



Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board Awards Six Navajo Nation Chapters Infrastructure Grants

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Friday, the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department awarded six Navajo Nation Chapters grants for infrastructure projects within their communities through the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF). Out of the forty-five (45) applications submitted overall, only seventeen (17) were awarded in the total amount of \$26,600,000 million.

“Our chapters did great in their presentations and gave an outstanding message of progress and moving forward for capital projects and infrastructure that our communities are in dire need of,” said Council Delegate Mark Freeland (Becenti, Lake Valley, Náhodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint).

The chapters that were awarded are as followed:

- Standing Rock Chapter was awarded \$467,865 in the category of design for their Waterline Extension Project.
- Newcomb Chapter was awarded \$369,528 in the category of design for their Regional SJL Connection.
- Sheep Springs Chapter was awarded \$315,078 in the category of design for their Regional SJL Connection.
- Tohajiilee Chapter was awarded \$3,568,619.10 in the category of construction for their ABQ Waterline Project.
- Rock Springs Chapter was awarded \$281,516 in the category of design for their Navajo Code Talkers Lateral.
- Crownpoint Chapter was awarded \$2,613,428 in the category of construction for their BBN9 Later Water Supply.

“We appreciate the New Mexico TIF Board for approving critical funding to complete regional lateral water line projects,” said Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Cove, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley, Tsé’á’náoozt’í’í, Sheepsprings, Beclabito, Gad’ii’áhí/Tó Ko’i). “The Chapter Officials, staff, and engineers worked extremely hard to provide stellar proposals to enhance water quality in our respective communities.”

This competitive grant was awarded to chapters that submitted their proposals through the TIF portal for capital projects and infrastructure for their communities.

Along with the Navajo Nation, other federally recognized tribes, nations, and pueblos were on the call to also advocate for their funding requests for their communities.

“Thank you to the TIF Board of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department for awarding our chapters funding to continue their water and capital infrastructure projects,” said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh). “Thank you to our chapters for being resilient and dedicated.”

The fund was created by the Tribal Infrastructure Act of 2005 which recognizes that many of New Mexico’s tribal communities lack basic infrastructure, including, but not limited to water and wastewater systems, roads, and electrical power lines.

“We are very thankful to the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board and our representative from the Division of Community Development, Dr. Pearl Yellowman, and her support of the chapters,” said Freeland. “We are proud of our chapter officials and administration teams that worked collaboratively on these water projects and other projects that were approved.”

If tribal communities are interested in applying for the fund, a Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA) will be placed on their website notifying all interested parties of new monies available each year. Then, each interested party should access the TIF Application to submit their application.

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