all building sites identified in the plan for eventual sales to and ownership by Pueblo members.

San Ildefonso Pueblo Deer Tail Vista Housing Subdivision Infrastructure Phase 2

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$1,500,000.00
Matching Funds (other sources) \$1,500,000.00
Total Funding of Project \$3,000,000.00

CHICHILTAH CHAPTER NEW WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION

The Chichiltah Chapter compound consists of the chapter house, the chapter house annex, a senior center and two storage units. The Chapter has plans to build a new Head Start school, and other future for the chapter house include building a volunteer fire station. Currently all existing facilities utilize two existing individual septic-leach systems are temporary and require high cost to operate and maintain on a regular basis. This upgraded sewer lagoon will support the critical need to address the future growth of the Chichiltah Chapter services, resources, and economic development.

Description of need and preparedness:

- Demolition and/or the design and planning process the Chichiltah Chapter compound consists of the chapter house, the chapter house annex, a senior center and two storage units.
- This lagoon will provide the system necessary to provide sewer service on the chapter campus.

The proposed initiative is to construct a New Wastewater to include the following:

- A design report and drawings were provided for the construction of a two-cell total retention lagoon system for the Chichiltah chapter.
- A site visit was conducted to observe the condition of the old sewer and lagoon, septic tank locations.
- A topographical survey was completed of the chapter site.
- Existing conditions were evaluated, what fixtures could be used again, as well as the capacity of the existing lagoons.
- Design flows were evaluated for (existing and future) based on information provided by the chapter.
- A geotechnical survey of the existing soil conditions at the pond Design Report Plan Set Specifications referencing IHS/NECA specifications and IHS Standard details

Chichiltah Chapter New Wastewater Construction

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$159,300.00

Matching Funds (other sources) \$150,000.00 Total Funding of Project \$309,300.00

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO WATER SYSTEM - CANYON ROAD

The project is a continuation of new waterline to replace existing water infrastructure to residents within the Pueblo area. The proposed project will design a new waterline to complete the replacement of the aged, undersized and deteriorated water infrastructure before extending service to different areas of the Pueblo. The water deficiencies include waterlines smaller than 4-inch diameter and undersized for the system needs; an inadequate quantity of gate valves and hydrants for system operation and maintenance; inoperable gate valves; hydrants not capable of meeting fire protection requirements; and lack of air valves to release or introduce air in the lines when filling or draining, a critical element to the water system.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The security, safety and welfare of system users and nearby residences and structures are compromised by the lack of fire hydrants and properly sized waterlines to feed them.
- The ten state standards specifies the minimum size of water main in the distribution system where fire protection will not be provided to be 3-inch diameter and where fire protection is to be provided, 6-inch diameter.
- The current project will design waterline that is 4-inch and 6-inch. Water system components that have not been replaced continue to deteriorate beyond repair.
- The sanitation department staff responsible for operations and maintenance, struggles with repairing corroded waterlines. Leaks in the water distribution system can be sources of contamination and the community water supply is threatened by unmitigated water waste.

The proposed initiative is to design the Canyon Road Water System and includes the following:

- The main goal of the project is public health and safety; this goal will be achieved by designing water system infrastructure to expand fire protection to residences on Canyon Road, eliminating leaks where potential contamination of the water system can occur, and improving the overall operational reliability of the water system.
- This project design will size waterline diameter large enough to expand fire protection to nearby residences and be within the Ten State Standards recommendation for minimum pipe size.
- The quantity of fire hydrants designed will ensure residences will have at least one hydrant within 500 feet.
- To eliminate system leaks from aged infrastructure, the project design will replace the existing waterlines with pressure rated C900 PVC waterline and/or ductile iron and the water services with polyethylene lines.
- The design will also increase the quantity of gate valves to ensure redundancy, provide an
 adequate means to isolate sections of the area without the need to conduct an area-wide
 system outage.

<u>Santa Clara Pueblo Water System – Canyon Road</u>

TIF Amount Awarded 2022	\$66,583.13
Matching Funds (other sources)	\$7,000.00
Total Funding of Project	\$73,583.13

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

The project is a continuation of upgrades to the existing emergency radio communications system. The system provides two-way radio communications for the pueblos' first responders (police, fire, EMS), Wildland Fire department, emergency management services and all other tribal services departments. The system provides communication to and from the tribal dispatch center for all emergencies. It allows first responders to communicate and respond for the health, safety, and welfare of the Pueblo and its visitors. In 2020, the Pueblo noticed and increase in repairs to the system however, due to the age parts were no longer available. This left the Pueblo with little to no radio services at times. This put first responders at risk and most importantly delayed service to the community. The new radio communications system will give first responders better coverage, clearer communications, and communication redundancy.

Description of need and preparedness:

- The new system will allow the Pueblo to record communications for review.
- The new system will decrease response times and allow first responders to better comminute with each other to provide the best service to the community and its visitors.
- The Santa Clara Pueblo communications system will be a Land Mobile Radio Infrastructure (LMR). LMR infrastructure consists of a 5 site, 4 channel, voted, simulcast system with P25.

The proposed initiative is to construct an Emergency Radio Communication Upgrade which will include the following:

- Replacement of 5 tower sites, 4 existing FCC licensed channels, and P25 simulcast LMR system situated throughout the Pueblo.
- Each site will be GPS disciplined for simulcast timing and networked via IP connection through an existing dedicated microwave system.
- Existing mobile and handheld radios will be replaced with new units to fully utilize and optimize the new system.
- The 5 tower sites include: Hill Top North Rim Fire Station Cerro Toledo Heaven Site.
- The project will provide compliance with all FCC licensing rules and existing agreements

Santa Clara Pueblo Emergency Radio Communications Upgrade

TIF Amount Awarded 2022 \$2,424,273.63
Matching Funds (other sources) \$230,184.10
Total Funding of Project \$2,654,457.73

No-Cost Extensions Requests

Under the current TIF board guidelines, grantees may request a no-cost extension provided that the grantee submits written notification to the IAD staff at least 60 days in advance of the project date expiration along with justification. The TIF board may consider such requests on a case-by-case basis.

The following are the request requirements:

- a. Full justification for why the project will not be completed in the allotted time.
- b. Information clearly indicating all executable project deliverables completed.
- c. Information clearly indicating project costs to date and payments made.
- d. A specific plan of action for the completion of all outstanding executable project deliverables within the extension period.
- e. A specific budget indicating the project amount spent to execute deliverables completed.
- f. An anticipated budget for the completion of all outstanding project deliverables; and
- g. Documentation illustrating the proposed project schedule including start and finish dates and any contingencies.

Grantees requesting a no-cost extension are required to present their request at the board meeting. During the August 5, 2022, TIF board meeting, the board heard from the Pueblo of Nambe and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso on no-cost extension requests for their respective projects. The board approved all the no-cost extensions. Below is a summary of the no-cost extensions:

Pueblo of Nambe

The Pueblo of Nambe requested and was granted a one year no-cost extension to their IGA that expired September 10, 2019, to make wastewater improvements. COVID was particularly difficult for the community and the community was forced to restrict access to outside visitors and had no choice but to put the community improvements on hold. Now that the risk associated with COVID has reduce over time, the Pueblo has restarted the work again and the wastewater improvement project is the Pueblo's highest priority. Per TIF guidelines the Pueblo provided a full justification for why the project would not be completed in the allotted time. The construction documents are planned to be completed by the end of 2022, with construction starting in the early spring of 2023. Construction of the project is expected to last up to 5 months, allowing the project to be fully completed and closed out before the grant reversion date.

Pueblo of San Ildefonso

The Pueblo of San Ildefonso requested and was granted a one year no-cost extension to their IGA that will expire on October 17, 2019. The Pueblo de San Ildefonso Wastewater Phase 2 project advertised for bids on Sunday, April 17, 2022, but unfortunately received only one bid which exceeded the available budget. After analysis of the one bid, it was clear that the lack of geotechnical data resulted in an inordinately high estimated cost for dewatering. The Project Engineer, Souder Miller & Associates has begun the process of collecting and incorporating the needed data and the project will be rebid in late August. The project is now slated to break ground in November after the procurement process is completed. With the twelve (12) month extension, the TIF funded portion of the project would provide the necessary time to expend the TIF funding.

2021 Tribal Infrastructure Fund Projects
In 2021, the TIF board awarded \$26,630,794.00 to the following projects:

	2021 TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS							
Tribe	Project Name	Awarded	Obligated	Expended	Balance	Project Status		
Standing Rock Chapter	Tse'ii'ahi' Waterline Extensions - Design	\$467,865.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467,865.00	Navajo Nation Water Management working on contracting project out, in 164 review process; Funds not obligated.		
Ohkay Owingeh	NM Highway 74/PoPay Avenue Intersection Improvement Project - Construction	\$1,052,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,052,575.00	Project is under design through NMDOT funding. This is a TIF construction grant and will begin expenditure towards the grant in September 2022 Funds will be fully expended before reversion date of 8/30/2024; Funds not obligated.		
Newcomb Chapter	Regional San Juan Lateral Water Project - Newcomb Chapter Connection - Design	\$369,528.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$369,528.00	Begin working on contracting project out, in 164 review process; Funds not obligated.		
San Ildefonso Pueblo	San Ildefonso Pueblo Wastewater Treatment System - Phase 3 - Construction	\$1,350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350,000.00	Preparing project for RFP for engineering services to prepare Phase 3 PER and final construction contract documents; Fund not obligated.		
Sheep Springs Chapter	Regional San Juan Lateral Water Project - Design	\$315,078.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315,078.00	Navajo Nation Water Management working on contracting project out, in		

						164 review process; Funds not obligated.
Taos Pueblo	Infrastructure for Housing Subdivision - Construction	\$2,200,000.00	\$492,354.77	\$34,346.25	\$2,165,653.75	Final design complete, project out for bid for construction; \$492,354.77 funds obligated.
Santa Clara Pueblo	Wastewater System Improvements - Southern Service Area Expansion - Construction	\$2,174,802.21	\$313,985.07	\$2,787.51	\$2,172,014.70	Work has begun reviewing plan set and reviewing any edits necessary; work on reviewing one segment of the sewer; \$313,985.07 funds obligated.
Tohajiilee Chapter	Tohajiilee - Albuquerque water supply line - Construction	\$3,568,180.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,568,180.35	NNWMB working on contracting out project; Funds not obligated.
Santa Clara Pueblo	Santa Clara Pueblo Water and Wastewater Planning Documents Update - Planning	\$178,529.34	\$177,583.50	\$11,609.30	\$166,920.04	Project on schedule working on updating PER's; \$177,583.50 funds obligated.
Taos Pueblo	Justice and Wellness Center Infrastructure - Construction	\$2,500,000.00	\$205,028.69	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	Architect completing design documents and work started on environmental assessment; \$205,028.69 funds obligated.
Rock Springs Chapter	Rock Spring Chapter Navajo Code Talkers Lateral - Design	\$281,516.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$281,516.00	Navajo Nation Water Management working on contracting project out, in 164 review process; Funds not obligated.
Laguna Pueblo	Laguna Pueblo Main Street Infrastructure Preliminary Engineering	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	Main Street Presentations scheduled for the community. Project

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	Report - Planning					management for the project will be assigned by the Pueblo s Public Works Director; Funds not obligated.
Santa Ana Pueblo	Public Safety, Judicial & Social Services Complex - Construction	\$3,994,619.00	\$66,486.00	\$6,036.00	\$3,988,583.00	Project Team is in the process issuing Requests for Qualification and Proposals for construction of the Complex; Tribal Council addressed Zoning design review issues which delayed the start of the project. The Pueblo has contracted for Building Inspection and design document review services; \$66,486.00 funds obligated.
Santa Ana Pueblo	Design and Engineering an Arsenic Removal System for Well #5 - Design	\$270,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$38,132.42	\$231,867.58	Project design and engineering is at 20 percent completion; \$270,000.00 funds obligated.
Santo Domingo Pueblo	Wastewater System Improvements - Southern Service Area Expansion - Design	\$1,200,000.00	\$140,622.00	\$77,164.93	\$1,122,835.07	Engineering design 100% complete, construction contract reviewed by Tribe's Attorney; \$140,622.00 funds obligated.
Crownpoint Chapter	Regional Beacon Bisti N9 Lateral Water Supply Project, aka NGWSP Reach 10.1/2/3 - Construction	\$2,613,482.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,613,482.00	Navajo Nation Water Management working on contracting project out, in 164 review process; Funds not obligated.
Mescalero Apache Tribe	M6 White Mountain Drive - Phase III from Botello	\$3,994,619.10	\$3,994,619.10	\$0.00	\$3,944,619.10	Funds not obligated.

Road to the M6/M4 intersection - Construction					
TOTAL:	\$26,630,794.00	\$5,660,679.13	\$170,076.00	\$26,410,727.59	

Expenditures

	2021 TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND EXPENDITURES							
Tribe	Project Name	Awarded	Obligated	Expended	Balance	Expenditure		
Taos Pueblo	Infrastructure for Housing Subdivision - Construction	\$2,200,000.00	\$492,354.77	\$34,346.25	\$2,165,653.75	Retainer fee to begin work		
Santa Clara Pueblo	Wastewater System Improvements – Southern Service Area Expansion - Construction	\$2,174,802.21	\$313,985.07	\$2,787.51	\$2,172,014.70	Project administration and plan preparation and permitting		
Santa Clara Pueblo	Santa Clara Pueblo Water and Wastewater Planning Documents Update - Planning	\$178,529.34	\$177,583.50	\$11,609.30	\$166,920.04	Project administration, Water PER Update, Wastewater PER Updated and Asset Management Plan		
Santa Ana Pueblo	Public Safety, Judicial & Social Services Complex - Construction	\$3,994,619.00	\$66,486.00	\$6,036.00	\$3,988,583.00	Structural and nonstructural plan review and report Services for Santa Ana Judicial Complex in accordance with the 2015 IBC, UMC, UPC, 2017 NEC, 2009 ANSI A117.1 access standards ASCE design criteria and 2015/2021 IFC		
Santa Ana Pueblo	Design and Engineering an Arsenic Removal System for Well #5 - Design	\$270,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$38,132.42	\$231,867.58	Preliminary Design		
Santo Domingo Pueblo	Wastewater System Improvements – Southern Service Area Expansion - Design	\$1,200,000.00	\$140,622.00	\$77,164.93	\$1,122,835.07	Project management, pre-engineering, and Final Design		

Summary

Although the COVID-19 pandemic impacted tribal infrastructure projects, tribal grantees continue to make progress expending TIF funding. The IAD heard the following issues related to TIF projects mostly as a result of the pandemic:

- Increase in projects costs due to material and services;
- Lack of materials or contractors to perform services which may increase time to complete projects;
- Turnover in project staff due to effects of the pandemic—leaving employment.

Appendix

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND BOARD

Via Zoom Video Conference with Call-in Information Thursday, June 09, 2022 9:00 am

Voting Members Present

Lynn Trujillo, IAD Cabinet Secretary
Wesley Billingsley, DFA
Michael Vonderheide, NMFA
Judi L. Kahl, NMED
Janet Johnson, NMDOH
Mark Thompson, Pueblo Representative
Pearl Yellowman, Navajo Nation Representative

Non-Voting Members Present

Gretchen Tsosie

Voting Members Absent

Alfred Lapaz, Mescalero Apache Representative Romaine Wood, Jicarilla Apache Representative

Non-Voting Members Absent

Sharon Pinto, BIA Rep., Navajo Office Shannon McKenna, BIA Rep., Abq Office

IAD Staff Present

Christopher Jiron, Grants Specialist Lawrence John, TIF Administrator Stephanie Salazar, General Counsel Aurora Martinez, Executive Assistant Monica Maestas, Chief Financial Officer

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chairwoman Lynn Trujillo called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. The meeting was held via Zoom Video Conference with Call in Information and came to order following roll call and establishment of a quorum.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of tribal leaders and honored guests on the call and staff of the Indian Affairs Department.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member Kahl moved to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Board Member Johnson. The motion was adopted by majority vote.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2022

The board approved the meeting minutes from the TIF Board Meeting held on May 18, 2022, by general consent.

V. New Business

a. Allocation of an additional \$40,000.00. Board Member Thompson moved to allocate the additional funding of \$40,000.00 to the Santa Clara Pueblo Emergency Radio Communications Upgrade to \$2,424,273.63; this motion was seconded by board member Kahl. The motion was adopted by a roll call vote, 7 in favor and none opposed.

b. Amend the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Appropriation Awards and Resolution, Notification and Certification to the State Board of Finance to Sell Severance Tax Bonds. Board Member Billingsley moved to amend the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Appropriation Awards and Resolution, Notification and Certification to the State Board of Finance to Sell Severance Tax Bonds; this motion was seconded by Board Member Kahl and was adopted by a majority vote, 7 in favor and none opposed.

VI. Next Meeting Discussion

The next meeting date is recommended for the month of July to approve a No Cost Extension and to hear the TIF Subcommittee report on the TIF Guidelines.

VII. Adjourn

Board Member Kahl moved to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Board Member Billingsley. The motion was adopted, and meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.