

Chippewa Cree Tribal Water Resource Department

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Chippewa Cree Tribe Receives \$2.0 Million from HUD Rural Innovation Grant

The Department of Housing and Urban Development announced on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 that the Chippewa Cree Tribe has been awarded a \$2,000,000 grant through the Rural Innovation Fund (RIF). The Rural Innovation Fund was included in President Obama's Fiscal Year 2010 budget request and was enacted by Congress with the 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

The Chippewa Cree Tribe grant application referred to as the Rocky Boy's Recovery Infrastructure Development Project will address water and wastewater needs for the "Middle Dry Fork Development Zone". The \$3.349 Million project is for the construction of a new 500,000 gallon water storage tank and 21,000 feet of 12-inch watermain for the water delivery system which will provide potable water and fire suppression to the Development Zone. The Middle Dry Fork Development zone includes the new Justice Center, new Health Clinic and approximately 200 residential homes (current and future development). The project will also expand economic and job creation for low-income residents on the Rocky Boy Reservation and surrounding communities. The project will create 21 full time jobs for the duration of the project and 2 full time permanent positions within the Tribal Water Resource Department.

"On behalf of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, I would like to thank the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the \$2.0M grant award under the Rural Innovation Grant Program. This grant will help us in our effort to both improve water delivery capacity for planned community developments and to recover from the flood disasters our Tribe has suffered in the last two years. We are currently constructing a Multi-Purpose Justice Facility and our new Health Clinic that will replace the clinic destroyed by the 2010 Flood Disaster. This grant will allow us to deliver drinking water and fire suppression to these two community facilities. These two projects could not be completed without this award and we are deeply appreciative. The grant will also further employment opportunities for residents of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. I also want to thank RJS & Associates, Inc., Jay Eagleman, Director of Tribal Water Resources Department and his staff, and Kim Traversie, Director of Tribal Planning and Development and her staff, for their tremendous efforts in getting this project funded for the Chippewa Cree Tribe."

The Chippewa Cree Tribe and Forty-five rural and tribal communities will share in \$28 million in funding to address distressed housing conditions and concentrated poverty, announced the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which is awarding the grants under its new Rural Innovation Fund. Overall, 19 states are represented among the service areas receiving grants. Twenty-seven awardees are tribes or tribal affiliates, and 789 housing units are proposed for low-income residents. HUD received 307 applications from 48 states for more than \$236 million, almost 10 times the amount available. Eligible applicants were federally recognized Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies, state community development agencies, local rural nonprofits, community development corporations, or consortia of these groups.