

FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL

MEETING

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

JULY 19, 2025

GREASEWOOD SPRINGS CHAPTER

**PRESENTED BY:
CANDICE YAZZIE,
DIVISION DIRECTOR**





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FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Written By: Candice Yazzie, Division Director
Division of Community Development

Message from the Director:

The Division of Community Development (DCD) is actively rebuilding from within to better serve the Navajo People. Since my appointment as Division Director on January 6, 2025, our focus has been on getting construction projects of all types off the ground, through the Navajo Nation's bureaucratic process, and out the door.

Coming from private industry, I quickly identified missing internal processes and inefficiencies. In response, we've taken key steps:

- Repositioned staff to improve workflow.
- Began tracking specific projects for each team member;
- Started organizing and securing Division records.

These changes mark a shift toward greater accountability, structure, and responsiveness. I want to be here and truly enjoy seeing projects come to life. Let's continue working together collaboratively to deliver the progress our communities deserve.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Recruitment Report

Reporting Period: April 2025 – Present

Prepared By: Sharilene Jeff, SPPS

1. Recruitment Activities Timeline

Activity	Details
Job Posting	All positions posted by DPM
Platforms Used	ASC service centers, Chapter houses, Community centers with public access
Posting Duration	10 calendar days
Application Deadline	Rolling deadlines from April 2025 to Present

2. Application Metrics

Metric	Number
Total Applications Received	<u>90</u>
Total Applications Assessed	<u>90</u>
Qualified Applicants	<u>62</u>
Candidates Interviewed	<u>62</u>

3. Screening and Interview Process

- **Screening Period:** April 2025 – Present
- **Screening Criteria:**
 - E.O. No. 01-2024 (Streamlining Hiring Process)
 - Navajo Nation Quality Assessment Form
 - Electronic assessments
- **Interview Process:**
 - Conducted within 15 days of DPM referral
 - Interview Panel: 3 departmental staff
 - Format: In-person and Zoom-based interviews

4. Current Status (as of June 2025)

- DPM electronic assessments and referrals remain in use
- Qualified applicants are sent directly to departments
- Departments initiate direct interview coordination

5. Challenges Identified

- Low application volume in remote areas
- Staff retention at Chapters
- Lack of structured training and orientation for new hires
- Public unfamiliarity with the new DPM hiring portal
- Qualified applicants are referred, but communities and Chapters are not receptive to the referrals. This has resulted in continued vacancies despite having eligible candidates.

6. Next Steps

- Continue recruitment and outreach efforts
- Collaborate with Chapters to advertise openings
- Provide applicant support and customer service
- Offer guidance and tech support for DPM portal navigation
- Educate local leadership on referral processes and hiring responsibilities
- Continue to align recruiting with the new ERP system with DPM

Conclusion

The recruitment process is progressing in line with Navajo Nation hiring standards and timelines. The electronic referral system has streamlined screening and interviews, but local acceptance and cooperation remain key to filling vacant positions.



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July 17, 2025

JOB VACANCY LISTING

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<i>Requisition No.</i>	<i>Pos No.</i>	<i>Position Title</i>	<i>Worksite</i>	<i>Pay Rate</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
<u>Administrative Services Centers</u>					
DCD13688148	236155	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Red Valley, AZ	\$31,257.36	7/18/2025
DCD13988334	243211	Administrative Services Officer	Fort Defiance, AZ	\$51,364.80	7/21/2025
DCD13388352	236093	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Crystal, NM	\$31,257.36	7/23/2025
DCD13988381	243218	Administrative Services Officer	Chinle, AZ	\$51,364.80	7/25/2025
DCD13588404	236088	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Torreón, NM	\$31,257.36	7/29/2025
DCD13388405	208429	Community Services Coordinator	Tsayatoh, NM	\$44,098.56	7/29/2025
DCD13388432	236159	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Shiprock, NM	\$31,257.36	7/30/2025
DCD13788434	230097	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Coalmine Mesa, AZ	\$31,257.36	7/30/2025
DCD13788435	210297	Community Services Coordinator	Coppermine, AZ	\$44,098.56	7/30/2025
DCD13788436	230097	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Coalmine Mesa, AZ	\$31,257.36	7/30/2025
DCD13588439	208422	Community Services Coordinator	Ramah, NM	\$44,098.56	7/30/2025
DCD13588440	208097	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Manuelito, NM	\$31,257.36	7/30/2025
DCD13588441	236085	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Smith Lake, NM	\$31,257.36	7/30/2025
<u>Community Development Block Grant Program</u>					
DCD03288412	923915	Program Supervisor II	Window Rock, AZ	\$56,000.16	7/29/2025
<u>Executive Administration</u>					
DCD02988413	209900	Senior Accountant	Window Rock, AZ	\$56,000.16	7/29/2025

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DELEGATE REGIONAL PLAN: SECTION 3 CJN-29-22 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

07/16/25

FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL REPORT

Division of Community Development has 5 Fiscal Recovery Staff who are working with the 110 Chapters (LGA & NON LGA) in ensuring timelines and funds are spent. They are also working with other entities on contracting the Bathroom Additions, Electrical Connection to Homes, Housing and Housing Manufacturing Projects.

OVERVIEW OF CJN 29-22

ARPA was created to address these 4 areas that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. To support the COVID-19 public health and Economic response by addressing Covid-19 and its impact on public health.
2. To provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work;
3. To provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic;
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

ARPA OF CJN 29-22: SECTION 3

From January of 2024 to June 2024 a total amount of \$25,936,043.69 has been encumbered in 16 Sub Recipient Agreements with 14 LGA Certified Chapters

A total of 44 projects remain ARPA under the Delegate Regional Plans through a Subrecipient agreement are still subjected to Federal ARPA deadlines, regulations as well as the deadlines set by Navajo Nation Council, and the Navajo Nation Policies and procedures.

ARPA SECTION 3:

The following chapters have Subrecipient agreements for the central agency and are still ongoing ARPA projects. As of July 15 2025 -8 ARPA Fort Defiance Agency ARPA Projects are ready for closeout- the remaining projects still have disbursements and project milestones that are ongoing.

We commend all Fort Defiance agency chapters for your hardwork and improvement that you are making within your chapters.

FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY ARPA SRA PROJECTS

Nathan Notah							
Chapter	Project	Total Amount	% Disbursed	Amount Disbursed	Remaining Amount	CO #	K Acct
1 Naschitti	Bathroom Addition	\$ 551,748.00	25%	\$ 137,937.00	\$ 413,811.00	16298	K2115145
2 Naschitti	House Wiring	\$ 525,000.00	50%	\$ 262,500.00	\$ 262,500.00	16298	K2115153
3 Naschitti	Rural Addressing	\$ 70,000.00	25%	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 52,500.00	16298	K2115146
		\$ 1,146,748.00		\$ 417,937.00	\$ 728,811.00		
Vince James							
Chapter	Project	Total Amount	% Disbursed	Amount Disbursed	Remaining Amount	CO #	K Acct
1 Cornfields	Home Repair & Renovati	\$ 980,468.00	75%	\$ 735,351.00	\$ 245,117.00	16278	K2115224
2 Cornfields	Hazard/Premium Pay	\$ 40,000.00	100%	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	16278	K2115169
3 Cornfields	Heating Assistance	\$ 95,000.00	100%	\$ 95,000.00	\$ -	16278	K2115101
4 Cornfields	Technology Upgrade	\$ 35,000.00	100%	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	16278	K2115105
5 Cornfields	Food Assistance Program	\$ 65,000.00	100%	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	16278	K2115106
		\$ 1,215,468.00		\$ 970,351.00	\$ 245,117.00		
Arbin Mitchell							
Chapter	Project	Total Amount	% Disbursed	Amount Disbursed	Remaining Amount	CO #	K Acct
1 Houck	Bathroom Addition	\$ 705,000.00	50%	\$ 352,500.00	\$ 705,000.00	16331	K2115243
2 Houck	Housing Assistance	\$ 560,000.00	50%	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	16331	K2115241
3 Houck	House Wiring Project	\$ 350,000.00	50%	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	16331	K2115242
4 Houck	Rural Addressing	\$ 150,000.00	50%	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 139,842.00	16331	K2115240
		\$ 1,765,000.00		\$ 882,500.00	\$ 1,754,842.00		

OVERALL CURRENT STATUS

Of the 44 SRA ARPA projects, fifteen (15) SRA ARPA projects have received 100% of the disbursements.

The team has been setting up meetings with certified chapters and began the monitoring and ensuring the projects are track and help with compliance. Going forward Wilson Stewart Jr., Department Manger, Ryan Begay, Planner/Estimator and Dawnell Begay, Planner/Estimator are beginning to conduct monitoring activities, and site visits for the 44 ARPA projects to ensure they are in compliance with both Federal Deadlines, Regulations as well as Navajo Nation Deadlines, Policies and Procedures.

If your chapter and or if you need more information please feel free to reach out to the Project Managers: Ryan Begay and Dawnell Begay.

CONT.

Overview of Section 11

Resolution CJN-29-22, in Section 11, allocated ARPA/FRF funds for bathroom additions for each council delegate region. The Division of Community Development ARPA Office has been designated the project manager for the ARPA bathroom addition projects in November 2023, and has been working with the Indian Health Services Sanitation Facilities Construction, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) and Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority (NECA) to achieve the goal of construction of bathroom additions.

To date, DCD ARPA Office has issued thirty-nine(39) work orders to NECA. Of these, Work Orders 1 through 10 have been fully completed,

We are pleased to report that we have completed - 310 bathroom additions since November 2023. Currently, 238- bathroom additions are in progress,

CO-41-24

Overall, once we complete all Work Orders 1 through 34 we anticipate having over 500 bathrooms additions constructed across the Navajo Nation.

With the support of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, President Dr. Buu Nygren signed Resolution CO-41-24 on October 31, 2024. This resolution allocates an additional \$49,122,247.26 from unspent ARPA funds and amends the original Scope of Work to include Bathroom Renovation Upgrades.



The Delegate Regional Allocation remains equally distributed, with the number of clients served dependent upon on funding availability within each delegate Region*.

Bathroom Renovation Applications are being distributed by Ryan Begay, Planner/Estimator.
*Not all delegate regions are eligible and all applications are subjected to funds availability.

Bathroom Additions			
Agency	In Progress	100% Complete	Bathroom Addition Total
Central	75	75	150
Eastern	38	80	118
Fort Defiance	50	86	136
Northern	13	8	21
Western	62	62	124
TOTAL	238	311	549

Bathroom Renovations			
Agency	In Progress	100% Complete	Bathroom Renovation Total
Central	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0
Fort Defiance	124	0	124
Northern	26	16	42
Western	0	0	0
TOTAL	150	16	166

*Does not include assessments assigned to NECA.

DELEGATE REGIONAL PLAN: SECTION 3: REVENUE REPLACEMENT RESERVE

*AS OF 07/15/25

FRF Website



DCD Website



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OVERVIEW OF RRR CMY 28-24

On June 17, 2024 CMY-28-2024 was signed in order to get the most from the Fiscal Recovery Funds, The legislation CMY 28-24 reallocates \$737.5 million to projects that have the highest likelihood of not being spent by the December 2026 deadline. The obligated projects include \$168,189,463.24 in Delegate Regional Plan monies. This funding goes into the Revenue Replacement Reserve fund (RRR). Eliminating ARPA federal deadlines for those identified projects.

CURRENT STATUS:

To date 384 Business Units have been established for the Delegate Regional Projects that have been transitioned to the Revenue Reserve Replacement fund. All **Delegate Regional Projects previously legislated and approved by either Navajo Nation Council or the Naabik'iyáti' Committee are still intact in budget and scope of work.**

Amendments to current legislated projects, at this time are pending policies and procedures to be created for the RRR/521 Trust Fund.

GOING FORWARD:

The current ARPA/FRF Staff Ryan Begay, and Dawnell Begay, Planner Estimator's are managing the 352 RRR projects that are under the Section Delegate Region Expenditure Plans which encompasses all 110 chapters under the 24 Delegate Regions. Plesase see attached phase rollout plan for all approved/legislated RRR Projects. For the month of May, the Division of Community Development ARPA/RRR Section 3 and Section 11 Project Managers Ryan Begay and Dawnell Begay along with Department Manager II, Wilson C. Stewart Jr. engaged with 21 Navajo Chapters across Western, Eastern, Fort Defiance, and Central Agency. The team also met with 8 of the 24 Delegates to discuss ongoing projects and community needs.

In May, meetings were scheduled at the request of various chapters to discuss current project status updates for Section 3 and Section 11. Additionally some Local Governance Certified Chapters are in the process of pursuing Grant Agreements. They are taking the time to thoroughly understand the responsibilities involved in entering into a grant agreement to ensure they can effectively draw down funds directly to their chapters.

RRR PROJECT PHASES:

	Project Types	Total # of Projects	Total Amount
PHASE 1:	Equipment/Vehicle Purchases over 50K	38	\$ 10,026,971.99
	Equipment/Vehicle Purchases under 50K	9	\$ 261,291.00
	External Entity Projects	2	\$ 1,050,311.00
	Cell Towers	1	\$ 1,250,000.00
Total for Phase 1:		50	\$ 12,588,573.99
PHASE 2:	PEP	17	\$ 3,467,345.28
	Public Assistance	10	\$ 1,636,269.67
Total for Phase 2:		27	\$ 5,103,614.95
PHASE 3:	Home Renovation	35	\$ 20,785,242.54
	Chapter Renovation/Construction	24	\$ 18,772,130.00
	Senior Center Renovation/Construction	7	\$ 771,000.00
	Cemetery	11	\$ 1,387,231.67
	A & E Services	2	\$ 500,292.00
	Rural Addressing	12	\$ 2,010,591.00
	Homesite Lease, etc.	3	\$ 375,000.00
	Bathroom Additions- 100% Complete Addition	17	\$ 7,946,669.00
Total for Phase 3:		125	\$ 58,626,889.21
PHASE 4:	Modular Homes Purchase	10	\$ 11,230,155.13
	New Home Constructions	6	\$ 4,763,221.47
	Warehouse	29	\$ 20,304,363.00
	Commerical Building Constructions	6	\$ 1,241,397.00
	Other Constructions	4	\$ 899,685.00
Total for Phase 4:		55	\$ 38,438,821.60
PHASE 5:	House Wiring	13	\$ 3,492,941.33
	Commerical Building Wiring	2	\$ 190,000.00
	HVAC & Ventilation Installation	9	\$ 1,150,000.00
	Solar Projects	2	\$ 184,000.00
	Pumbling Projects	4	\$ 1,030,000.00
	Powerline	10	\$ 4,265,832.00
Total for Phase 5:		40	\$ 10,312,773.33
PHASE 6:	Potable/Irrigation Projects	2	\$ 435,528.33
	Earth & Dam	1	\$ 1,997,153.38
	Recreation Park	2	\$ 2,000,000.00
	Transfer Station	1	\$ 294,848.00
Total for Phase 6:		6	\$ 4,727,529.71
GRAND TOTAL		303	\$129,798,202.79

MORE INFORMATION:

If your chapter and or if you need more information please feel free to reach out to the DCD ARPA/FRF Staff:

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REPORT BY CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Capital Projects Management Department (CPMD) plays a vital role in planning, designing, and delivering public infrastructure across the Navajo Nation. Through comprehensive project oversight and construction management, CPMD supports tribal divisions, chapters, and affiliated entities, helping ensure that capital projects align with community priorities and long-term development goals.

The department secures and manages funding from tribal, state, federal, and other eligible sources by writing grant proposals, planning budgets, and submitting compliance reports. CPMD also develops and administers contracts for construction and consulting services, ensuring projects are delivered efficiently, on time, and in compliance with safety and regulatory standards.

CPMD manages all phases of project delivery—including design reviews, procurement, construction inspections, and closeout—while maintaining internal procedures that guide project prioritization, cost estimation, and scheduling. Its team of 16 professionals, including 10 project and compliance staff and 6 support staff, carry out a broad range of responsibilities such as financial tracking, archaeological and environmental review, risk mitigation, stakeholder coordination, and administrative support.

Despite their expertise, the team faces ongoing challenges due to limited staffing and growing infrastructure demands across all 110 chapters. Each chapter receives annual capital project allocations, often requiring different levels of technical assistance and compliance oversight.

To meet these demands, CPMD is working to expand staffing capacity, invest in training, and improve internal processes. The department also collaborates with tribal leadership and partner agencies to advocate for sustained investment in infrastructure planning, delivery, and long-term community impact.

Michele Peterson, New Department Manager for CPMD

I'm honored to join the Capital Projects Management Department (CPMD) as the new Department Manager. With a background in project leadership and infrastructure development, I'm committed to supporting all 110 Chapters and advancing our shared mission of delivering impactful, community-focused capital projects.

It's an exciting time for CPMD, and I look forward to working with this dedicated team. Recent training sessions have shown the department's strong commitment to quality and efficiency, and I'm eager to build on that momentum.

More Information:

Please contact the Capital Projects Management Department with any questions or requests for additional details. Our team is available to provide clarification, guidance, or supporting documentation as needed to assist you.

Project Management Team

- Leonard Hardy, Senior Programs and Project Specialist
- Judith Willoughby, Programs and Project Specialist
- Henry "Jay" Yazzie, Project Manager
- Irma Julian, Project Manager
- Kent Grantsen, Project Manager
- Ricky Begay, Project Manager
- Rory Jaques, Project Manager (Shiprock)
- Marta Quinana, Planner/ Estimator
- Regina Eltsocie, Contract Analyst
- Stephanie Baldwin, Contract Compliance Officer

Support Staff

- Denise R.E. Copeland, Principle Archaeologist (Shiprock)
- Margaret Begay, Accountant
- Maukenzi Moore, Administrative Services Officer
- Lisa Jim, Office Specialist
- Selina Yazzie, Accounts Maintenance Specialist

CPMD Website



Fort Defiance Agency Project Activity

Bahastl'ah' (Twin Lakes)

Project Title - Warehouse

Type of Funding - NM IGA 21-F3185

Funding Amount - \$198,000

% Complete - 100

Reversion - \$51,852.50 unused funds

Status - Plan and Design Phase complete. Next step- Construction need 1.3 million

Project Manager - Leonard Hardy

Crystal

Project Title - Crystal Chapter Bathroom Addition

Type of Funding - NM State

Funding Amount - \$148,500.00

% Complete - 0

Reversion - 06-30-25

Status - On Contract

Project Manager - Irma Julian

The project will serve 2 people. The NN, Capital Projects Management Department has contracted with NECA to construct ten (10) bathroom addition that are funded by NM State.

Project Title - Crystal Chapter Bathroom Addition

Type of Funding - New Mexico State

Funding Amount - \$693,000.00

% Completed - 0

Reversion - 6-30-27

Status - Pending

Project Manager - Irma Julian

The Crystal chapter and Capital Projects Management Department will review the client list and conduct home assessment for eligibility, in the month of July 2025. It is not known at this time if NECA will continue to construct the Bathroom Addition or advertise the project.

Greasewood Springs

Project Title - Head start building renovation to senior center

Type of Funding - Sihasin

Funding Amount - 833,333.33 de-obligate funds from former contract.

% Complete -

Reversion - None

Status - Bidding and award phase

Project Manager - Leonard Hardy

Houck

Project Title - Houck Chapter Bathroom Addition

Type of Funding - Si Has Sin

Funding Amount - \$10,706.42 (Remaining Balance)

% Complete - 0

Reversion -

Status - Pending

Project Manager - Irma Julian

The Houck Chapter submitted the building material list to serve several people. There will be 3 -4 Vendors. Building materials will be purchase through 6B.

Indian Wells

Project Title - Head Start Building Renovation to Senior Center.

Type of Funding - Sihasin Year three C01694

Funding Amount - 544,393.67

% Complete - 100 close out discrepancies

correction entry door, swing, operation and floor to be redone.

Reversion - none

Status - Construction close out phase

Project Manager - Leonard Hardy

Jeddito

Project Title -Jeddito Chapter Bathroom Addition (Goldwater Loop area)

Type of Funding - Si Has Sin Funds

Funding Amount - \$14,135.21

% Complete - 0

Reversion -

Status - Pending

Project Manager - Irma Julian

The Jeddito Chapter decided to purchase building materials to serve several people. The funds is not enough to construct a complete bathroom addition. The chapter will resubmit the building materials list and how many people they will serve.

Project Title - Jeddito Chapter Bathroom Addition (Highland/Sitting Rock area)

Type of Funding - Si Has Sin Funds

Funding Amount - \$14,135.22

% Complete - 0

Reversion

Status - Pending

Project Manager - Irma Julian

The Jeddito Chapter decided to purchase building materials to serve several people. The amount of funds available is not enough to construct a complete bathroom addition. The Jeddito chapter will resubmit the building material list, including how many people they will serve.

Continue with Jeddito

Project Title - Jeddito Chapter House Renovation

Type of Funding - Navajo Nation General Funds
Funding Amount - \$3,216.00 (Remaining Balance)
% Complete - 0
Reversion -
Status - Pending
Project Manager - Irma Julian
The chapter set aside ARPA Funds to renovate the chapter house, they will include the remaining balances of \$3,216.00 and \$19,890.00 to complete the renovation. The CPMD will assist the chapter to combine the 2 balances and add to ARPA to be use toward the chapter house renovation

Project Title - Jeddito Chapter House Renovation

Type of Funding - Navajo Nation General Fund
Funding Amount - \$19,890.00 (Remaining Balance)
% Completed - 0
Reversion -
Status - Pending
Project Manager - Irma Julian
This project balance with the above (\$3,216.00) will be included with the ARPA funds allocated for chapter house renovation.

Project Title - Jeddito Chapter House Renovation

Type of Funding - Navajo Nation General Fund
Funding Amount - \$19,890.00 (Remaining Balance)
% Completed - 0
Reversion -
Status - Pending
Project Manager - Irma Julian
This project balance with the above (\$3,216.00) will be included with the ARPA funds allocated for chapter house renovation.

Mexican Springs

Project Title - New multi purpose building
Type of Funding - NM
Funding Amount - 100,000
% Complete -
Reversion - None reauthorized to use toward utility installation for the new building.
Status - Funding approvals
Project Manager - Leonard hardy

Oak Springs

Project Title - Chapter Renovation

Type of Funding - APRP(FRF)/Sihasin CAP-35-18
Funding Amount - APRP(FRF) \$2,802,340/Sihasin CAP-35-18 \$2,083,333.33
% Complete - 97%
Reversion - APRP(FRF) 12/31/2026/Sihasin CAP-35-18
Status - Kitchen Appliance and Occupancy Certificate
Project Manager - Marta Quintana

Red Lake

Project Title - New Chapter House

Type of Funding - Sihasin C01841
Funding Amount - 1,041,666.67
% Complete - 100
Reversion - none
Status - New direct source contract from change orders
Project Manager - Leonard Hardy

Sawmill

Project Title - Bathroom Addition

Type of Funding - Si Has Sin
Funding Amount - \$12,500 (Remaining Balance)
% Completed - 50%
Reversion -
Status - Pending
Project Manager - Irma Julian
The project was left incomplete by NECA. The chapter has contacted NECA but, no response from them. NECA has to complete the project.

St. Michaels

Project Title - Chapter Renovation

Type of Funding - APRP(FRF)/Sihasin CAP-35-18
Funding Amount - APRP(FRF) \$6,000,000/Sihasin CAP-35-18 \$2,083,333.33
% Complete - 97%
Reversion - APRP(FRF) 12/31/2026/Sihasin CAP-35-18
Status - Kitchen Appliance, FFE, NTUA Utilities (transformer/water), and Occupancy Certificate
Project Manager - Marta Quintana

Steamboat

Project Title - Chapter House Renovation

Type of Funding - Sihasin C01709
Funding Amount - 833,333.33
% Complete - Procurement advertisement
Reversion - None
Status - Contract and supporting documents compiling
Project Manager - Leonard Hardy, Ricky Begay

Executive Summary:

By: Jaron Charley

The Fort Defiance ASC Agency continues to provide robust support and technical assistance to its 16 chapters, focusing on emergency preparedness, budget compliance, and infrastructure planning. Despite some chapters not completing their Emergency Management Plans, all have received templates and will be offered additional work sessions. The Oak Ridge Fire prompted effective emergency responses from four chapters, showcasing preparedness in action. Infrastructure efforts continue with nearly completed renovations at St. Michael and Oak Springs, funded by Sihasin and ARPA. All FY2025 chapter budgets have been approved, though Sales Tax budgets require revision to emphasize economic planning. Ongoing guidance and orientations are being conducted, with a focus on budget closeouts, ICIP, and Community Land Use Plans. Staff support will be limited from July 27 to August 1 due to a division-wide meeting. Several key positions remain vacant, with hiring efforts underway.

The ASC Dilkon office is focused on improving policy awareness and chapter operations amid challenges such as limited office space and staff vacancies. Notably, Whitecone Chapter remains under sanction, and efforts are ongoing to address staffing and compliance issues. Training and orientations have been conducted on topics including emergency preparedness, Five Management System policies, and Title 26. Budget challenges persist with outstanding allocations in Dilkon, Greasewood, Kindalichee, and Ganado. ASC Dilkon is also advocating for compensation policy review, as staff frequently work extended hours to meet the technical assistance needs of chapters. The agency is committed to developing improved financial training and monitoring systems to support chapter operations and fiscal responsibility.

Fort Defiance ASC Agency Report

By: Patricia Begay, SPPS

Projects:

- Completing remaining chapter allocations that are outstanding before fiscal year ends.
- Recruit and hire new ASO.
- Follow up with chapters' FEMA documents for those affected by Oak Ridge Fire.

Emergency Management Plans:

- All 16 Chapters have the Emergency Management Plans Templates. The Chapters will be provided additional Emergency Management Work-Session again due to most of the Chapters not completing the Emergency Management Plans.
- St Michaels, Oak Springs, Wide Ruins, and Klagetoh Chapters recently experience the Oak Ridge Fire which affected the four communities. All four Chapters did an excellent job in implementing their Emergency Preparedness.

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP):

- Additional ICIP overview is necessary for the Ft Defiance ASC Area Chapters. There are new leadership and staff to orientate for a better understanding of ICIP.

Chapter ARPA/RRR:

- Both St. Michael and Oak Spring Chapter Building Renovations are nearly completion. The two-building renovation were funded by the Sihasin and ARPA funds. Both Chapters should be back in their new renovated Chapter Building soon.

Budgets:

- All FY 2025 Chapter Budgets are approved for compliance. Request for drawdowns have been completed. There were some delays for some Chapters, but should be in the process of receiving the rest of the 2025 allocations.
- Other Chapter budgets have been reviewed and approved.
- The Navajo Nation Sales Tax budgets are pending. The Chapter Coordinators and Chapter Managers are advised to revisit the budgets. It is highly recommended to Chapters to re-focus on economic/business planning. Currently, the Chapters are budgeting the Chapter Overhead Cost. (i.e. Administrative Expenses)

Technical Assistance and Guidance:

- Ft Defiance ASC Area continues to provide Technical Assistance and Guidance on daily basis. TA and Guidance includes assisting the Chapters with their budgets and review for compliance; Personnel; Staff meetings; and other concerns that arise at the Chapter level. TA and guidance is provided through telephone calls, on-site visits, and through email.
- On June 16-18, 2025, Conducted the third Chapter Officials orientation at the San Juan College, Farmington, New Mexico.
- On June 25, 2025, Conducted the Fort Defiance ASC Area Chapter Staff in Wide Ruins Chapter, Wide Ruins, AZ.
- Future staff meetings and work sessions will be conducted in the month of August. FY 2026 Budget work-session will be scheduled. FY 2025 close out is around the corner. ICIP and Community Land Use Plan Committee orientation will be scheduled in the next few months.
- New Chapter Leadership are recommended to attain and use their new email addresses provided by the Division of Community Development. Information Technology Office. Our office can assist to provide the information.
- Ft. Defiance ASC Area Office will provide limited Technical Assistance and Guidance for the week of July 27, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Staff will be attending a Division Wide Meeting.

Vacant Positions:

- Account Maintenance Specialist: Crystal
- Sawmill Chapter Interviews were conducted and a selection was recommended.
- Community Service Coordinator: St. Michaels Chapter
- Administrative Service Officer: Currently Advertised.

Challenges:

- Lacking an Administrative Service Officer makes addressing all chapter needs difficult.
- Lack of proper office space to conduct day to day business, or for chapters to visit.
- CR impact at chapter level.

Dilkon ASC Agency Report

By: Eunice Begay, SPSS

Projects:

- The ASC Dilkon is dedicated to ensuring that all new officials are thoroughly informed about the Five Management System and its various policy chapters. We have also identified a clear need to revise each policy to enhance clarity and effectiveness.
- Additionally, the ASC Dilkon is actively seeking to secure office space for staff, a process that has been challenging due to limited funding.
- Regarding the Whitecone Chapter, it remains under sanction. Our office responded to the Attorney General (AG), but the AG is now requesting that all staff positions be filled.

Accomplishments

The primary objective of these sessions is to enhance communication, foster teamwork, and ultimately improve the quality of services provided to the community and within our programs.

- Customer Service
- Wood Hauling with Forestry Training
- Navajo Nation Registrars Training
- NIMS for Emergency Preparedness
- EAD for Chapters working jointly with Dilkon Medical Center
- Five Management System/Policies for two Chapters
- DOJ training on Title 26 for all officials and staff
- Orientation for new officials/staff at San Juan
- Steamboat work session for three days
- Indian Wells CLUPC public hearing

Goals:

- All Chapters cognizant of the fine line in Micromanaging
- All Chapters are aware of their FMS/Policies and Revising
- Taking Whitecone out of sanction

ICIP:

Chapter projects, in place, are continuing to provide an update on the progress of the chapters, especially regarding their long-standing projects and the prioritization of new initiatives

Budgets: 2nd Allocation- Only one outstanding is Dilkon Chapter.

FY 25 Sales Tax- Outstanding- Dilkon, Greasewood, and Kindalichee

Unhealthy Food Tax- Outstanding- Ganado

CAPs/Sanctions:

- The ASC worked diligently with the Whitecone officials and staff to address the non-compliance issues. We will continue to develop an improved monitoring system for the funds and revenue entering the chapters.

Vacancy information:

- Whitecone Chapter: CSC Vacant
- Indian Wells Chapter: CSC Vacant
- Dilkon Chapter: Chapter Manager

Challenges:

- Developing a cohesive training material on financials to ensure all staff/officials are able to understand
- ASC Dilkon lacks office space
- I would like to bring to your attention a concern regarding the compensation for ASC staff members who frequently work beyond standard hours. Due to the high volume of technical assistance requests from Chapters, our staff often work until 7 PM and on weekends.
- I kindly request that you consider reviewing the current compensation policies to ensure that staff members are appropriately remunerated for the additional hours they dedicate to their tasks.



Community Land Use Planning Ft. Defiance Agency - Quarterly Summary

DCD Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) focuses on assisting chapters thoughtful management and allocation of land to support sustainable development, preserve cultural heritage, and meet the community's diverse needs. This approach ensures that land is utilized efficiently and responsibly to address present demands while preparing for future growth.

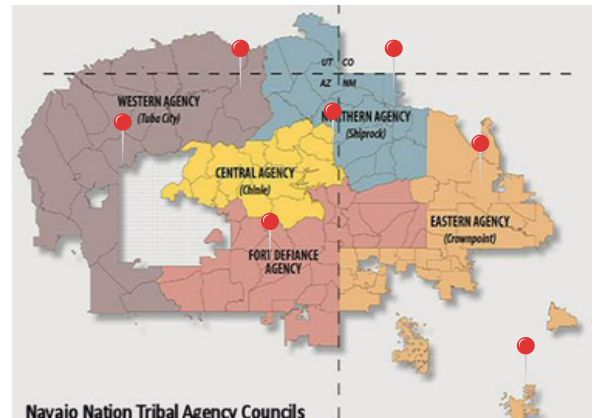
The CLUPC process involves setting both short- and long-term goals to promote balanced development and effective land management. Each Chapter has its own goals and priorities, so it depends on the status. Goals aim to address immediate priorities while fostering sustainable progress for future generations.

CLUPC plays a key role in assisting with community development, rural addressing, assessment compilations, and sections focused on solid waste management, contributing to the sections required and recommended.

106 CLUPC orientations have been completed to all the chapters. An orientation is crucial to have completed so it will enhance the overall goal effective planning.

Over the past year, several chapters have updated and recertified their land use planning manuals. As part of the process, DCD conduct training sessions for CLUPC committees on effectively utilizing resources and information to enhance their planning capabilities.

Chapters & Technical Assistance



96%

**Chapter CLUPC Completed
Orientations (overall)**

Fort Defiance Agency (16 Chapters)

100%

CLUPC ORIENTATIONS

- 16 Chapters have completed orientations

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CHAPTERS ARE RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ONE ON ONE)

- Ft. Defiance
- Oak Springs
- Houck
- Tohatchi
- Crystal

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CHAPTERS ARE 70% NEAR CLUP CERTIFICATION

- Sawmill
- Coyote Canyon

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INACTIVE CLUPC'S/PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- Wideruins



Updates from the Chapters

Among the chapters within the Ft. Defiance Agency, the Klageetoh Chapter has distinguished itself by successfully recertifying its Community-Based Land Use Plan (CLUP) in November 2022. This achievement reflects the chapter's commitment to strategic land management and sustainable development. The updated plan serves as a guiding framework for current and future land use decisions, ensuring that community needs, cultural values, and environmental considerations are balanced.



Implementation of the CLUP is actively underway at the chapter house, where it is being used to guide infrastructure projects, housing development, and land allocation in alignment with community goals.

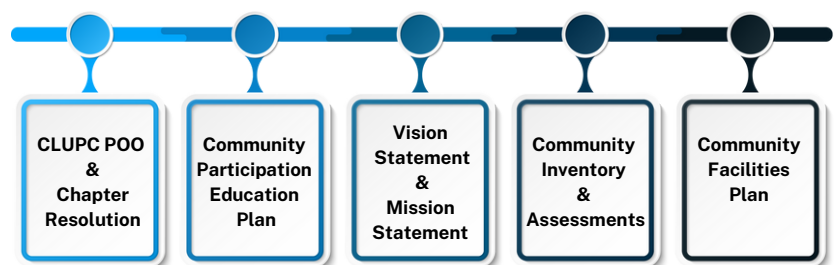
Additionally, 15 chapters within the region have not had their Community-Based Land Use Plans or chapter manuals updated since the early 2000s. Outdated plans can hinder effective land use decision-making, limit access to development funding, and reduce the chapter's ability to respond to current community needs and environmental challenges.

Bringing these chapter manuals up to date will require coordinated efforts involving community input, technical assistance, and support from tribal programs and planning departments. The process will not only ensure compliance with current land management policies but also empower chapters to make more informed and strategic decisions that reflect the evolving priorities of their communities. Addressing this backlog is essential for promoting sustainable development, preserving cultural values, and enhancing the overall governance capacity of these chapters.

According to the Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Section 2004, specific steps are required for updating and recertifying the Community-Based Land Use Plan. The CLUP's Plan of Operation must be approved along with the Chapter Resolution. The Community Participation and Education Plan must be finalized to ensure meaningful community engagement (list all your meetings with dates). Additionally, the chapter's vision and guiding principles should be reviewed, updated, and completed. All chapter projects must be included in the Community Inventory Plan, accompanied by the necessary supporting documents. Lastly, the Community Facilities Plan must be incorporated as a required component. Following these steps is essential for successful recertification.

The CLUPC Orientation is guided by the Navajo Nation Code Title 26 requirements, Section 2004.

Required Sections:



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Purpose of Visit

The Solid Waste Management Program is assisting chapters across the Navajo Nation with cleaning up illegal dump sites. As part of this effort, eight chapters in the Ft. Defiance Agency received technical assistance and information on addressing illegal dumping.

Chapters:

- Oak Springs
- Houck
- Jeddito
- Cornfields
- Klagetoh
- Steamboat
- Wide Ruins
- Greasewood Springs

A presentation addressed illegal dumping, trash disposal, recycling, and related challenges. Cleaning up dump sites remains a top priority for many chapters moving forward.

What I Found

8 chapters recorded and documented:

- 145 illegal dump sites
- Took photos of each location
- Collected GPS coordinates to map each site

The trash at these sites included household waste, furniture, old appliances, and building materials. Many dump sites were found near homes, roads, and waterways, which can harm the environment and community health.

What We Talked About

Chapter officials and community members expressed frustration over widespread illegal dumping, especially near homes and public areas. Key concerns included the lack of clear rules or penalties and the need for more education and outreach on proper trash disposal.

Ft. Defiance Agency

All of the chapters I visited currently have roll-off bins provided by Navajo Sanitation Services. However, despite the availability of these bins, illegal dumping continues to occur in surrounding areas. This underscores the need for improved outreach, expanded access to waste services, and stronger enforcement measures.

During my visits, I encouraged chapters to promote the use of nearby transfer stations for proper disposal—particularly for bulky items that cannot be placed in bins. Increasing transfer station use can significantly reduce illegal dump sites over time.

I also stressed the importance of incorporating solid waste management into each chapter's Community Land Use Plan (CLUP). This includes designating land for future waste services such as transfer stations, bin sites, or recycling initiatives. Including solid waste planning in the CLUP enhances each chapter's ability to pursue funding opportunities and gain support for waste-related projects.

Next Steps

Now that we have data from 145 dump sites, the next steps include:

1. Coordinate information with Navajo Nation EPA
2. Working together to hire cleanup contractors
3. Find additional funding sources
4. Continue with outreach and education for the general public
5. Implementing the SWMP at the Chapter level

Conclusion

The support from local officials and community members shows that people care and want to improve their communities. This is just the first step. By working together, we can clean up these dump sites and make sure future generations have a cleaner and safer place to live.

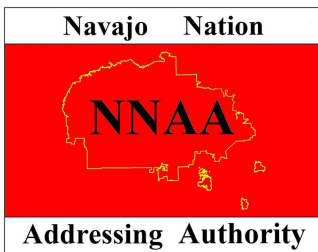
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Chapter Options for Waste Disposal

Transfer Stations	Convenience Bins at Chapter House		
Chinle, AZ Pinon, AZ Leupp, AZ Sanders, AZ Ganado, AZ Kayenta, AZ <u>New Mexico</u> <u>Transfer Stations</u> Sand Springs Oljato Alamo Lake Valley Baahaali/Chichiltah Coyote Canyon Huerfano Nenahnezad Pinehill Shiprock Tohajiilee Tohati	Beclabito Blue Gap/Tachee Cornfields Crystal Dennehotso Dilkon Greasewood Springs Houck Indian Wells Jeddito Kinlichee Little Water Lukachukai Lupton Hardrock Counselor Whitecone Teec Nos Pos Tonalea Tse Si Ani Whitecone Black Mesa Steamboat Tsail-Wheatfields Whipoorwill Round Rock Twin Lakes	Red Mesa Rock Point Sheep Springs Toadlena-Two Grey Hills Manyfarms Leupp Navajo Mountain Nahodishgish Mariano St. Michaels Smith Lake Casamero Lake Kaibeto Becenti Naschitti Wide Ruins Iyanbito Low Mountain Tseyatoh Fort Defiance Sawmill Forest Lake Chilchinbeto Red valley Teesto Burnham	Ramah Nazlini Churchrock Tse Alnaoztii Inscription House Red Rock San Juan Red Lake #18 Coyote Canyon Klagetoh Oak Springs Pinedale Rough Rock Nenahnezad Mexican Springs Tselani-Cottonwood Gadii'ahi/To'koi Tolani Lake Aneth Standing Rock Nahata Dziil Manuelito Whitehorse Lake Ojo Encino Sweet Water Shonto Coppermine

PERMITTED LANDFILL AUTHORIZED BY STATE (BULKY WASTE OR LARGE VOLUMES OF WASTE:

Blue Hills LF. ST. JOHNS, AZ	Red Rocks Regional LF, Thoreau	Montezuma County, LF. Cortez, CO
Cinder Lakes LF. Flagstaff, AZ	Sandoval County LF, Rio Rancho	White Mesa LF, Bluff, UT
Crouch Mesa LF. Aztec, NM	Socorro County LF, Socorro, NM	



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(A.K.A.) Rural Addressing

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Navajo Addressing Authority Department
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- NAAD staff will continue to provide guidance for ARPA funded Chapters under CJN-29-22, section 3 for rural addressing tasks ; navigating through the general funds / revenue replacement reserve (GF/RRR) is a team effort ; five (5) Fort Defiance Navajo agency Chapters is section 3 ARPA funded recipients.
- Sawmill: initial ARPA funds amount is \$233,662 ; public hearing was conducted in July 2024 to approve road/street names ; BIA Road right-of-way (R-O-W) clearance was granted and DCD-ARPA staff ordered the road/street signs ; once the sign materials are delivered, local rural addressing committee (LRAC) will receive training for intersection sign installation among the 376 addressable structures
- Crystal: initial ARPA funds amount is \$155-K ; with 235 addressable structures, LRAC members need to finalize the field data collection (FDC) process ; some residents may have relocated ; centerline development will come after the FDC process
- Houck: initial ARPA funds amount is \$150-K ; with 510 addressable structures, LRAC conducted public hearing twice in May 2025 ; with one state highway, 12 county roads, four BIA Roads, and 42 road/streets, Chapter passed resolution and request for quotation (RFQ) process is in progress to order sign materials
- Klagetoh: initial ARPA funds amount is \$100-K ; with 420+ addressable structures, LRAC identified one state highway, seven county roads, 14 BIA Roads, and 50+ roads/streets with names to be used for physical addressing tasks ; LRAC still needs to conduct the RFQ process before sign materials can be ordered ; FDC process is to continue for on-going updates
- Naschitti: initial ARPA funds amount is \$70-K ; with 325+ addressable structures, these address points need to be updated before the road/street centerlines can be identified ; four digit road/street names will be used that is part of the over-all San Juan County, NM. centerline numbering method ; there are 13 streets for the NHA subdivision that will be part of the centerlines development
- Oak Springs: LRAC will begin the FDC process ; Cornfields: using sihasin funds for centerline development ; Greasewood Springs: LRAC is updating addressable structures ; Low Mountain: most road/street signs have been installed ; Lupton: road/street signs have been installed ; Kinlichii & T'iistsoh have most signs installed
- Mexican Springs , Wide Ruins , Dilkon , Jeddito , Nahatadzil , Steamboat , Fort Defiance , Indian Wells , Ganado, Tohatchi, Red Lake#18, Twin Lakes, Coyote Canyon, Saint Michaels, White Cone to update the addressable structures before centerline development can begin ; Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Implementation Document (NNRAID) standards are posted on the website



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FORT DEFIANCE NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Written By: Patrick Dalgai, Department Manager II

The **Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (CHID)** is committed to enhancing the living conditions of Navajo families by providing critical housing assistance through restoration and assessment services. On an annual basis, CHID assists eligible applicants with emergency relief efforts that include home assessments, provision of building materials, and workforce support to repair and renovate homes impacted by severe weather and other conditions. These services aim to ensure safe, livable environments for vulnerable households across the Navajo Nation.

The **Housing Improvement Program (HIP)** operates through an annual BIA 93-638 funding allocation. In collaboration with Chapter communities, HIP conducts outreach to distribute and collect BIA housing applications. Eligible applications are submitted to the BIA Navajo Regional Office for funding consideration. The program's primary goal is to raise housing standards by delivering essential repairs, renovations, and new housing construction for low-income families, in accordance with eligibility requirements outlined in 25 CFR Part 256.

The **Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program** is a competitive federal grant funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Southwest Office of Native American Programs (SWONAP). ICDBG supports essential infrastructure projects, with a focus on extending powerlines and improving water and wastewater systems. However, the program continues to face significant challenges due to increased competition among tribes in the Southwest Region and recent regulatory shifts that prioritize housing rehabilitation over infrastructure. These changes have contributed to a notable decrease in funding for utility projects, despite infrastructure being a foundational element of sustainable housing development. Nevertheless, CHID remains dedicated to advocating for ICDBG funding and advancing its mission to improve the quality of life for Navajo communities through robust infrastructure and housing support.

1. CHID ARPA Housing Funding Source and Distribution

- A. Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds (2.16 New Housing): \$50 million
 - Section 10: \$50 million to DCD/CHID new housing (CJN-29-22)
- B. \$50 million equal distribution to the 24 Council Delegate Regions
- C. \$2,083,333 to each Delegate Region
- D. Additional Council approved \$50 million ARPA housing funds under CMY-28-24
- E. \$50 million equal distribution to the 24 Council Delegate Regions
- F. \$2,083,333 to each Delegate Region

Total ARPA Funds: \$100 million for New Housing under CJN-29-22 and CMY-28-24

2. ARPA Home Site Assessments

- In collaboration with linaa'Ba', Inc., CHID and lina'Ba' have begun home site location feasibility assessments for Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters, to initiate planning for the site preparation for the incoming new modular or manufactured home units.
- Utilities (electric, water/wastewater) are also being assessed for connections, with the partnership of the local utility providers.

Note: Utilities are not part of the legislation, but the CHID team will assist with connecting the applicant with a utility provider to set up their own account for services.

3. ARPA Applicant Listing and Priority Management

- CHID and linaa'Ba' have been consulting with Chapter Representatives and Delegates on the current status of the new housing construction, delivery and set up for each of the Chapters.
- lina'Ba' will be contacting Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters to schedule on site assessments to identify new home set up locations. Requesting applicant and Chapter representatives to be in attendance, to relay important messages.
- CHID requesting Chapters to assist with road access clearing, removal of obstructed structures, site grading and leveling.
- Work Order #3 applicant selection letters have been mailed out and other Work Orders letters will be sent out to the housing applicants by mail. Non-selection letters will be mailed out at a later time.

4. New ARPA Home Deliveries and Set Up (Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters)

Work Order 1: 50 Applicants	0 recipients	0 homes delivered	0 homes set	0 homes ready to be delivered	0 site assessments completed	0 pad prep complete
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Work Order 3: 150 Applicants	49 recipients	4 homes delivered	0 homes set	4 homes ready to be delivered	8 site assessments completed	6 pad preps complete
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Work Order 4: 160 Applicants	16 recipients	0 homes delivered	0 homes set	0 homes ready to be delivered	0 site assessments completed	0 site preps complete
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5. Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (CHID)

A. Completed Restoration Projects:

- CHID: Construction Supervisor provides ARPA Section 10 updates to Chapters on request.
- CHID: Conducted 25 home site assessments for ARPA housing clients.
- CHID: Conducted 4 home assessments under general funds.
- CHID: Completed 5 home renovations.
- CHID: There are 6 constituents in progress waiting to be served for renovation.
- CHID: Accomplishment: Genevieve Tsosie, Low Mountain (4/18/2025) Emergency roof repair.

- CHID: Accomplishment: Joan Guy, Jeddito (6/23/2025) Emergency roof repair.
- CHID: Accomplishment: Priscilla Mitchell, Fort Defiance (6/10/2025) Roof, window, dry wall repairs.

B. In Progress Home Restoration Projects

- Project #1: Margaret Keith (Not Started) Roof repairs in 300 sq. ft. area. Materials received, awaiting project start. Materials are available for repairs.
- Project #2: Sarah Yazzie (Not Started) Repairing 450 sq. ft. of roofing. Materials received, awaiting project start. Materials are available for repairs.
- Project #3: Etta M. Yazzie (Not Started) Roofing deteriorated, will need reconstruction for underlayment and shingles. Materials are available for repairs.
- Project #4: Edison Price (Not Started) Requesting help on roof there is water that is getting into the house. Materials are available for repairs.
- Project #5: Ella Silversmith (Not Started) Roof is dilapidated, moisture leaks into the home.
- Project #6: Isabelle M. Allison (Not Started) Dilapidated roofing needs repairs and shingles replacement. Materials are available for repairs.
- Project #7: Malinda Morris (Not Started) Awaiting Materials for interior repairs.
- Project #8: Ella Smith (Not Started) Awaiting roofing materials.

6. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

CDBG does not have any current projects in Ft. Defiance Agency. The CDBG Program has conducted Public Hearings for Notice of Funds Opportunity through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (DHUD), for infrastructure funding on February 13, 2025. The proposal deadline was May 16, 2025, there were two (2) proposals received from two (2) Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters. These proposals have been evaluated and a notification will be sent out to the Chapters on the status.

7. Housing Improvement Program (HIP)

Housing Improvement Program will continue working diligently with the Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters to get as many applicants for Fiscal Year 2026, which has been difficult with the lack of understanding from the community members that are unaware of the process. HIP can continue encouraging and educating constituents to keep applying for the possibility of one day they might get a new home. Therefore, HIP keeps their open communication with the Chapters and do as many presentations and outreaches as possible or as requested. Below is the report from the Ft. Defiance Eligibility Technician.

Autumn John, Eligibility Technician
Ft. Defiance Agency – Housing Improvement Program

Retirement

The Housing Improvement Program would also like to mention, Program Manager I, Rita Begay, had retired from the Nation on June 27, 2025. She was with the HIP office for nearly 3 years, in which she supervised the administration staff and construction crew with the Programs intention of constructed new homes and also administering the HIP ARPA funds to purchase new manufactured homes for the neediest. She did an excellent job running a tight ship in its course to successfully accomplish her assignments and challenging tasks. The Division of Community Development and the Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (CHID) wishes her well and to enjoy her next adventure in her life.

Reporting

- April 1-30, 2025: Visited six (6) Chapters to conduct presentations and collected (13) HIP housing applications.
- May 1-30, 2025: Visited one (1) Chapter to conduct a presentation and collected (0) HIP housing applications.
- June 3-30, 2025: Visited six (6) Chapters to conduct presentations and collected (5) HIP housing applications.

There are no upcoming presentation/outreach scheduled for the Ft. Defiance Agency for July, though all Ft. Defiance Chapters have been notified by email that HIP is available to conduct presentation/outreaches at their request.

Housing Improvement Program was fortunate to receive additional funds from BIA/ARPA for applicants that were selected based on the BIA Housing Assistance eligibility criteria. The individuals have been applying for housing from 2017 to 2020, when the funds were received. Therefore, there are a total of seventy-six (76) eligible applicants that were selected to receive a two (2) or three (3) bedroom manufactured homes. There were sixteen (16) homes delivered to Ft. Defiance Agency as of May 2025.

New BI-ARPA Home Deliveries and Set Up (Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters)

HIP Work Order 1: 30 Applicants	16 recipients	16 homes delivered	16 homes set	0 homes ready to be delivered	16 site assessments completed	16 pad preps complete
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