

FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
NAVAJO PINE HIGH SCHOOL
RED LAKE CHAPTER

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



FY 2026, 2ND QUARTER

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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 continues to move its work forward with focus and coordination. Participation in our weekly Wednesday online technical assistance sessions (1:30–3:00 p.m.) continues to grow, providing chapters with timely guidance while allowing project managers to efficiently support work across all 110 chapters. This approach has proven effective in keeping projects moving while responding quickly to chapter needs.

Progress continues across multiple programs and funding sources, with key milestones achieved and additional steps underway. Chapters are encouraged to stay informed by reviewing all DCD reports available online at www.nndcd.org under the **Reference Center**. These reports are intentionally prepared and submitted to the legislative branch to promote transparency, understanding, and collaboration in advancing projects.

DCD remains focused on advancing ARPA project expenditures. Guidance regarding hardship determinations from the Office of the Controller has not yet been issued. Once received, Section 10 (CHID) and Section 11 (Bathroom Additions and Renovations) will communicate project impacts. Until then guidance is provided, subcontractors continue work in proper sequencing to maintain project momentum.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. **Rena Dodson** as the Deputy Division Director of the Division of Community Development. Ms. Dodson is a bilingual speaker of Navajo and English and is from the Western Navajo Agency, originally from Coalmine Canyon. Ms. Dodson's appointment strengthens our leadership as we continue advancing our work on behalf of the Navajo people. She may reach her at (505) 422-6343 or at rdodson@nndcd.org. I encourage you to introduce yourselves and share your insights and experiences with her.

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NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PERSONNEL VACANCY LISTING 4.8.26

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<u>Requisition No.</u>	<u>Pos No.</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Worksite</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
<u>Administrative Services Centers</u>					
DCD13390536	236084	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Rock Springs, NM	\$31,257.36	4/9/2026
DCD13990550	244086	Administrative Services Officer	Kayenta, AZ	\$51,364.80	4/10/2026
DCD13990559	243211	Administrative Services Officer	Fort Defiance, AZ	\$51,364.80	4/13/2026
DCD13490623	236059	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Tsaile, AZ	\$31,257.36	4/14/2026
DCD13390668	236093	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Crystal, NM	\$31,257.36	4/17/2026
DCD13590726	236064	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Becenti, NM	\$31,257.36	4/21/2026
DCD13590727	236081	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Pueblo Pintado, NM	\$31,257.36	4/21/2026
DCD13690732	208468	Community Services Coordinator	Red Valley, AZ	\$44,098.56	4/21/2026
DCD13590747	236073	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Huerfano, NM	\$31,257.36	4/21/2026
DCD13390749	236159	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Shiprock, NM	\$31,257.36	4/21/2026
DCD13790756	230097	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Coalmine Mesa, AZ	\$31,257.36	4/22/2026
<u>Capital Projects Management Department</u>					
DCD06790641	159803	Project Manager	Window Rock, AZ	\$51,364.80	4/22/2026
<u>DCD/CHID/Housing Improvement</u>					
DCD09290657	936562	Program Manager I	Window Rock, AZ	\$66,189.60	4/16/2026
<u>Housing Improvement Program</u>					
DCD09290640	244154	Construction Inspector	Fort Defiance, AZ	\$47,105.28	4/16/2026

HIRING EVENT LOCATIONS:

Event in Gallup, NM by Rio West Mall on Friday, April 10 2026.

UNM-Gallup Gurley Hall 705 Gurley Ave, Gallup, NM, April 9, 2026

UNM-Gallup to host Job Fair on May 8, 2026

New Mexico Workforce Connection on May 21 & 22, 2026 Farmington, NM

ARIZONA@WORK Events, June 25-28, 2026, Pheonix, AZ



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IT Services

DCD IT Services, housed within the DCD Executive Administration Office, operates with a team of two skilled employees: Norbert Nez, IT Manager, and Sylvia Jordan, Principal Information Systems Technician.

The primary tasks of the IT Services Team encompass a diverse range of functions:

IT Tech Support

- A. Ensuring the smooth functioning and maintenance of hardware and software systems.
- B. Leveraging tools like Google Meet and remote access software for efficient technical assistance for chapters and remote DCD offices.
- C. Configuring and supporting networking infrastructure and deploying computer systems for departments and chapters..
- D. Managing the installation of MIP software and related data transfer processes.

WIND Application & Google Workspace Support

- A. Managing requests for WIND account creation or access privileges.
- B. Handling various account requests including Chapter accounts (navajochapters.org), Employee accounts (nnchapters.org), and Chapter Officials accounts (naataanii.org).
- C. Assisting with password resets and ensuring proper data archiving procedures.
- D. Addressing and resolving issues related to accounts, equipment, software, networking access, and internet connectivity.

Chapter Website Training

- A. Conducting quarterly training sessions focused on managing Chapter websites.
- B. Holding recurring bi-weekly virtual support sessions for chapters and DCD staff to enhance technical skills.
- C. Providing emergency assistance and training as needed and requested by various departments and chapters.
- D. Sending regular reminders and updates regarding training and technical assistance.

Current and Recent Projects

- A. Updating the WIND to improve user experience and add functionality.
DCD is working on upgrading the WIND system to modern web standards, improving functionality and fixing some long-standing issues. This includes screen by screen reviews, identifying issues, gap analysis, screen mockups, code development, testing, deployment and training. Currently, the screen reviews, gap analyses, and screen mockups have been completed for ICIP, 164 Tracker, Project Authorization, Budget and Fund Balance. These modules are in the code development phase. Screen reviews and gap analyses have been completed for Project Tracker, WIND administration, and Navajo Profile. Code development for ICIP, 164 Tracker, Project Tracking and Project Authorization code development has been completed and is in final testing and the full update for all other modules such as Rural Addressing, Budget and Navajo Profile is expected to be completed in FY 2026.
- B. Setting up email accounts for incoming new staff.
DCD set up new chapter email staff accounts for all new incoming chapter staff for domain ending in nnchapters.org.
- C. Setting up software for DCD departments.
DCD installed updated operating system and desktop productivity software across multiple DCD departments, following the replacement of aging computer hardware in 2024. The team also installed and configured Momentive MIP software to support data transfers to new computers at chapter locations, completed either during scheduled deployments or as needed in response to equipment failures. In addition, cloud-based solutions were implemented to address expanded storage requirements. DCD further deployed new software to support peripheral devices for departments and chapters across multiple areas of the Navajo Nation.
- D. Monthly publication of DCD Newsletter.
DCD publishes a monthly newsletter based on submission of stories from DCD departments, chapters, Navajo Nation departments, and external sources. DCD continues to accept stories of interest, accomplishments, special events or projects, and other noteworthy additions to the newsletter from all chapters.
- E. Completing Starlink installations for DCD.
DCD and CPMD have coordinated to provide all DCD field offices with high-speed broadband connections using the Starlink broadband network. Additionally, Starlink services were installed at Administration Building #2 to connect the DCD Administration office to the Starlink service to augment the Navajo Nation network connections because there have been cases in recent years where there were long outages. These new network connections provide stable, high speed connections to support the increasing number of cloud-based online web applications for DCD departments.

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REPORT BY CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Capital Projects Management Department (CPMD) leads the planning, design, construction management, and oversight of public infrastructure projects across the Navajo Nation. Serving divisions, chapters, and affiliated entities, CPMD ensures projects meet community needs and long-term development goals.

Its core functions include securing and managing funding from tribal, state, federal, and other sources; preparing grant proposals and budgets; ensuring regulatory compliance; and managing contracts for construction and consulting services. The department oversees all project phases—design review, procurement, construction inspection, and closeout—while maintaining policies that guide prioritization, cost estimation, and scheduling.

With 16 staff members (11 in project management/compliance and 5 in support roles), CPMD handles contract administration, environmental and archaeological review, financial tracking, risk mitigation, stakeholder coordination, and reporting. Limited staffing, however, challenges its ability to meet the infrastructure needs of all 110 chapters.

To address this, CPMD is working to expand staffing, improve processes, invest in professional development, and partner with leadership to advocate for sustained infrastructure funding.

Michele Peterson, Department Manager for CPMD

As the Department Manager for (CPMD), I lead a team focused on delivering impactful, community-focused capital projects across all 110 Chapters. With my background in project leadership and infrastructure development, I have been actively involved in advancing key initiatives, streamlining processes, and supporting our mission of quality and efficiency.

Over the past months, I have focused on implementing projects and training programs that strengthen our team's skills and ensure the successful delivery of our work. I am proud to work alongside such a talented group of professionals, and I remain committed to fostering a productive, collaborative, and results-driven environment for the communities we serve.

Project Management Team

- Leonard Hardy, Senior Programs and Project Specialist- leonard_hardy@nndcd.org
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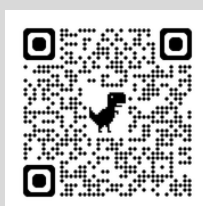
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DCD Website



CPMD Website



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Division of Community Development

Capital Projects Management Department

Cornfields

Project Title: Capital Equipment Purchase: Forklift and Trailer- CJA-01-21 Sihasin

Accomplishments: In the 6B process for PO.

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time. Will contact you if necessary documents are needed.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress for payments. Insurance will need to be done before picking up with Risk Management in Window Rock.

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Coyote Canyon

Project Title: Coyote Canyon Senior Center Gazebo

Accomplishments: Contract is currently in the 164 Process. It was received by OOC on 4/2/26.

Senior Center's Responsibilities: The Chapter has the responsibility to decide the location of the structure.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Contract has to be reviewed by DOJ, signed by the NN President, and back to OOC for a Contract Number. This process may take a couple of months.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy, Ricky Begay

Project Title: NMCO- Truck

Accomplishments: In the 164 process for a Business Unit Number. It was included into the MVRB on April 8, 2026.

Chapter's Responsibilities: No request at this time, all documents received.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress, due to reversion date is 6/30/26.

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Crystal

Project Title: Bathroom Addition-23-H2591-\$693,000.00 (NM State Funds)

Accomplishments: Working closely with the chapter on finalizing the list and making sure each client has a Residential/Homesite Lease and other supporting documents. Home assessment is completed for the 3 clients. NECA will conduct home assessment for the remaining selected clients.

Chapter's Responsibilities: The chapter has identified 3 clients. They will identify 4 more clients. The chapter will also make sure each client has their homesite/residential lease, registered with OEH for domestic water and Dr. Statement for Special Need individuals.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Project is Pending, awaiting finalization of NECA Work Order..

Submitted By: Irma Julian/Corey Phillips Project Managers

Project Title: Crystal Chapter Heavy Equipment Warehouse Construct

Accomplishments: IDIQ Work Order with LAM. LAM sent CPMD a signed Cost Proposal on March 23. NOO was signed on March 24. Notice to Proceed was issued on March 24. Entire Work Order still unsigned by CPMD Department Manager and Division Director. Need signatures from CPMD Manager and Director to proceed with the IDIQ WO.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Responsibilities to include location of the site of the building.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: IDIQ WO has to be signed to determine timeline.

Submitted By: Ricky Begay, Leonard Hardy

Project Title: Fire Suppression

Accomplishments: Pending project

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time

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Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: NTUA was informed that the Chapter must have inspections completed by NTUA (Water Backflow Preventer) and the Fire Suppression waterline system (Wicked Fire Suppression) before we can proceed with tapping into a Fire Hydrant 6" line.

Submitted By: Marta Quintana

Dilkon

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 Truck Purchase

Accomplishments: MVRB approved, waiting for Bid advertisement

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Pending on BID

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Fort Defiance

Project Title: Fort Defiance new Multi-purpose Building

Accomplishments: CPMD has reached out to the Chapter and currently three possible locations available. CPMD is waiting on a survey completed which has the location of the proposed site. This is the current bus turnaround in Old Coalmine, New Mexico, about 7.6 miles east from Fort Defiance Chapter House in Arizona. CPMD plan is to hire linaba, LLC firm to provide a site location topographic map and geotechnical studies for the project.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Provide a survey for the proposed MP site to CPMD as soon as possible.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Funds expire on June 30, 2026.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy and Ricky Begay

Project Title: Fort Defiance Scattered Powerline-NM Capital Outlay

Accomplishments: Developing a subgrant agreement for NTUA. A cost estimate was requested from NTUA, and Ms. Louella Chee, Project Management Supervisor, noted that some clients have already been served. Therefore, the Chapter needs to update its client list and chapter resolution; an email has been sent to the Chapter Manager.

Chapter's Responsibilities: The Chapter is responsible for submitting a Chapter Resolution indicating the need for and priority of the proposed project, in accordance with the local Land Use Plan. Additional required documents include a client listing with a quad map (showing latitude and longitude of each home), a house wiring affidavit, and clearances for archaeological and environmental assessments, as well as Land User Consent (ROW).

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: IGA #609-23-H2558; Reversion Date June 30, 2027.

Submitted By: Regina Eltsocie, Contract Analyst

Project Title: CEMETERY EXPANSION PROJECT (SIHASIN 35-18)

Accomplishments: Fencing material and install is completed by Chapter Fund. Change Form: BFN 35-22 - yr1 moved to yr3 (10.2025 submitted to OMB).

Chapter's Responsibilities: Waiting on the resolution and cost estimate.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: 24 months Time Extension for CAP-35-18 / Leg. 0252-25

Submitted By: Judith Willoughby

Greasewood Springs

Project Title: Renovation of the existing Head Start facility

Accomplishments: CPMD has provided the scope of work for the building advertised for the project. Funding is from the Sihasin year one and currently unable to use the funds. The NN Council may adopt a legislation to extend the Sihasin funds, then CPMD can continue with the project and work with the vendor.

Chapter's Responsibilities: None at this time.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Year one fund lapse for usage.

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Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 Heavy Equipment-Trailer

Accomplishments: In the updated Quotes process and proceed to the 6B process

Chapter's Responsibilities: Insurance will need to be done before picking up with Risk Management in Window Rock.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: pending

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Houck

Project Title: Bathroom Addition-N01410 (Sihasin Funds)-\$10,706.42

Accomplishments: The chapter set aside funds to build bathroom addition for several clients. This project was completed. There is a balance of \$10,706.42, which the chapter wanted to use to purchase bathroom items, such as replacing toilet seats, wash sink, handicapped crab bars for showers, medicine cabinet, shower curtains, and other items.

Chapter's Responsibilities: The Chapter Manager had submitted the list of materials and list of names. The chapter was in the process of making some changes on the list of names and material list.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: This project is pending. We are awaiting the final list of names and material list with the cost.

Submitted By: Irma Julian

Indian Wells

Project Title: Former Headstart facility renovation

Accomplishments: CPMD has procured the project, worked jointly with Four Seasons to renovate the building. The next steps were to renovate and provide kitchen equipment to include a walk-in freezer unit and stainless tables and pot hanging rack also a dish washer unit. A third year funds request was submitted for approval, on hold for possible NN Council to approve the sihasin funds extension.

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Year three funds will lapse at the end of this year.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 truck purchase

Accomplishments: pending bid advertisement

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: pending in progress

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Jeddito

Project Title: Senior Citizen Center Build - Funding Source CO-43-24 / \$ 3,000,000

Accomplishments: Completed initial meetings with each of the chapters to discuss expectations and paths forward for the Senior Citizen Builds.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Chapters are gathering information such as Land and Biological Clearance. Solidifying Senior CitizenCenter builds locations. Uploading or emailing appropriate documentation.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Centralizing all data to verify what components we have for each build, whether they have Demolition requirements, what the Utility hook ups are needed and develop action plans for each Chapter. Action plans can include things like Demolition requirements, specific hook up challenges, necessary clearance requirements, etcetera. Time Line for executing this phase is approximately 2 weeks - This will be followed up with Drawing reviews and determining plans to move forward with.

Submitted By: Frankie Cereceres

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Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 Truck Purchase

Accomplishments: Bid Advertisement MvRB approval
Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time
Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress
Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Kin Dah Lichii (Kinlichee)

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 tools

Accomplishments: Gallup Lumbar pending Updated quotes
Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time
Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress
Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Klagetoh

Project Title: SihasinCJA-01-21 Truck

Accomplishments:in progress for bid
Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time
Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress
Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Low Mountain

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 Truck

Accomplishments: in progress for bid
Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time
Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress
Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Tse' Si Ani (Lupton)

Project Title: Senior Citizen Center Build - Funding Source CO-43-24 / \$ 4,000,000

Accomplishments: Completed initial meetings with each of the chapters to discuss expectations and paths forward for the Senior Citizen Builds.
Chapter's Responsibilities: Chapters are gathering information such as Land and Biological Clearance. Solidifying Senior CitizenCenter builds locations. Uploading or emailing appropriate documentation.
Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Centralizing all data to verify what components we have for each build, whether they have Demolition requirements, what the Utility hook ups are needed and develop action plans for each Chapter. Action plans can include things like Demolition requirements, specific hook up challenges, necessary clearance requirements, etcetera. Time Line for executing this phase is approximately 2 weeks - This will be followed up with Drawing reviews and determining plans to move forward with.
Submitted By: Frankie Cereceres

Project Title: SIHASIN CJA01-21 truck and equipments

Accomplishments: atv and gooseneck trailer were completed.
Chapter's Responsibilities:
Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress for updated quotes for truck and utv .. spoke with LZ PAYSON.
Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

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Project Title: CEMETERY PROJECT SIHASIN (CAP-35-18)

Accomplishments: Nothing, Chapter given no reply.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Land Withdrawal.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: 24 months Time Extension for CAP-35-18 / Leg. 0252-25

Submitted By: Judith Willoughby

Mexican Springs

Project Title:New Construct Multi Purpose Building

Accomplishments: New building planning and design are completed by Indigenous Design Studio + Architecture of Alb.,NM. The Chapter House has requested for 8 million to cover the cost of the construction, but only receives limited funds to start the construction project.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Continue to seek and request for construction funding.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: project on hold until all construction funds are obtained.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

Project Title:Chapter House Renovation

Accomplishments: Funding of 200k available for Chapter House renovations.

CPMD and Chapter to set up a meeting day and time to accumulate project scopes of work.

Chapter's Responsibilities: select day and time to meet.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: These funds expire on June 30, 2027. CPMD will procure the project and select a vendor for renovation.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 Truck Purchase

Accomplishments: in bid process with advertisement

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at the is time

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Nahata Dziil

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 heavy equipment

Accomplishments: vendor selected

Chapter's Responsibilities: none

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: waiting on vendor to send another quote for the amount of \$65,720.00

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Naschitti

Project Title: Naschitti Chapter Scattered Powerline

Accomplishments: Contract #C016554 is now closed and has fulfilled the New Mexico legislative intent for IGA #609-22-G3292 in the amount of \$200,000, with a reversion date of June 30, 2026.

Chapter's Responsibilities: NONE

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: CLOSED

Submitted By: Regina Eltsocie, Contract Analyst

Project Title: Naschitti Chapter Scattered Powerline

Accomplishments: A subgrant agreement was developed for NTUA, but NTUA does not anticipate proceeding due to differing reversion dates between the two IGAs. IGA #609-22-G2519 and #609-24-12566.

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Chapter's Responsibilities: Naschitti Chapter Manager did not submit any other client listings with Chapter Resolution for the couple of IGAs; although requested, no response was received.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Revision Date: June 30, 2026

Submitted By: Regina Eltsocie, Contract Analyst

Project Title: Naschitti Chapter Scattered Powerline

Accomplishments: The Subgrant Agreement for the seven clients on Big Spruce Springs Road was completed and sent to NTUA for approval and signature. The Subgrant Agreement is being processed through the 164 Review.

Chapter's Responsibilities: The Chapter is responsible for submitting a Chapter Resolution indicating the need for and priority of the proposed project, in accordance with the local Land Use Plan. Additional required documents include a client listing with a quad map (showing latitude and longitude of each home), a house wiring affidavit by a certified electrician, and clearances for archaeological and environmental assessments, as well as Land User Consent (ROW).

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Revision Date: June 30, 2027

Submitted By: Regina Eltsocie, Contract Analyst

Project Title: Naschitti Chapter Electric & Light Upgrade

Accomplishments: RFP has been posted for Bid 04/06/2026.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Chapter is to coordinate any site visits for bids

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Reversion 06/30/2028. Bid opening 04/17/2026

Submitted By: Corey Phillips

Red Lake #18

Project Title: New Chapter House

Accomplishments: Plan and design were completed by Rock Gap Engineering , LLC. Next steps include the bid and award and construction and administration services.

Chapter's Responsibilities: seek and secure additional funds prior to construction startup.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects:

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

Project Title: CAP-35-18 Farm equipment

Accomplishments: in 6B progress

Chapter's Responsibilities: none at this time

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress to make payment from OOC

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Sawmill

Project Title: Senior Citizen Center Build - Funding Source CO-43-24 / \$ 3,000,000

Accomplishments: Completed initial meetings with each of the chapters to discuss expectations and paths forward for the Senior Citizen Builds.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Chapters are gathering information such as Land and Biological Clearance. Solidifying Senior CitizenCenter builds locations. Uploading or emailing appropriate documentation.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: Centralizing all data to verify what components we have for each build, whether they have Demolition requirements, what the Utility hook ups are needed and develop action plans for each Chapter. Action plans can include things like Demolition requirements, specific hook up challenges, necessary clearance requirements, etcetera. Time Line for executing this phase is approximately 2 weeks - This will be followed up with Drawing reviews and determining plans to move forward with.

Submitted By: Frankie Cereceres

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Steamboat

Project Title: Steamboat Chapter Renovation

Accomplishments: Contract has been signed and the project is ready to start.

Chapter's Responsibilities: The Chapter has to vacate the Chapter House by April 27, 2026.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: NTP will be issued as soon as the Chapter Officials vacate the building.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy, Ricky Begay

Tohatchi

Project Title: Sihasin CJA-01-21 trailer

Accomplishments: Navajo tractor update quote in 6b process for PO

Chapter's Responsibilities: Get insurance from risk management

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie

Project Title: Tohatchi Chapter High School Facility Construct

Accomplishments: Assigned as of today

Chapter's Responsibilities: Need to obtain SOW

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress

Submitted By: Corey Phillips

Bahastl'ah' (Twin Lakes)

Project Title: Existing Chapter building Demo

Accomplishments: Prior procurement by CPMD has generated cost to demo the existing building. The prior procurement estimate for the demolition of the entire building was at \$ 420,000.00. A building Haz-mat assessment is required to determine the locations of possible hazardous waste located within the building. Abatement of the material is next followed by demolition of the building.

Chapter's Responsibilities: locate haz-mat findings from prior tests of the building.

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: CPMD will advertise for an assessment of the building, removal or abatement of the materials should there be funds to cover the project.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

Project Title: Warehouse Building 4000 square foot

Accomplishments: CPMD under an IDIQ procurement has completed the plans and design for the warehouse.

Chapter's Responsibilities: Seek and obtain construction funds for the new warehouse in the estimated amount of \$ 1,442,933.22 from (April 14, 2025).

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: When the budget of the project is obtained CPMD will continue the project with LAM Corp.

Submitted By: Leonard Hardy

White Cone

Project Title: SIHASIN CJA-01-21 dump truck

Accomplishments: In MVRB agenda for April

Chapter's Responsibilities: none

Pending/Ongoing-Timeline Projects: in progress and moving forward

Submitted By: Selina Yazzie



Division of Community Development
Capital Projects Management Department Presents

ONLINE SESSIONS

Led By: Michele Peterson, Department Manager

EVERY WEDNESDAY

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM &

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

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Central Agency Quarterly Report Executive Summary

Reporting Period: January to March 2026

Prepared by: Jaron Charley, ASC Dept Manager

The Fort Defiance Agency ASC Area Office provided comprehensive support to 15 Chapters during the first quarter of 2026, focusing on technical assistance, policy guidance, and operational continuity. Key accomplishments included regular monthly meetings with Chapter staff and officials, review and implementation of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs), completion of annual budgets, and assistance with vendor and payroll processes. All Chapter general allocations have been paid, ensuring continued operational support. The Area Office also delivered training and orientation on financial management, personnel processes, youth employment programs, and Chapter policies, including a two-day staff orientation in Farmington attended by 14 Chapter representatives. Four Chapters received support in updating internal policies and procedures, while 14 Chapters successfully submitted updated ICIP resolutions by the January 31 deadline. Despite the ongoing support, the Fort Defiance Agency continues to manage two sanctioned Chapters and four Chapters under CAPs, alongside challenges such as key staff vacancies and procurement delays.

Additionally, ASC Dilkon focused on policy and governance support, emphasizing orientation on the Five Management System (FMS) and strengthening consistency across Chapters. Efforts included coordination of DOJ Title 26 training, technical assistance with budgeting and compliance, and enhanced monitoring of funds entering Chapters. Whitecone Chapter remains under sanction, with ongoing efforts to fill all staff positions and meet corrective requirements. Challenges persist in training capacity, compensation for ASC staff working extended hours, and high turnover in key Chapter positions, which impact operational stability. The ASC remains committed to ensuring Chapters understand oversight responsibilities, completing 2026 budgets, supporting CAPs, and aligning new and ongoing initiatives with ICIP requirements to enhance service delivery and operational effectiveness across the Fort Defiance Agency.

Fort Defiance Agency Quarterly Report

Reporting Period: January to March 2026

Prepared by: Patricia Begay, SPPS

Accomplishments:

1. On daily basis, Fort Defiance ASC Area Office provides technical assistance and guidance to 15 Chapter.

- a. Monthly Meetings with staff and chapter officials,
- b. Reviewing Corrective Action Plans
- c. Budgets,
- d. Vendor/payroll payments
- e. Training/Orientation
- f. Personnel/Recruitment
- g. Maintain Chapter Operations at Chapters with no Staff.
- h. Assisting 4 Chapters with updating and revising the internal policies and procedures.

2. Fort Defiance ASC Area Office conducted its monthly staff meeting for October, November, December 2025, January, February and March 2026. All staff meetings included training and orientation for both Staff and Chapter Officials. (i.e. travel, budgets, PEP programs, youth employment and Chapter Policies and Procedures)

3. On March 9-10, 2026, the Fort Defiance ASC Area Office conducted a two-day staff/orientation for Chapter Staff, Officials, and CLUPC members in Farmington, NM. Topics included Presentation from the Auditor General's Office, Project Management, Insurance Benefits and CLUPC orientation. The session was well attended by the 14 Chapter staff, officials, and CLUPC members.

CAPs/Sanctions:

- 2 Chapters are sanctioned in the Fort Defiance Agency Area.
- 4 Chapters are under the Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
- ASC provides assistance to all the chapters with the CAPs.

ICIPS

- 14 Chapters updated their ICIP and resolutions are submitted to CPMD by January 31, 2026 timeline.
- Ms. Denise Copeland assisted the Chapters to update.

Budgets:

15 Chapters completed their Annual Budgets in early October 2025; Chapters are currently completing their Unhealthy and NN Sales Tax Budgets in the WIND System.

Chapter Personnel Status

5	Community Services Coordinator/Chapter Managers	2	Accounts Maintenance Specialist/Administrative Assistant
1.	Steamboat Chapter Commission Manager – Vacant	1.	Crystal Chapter AMS – Vacant
2.	Tsayatoh Chapter - CSC to report on 04/13/2026	2.	Steamboat – Vacant
3.	Coyote Canyon CSC – Vacant/Currently conducting interviews		
4.	Lupton Chapter – Chapter Manager – Vacant		
5.	Dilkon Chapter – Chapter Manager - Vacant		

Fort Defiance Administrative Service Officer – Vacant

Challenges:

1. Vacant CSC/CM and AMS/AA impacts Chapter Operations.
2. Establishing CLUPC and preparing them of the CLUPC roles and responsibilities.
3. Procurement of Goods and Services/Contracts

Fort Defiance Agency Quarterly Report

Reporting Period: January to March 2026

Prepared by: Eunice Begay, SPPS

I. Projects

ASC Dilkon – Policy & Governance Support

- Ensuring all new officials receive comprehensive orientation on the Five Management System (FMS) and all relevant policy chapters.
- Identified the need to revise and clarify each policy chapter to strengthen consistency, compliance, and usability across Chapters.

Office Space – Indian Wells Chapter

- ASC Dilkon is now occupying office space within the Indian Wells Chapter.
- The transition has presented challenges due to limited funding, requiring careful planning and prioritization.

Whitecone Chapter – Sanction Status

- Whitecone remains under sanction.
- ASC responded to the Attorney General, and the AG has now requested that all staff positions be filled as part of the corrective process. We are hopeful the sanction is obtainable within the year 2026

II. Accomplishments

The primary objective of recent sessions has been to strengthen communication, improve teamwork, and enhance service delivery across Chapters and programs.

- Delivered Five Management System / Chapter Policies training.
- Coordinated DOJ Title 26 training for all officials and staff.
- Continued technical assistance to Chapters on compliance, budgeting, and administrative processes.

III. Goals

- Ensure all Chapters understand the fine line between oversight and micromanagement.
- Support all Chapters in reviewing and revising their FMS/Policies.
- Work toward removing Whitecone from sanction.
- Ensure all Chapter staff positions are filled to maintain operational stability.
- Complete carryovers and finalize the 2026 Budget.

IV. ICIP – Chapter Project Updates

- Ongoing updates are being collected on longstanding Chapter projects.
- Chapters are being supported in prioritizing new initiatives and aligning them with ICIP

requirements.

V. Budgets

FY 2026 Unhealthy Food Tax

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
Nazlini	\$25,448.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Cornfields	\$13,794.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Ganado	\$17,173.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Greasewood Springs	\$14,922.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Indian Wells	\$14,705.00	Drawn down to Chapter
KinDahLichii	\$16,968.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Klagetoh	\$13,999.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Low Mountain	\$13,070.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Nahata Dziil	\$15,580.00	Drawn down to Chapter
St. Michael's	\$24,394.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Teesto	\$14,488.00	Drawn down to Chapter
White Cone	\$13,674.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Wide Ruins	\$13,867.00	Drawn down to Chapter
Total	\$212,082.00	

FY 2026 Navajo Nation Sales Tax

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
Nazlini	\$93,003.00	Pending dues to disallowable <u>item</u> on the budget.
Cornfields	\$65,736.00	Pending submission to ASC
Ganado	\$81,650.00	Pending/Sent back to Chapter to add details
Greasewood Springs	\$71,060.00	Pending submission to ASC
Indian Wells	\$69,915.00	Pending submission of resolution Meeting: 4/6/25
KinDahLichii	\$80,734.00	Pending submission to ASC
Klagetoh	\$12,000.00	Still allocating the funds Remaining: \$54,623.00
Low Mountain	\$62,187.00	Pending entire allocation needs to be budgeted
Nahata Dziil	\$74,934.00	Pending submission to ASC
St. Michael's	\$115,739.00	Pending submission of resolution Meeting: 4/19/25
Teesto	\$69,085.00	Pending entire allocation needs to be budgeted
White Cone	\$65,364.00	Pending submission of resolution Meeting: 4/19/25
Wide Ruins	\$66,079.00	Pending entire allocation needs to be budgeted
Total	\$982,109.00	

ASC continues to assist Chapters with budget development, compliance, and reconciliation.

VI. CAPs / Sanctions

- ASC continues to work closely with Whitecone officials and staff to address noncompliance issues.
- Developing an enhanced monitoring system for funds and revenue entering Chapters.
- Kindahlichii Chapter: CAP reviewed and approved by RDC and Budget & Finance Committee.

VII. Vacancy Information

- Indian Wells Chapter – CSC vacancy
- Kindahlichii Chapter – Administrative Assistant
- Low Mountain Chapter – Accounts Maintenance Specialist
- Teesto Chapter – Chapter Manager and Administrative Assistant

VIII. Challenges

1. Training & Capacity Building

Need for cohesive, accessible financial training materials to ensure all staff and officials understand fiscal responsibilities.

2. Compensation for ASC Staff

ASC staff frequently work beyond standard hours, often until 7 PM and on weekends, due to high volumes of technical assistance requests.

Requesting a review of current compensation policies to ensure staff are fairly compensated for extended work hours.

3. High Turnover in Chapter Positions

Frequent vacancies in CM, CSC, AA, and AMS positions due to workload demands and low pay.

This turnover disrupts continuity and increases the burden on ASC staff



**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.

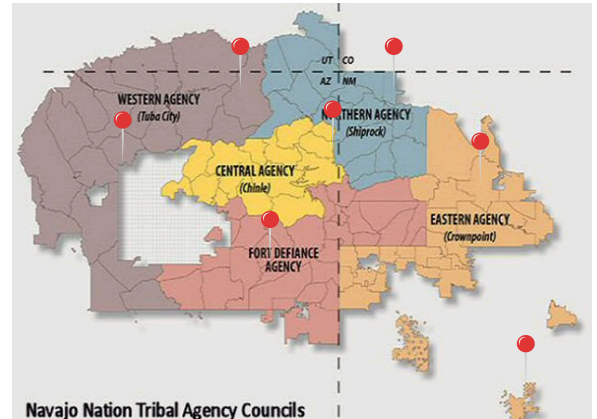
The CLUPC process involves setting both short- and long-term goals to promote balanced development and effective land management. Each Chapter has its own goals and priorities, so it depends on the status. Goals aim to address immediate priorities while fostering sustainable progress for future generations.

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.

Of the 110 Navajo Chapters, 98% have completed CLUPC orientations and implementation efforts. 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



98%

Chapter CLUPC Completed Orientations (overall)

Fort Defiance Agency Chapters

100%

CLUPC ORIENTATIONS

- 14 Chapters have completed orientations

7

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS (CHAPTERS)

Common Requests:

- CLUPC Orientation
- Zoning/ordinances
- CLUPC Plan of Operation
- Review of draft CLUP manual

CHAPTERS ARE SLOWLY WORKING ON UPDATING THEIR CLUPC MANUALS

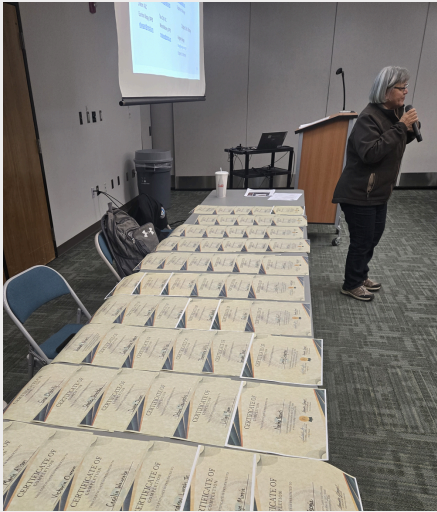
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INACTIVE CLUPC'S/PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- Coyote Canyon



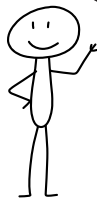
Ft. Defiance ASC CLUPC Orientation



On March 10, 2026, the Senior Planner delivered an engaging and dynamic presentation to the Ft. Defiance ASC staff in Farmington, New Mexico. With an enthusiastic crowd of over 70 attendees, the room was filled with energy and a shared eagerness to learn more about community land-use planning. The orientation brought the topic to life by emphasizing the vital role of land use planning in shaping successful projects and sustainable communities.

Participants had the opportunity to gain valuable insights, ask questions, and engage in meaningful discussions about planning strategies and real-world applications. The session also strengthened collaboration between staff and planning professionals, reinforcing a shared commitment to supporting chapter development and long-term community goals. Thanks to the incredible support of Ft. Defiance ASC, the event was a resounding success and a truly inspiring experience for all involved!

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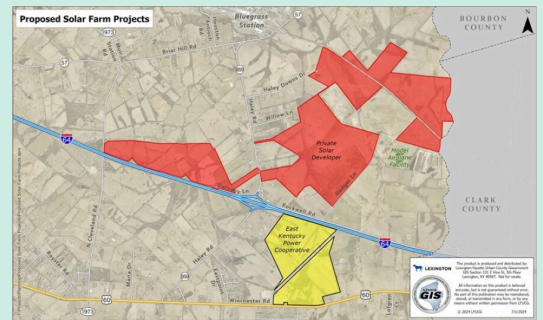
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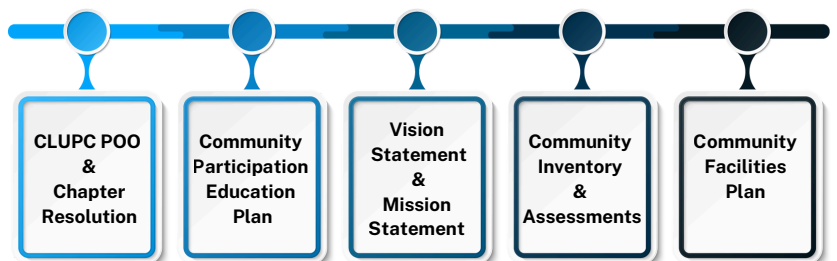
Houck Chapter: Leading the Way in Community Growth and Planning

Houck Chapter, an LGA-certified chapter, is updating its Community Land Use Planning Manual. The Chapter is also requesting more information on zoning development as it works on creating zoning ordinances. Zoning will help guide land use, support responsible growth, and promote the community's long-term well-being.



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

Required Sections:



FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY

Executive Summary

Illegal dumping continues to be a major environmental, public health, and community concern across the Fort Defiance Agency. To better understand the scope of this issue and to support long-term solutions, field assessments are being conducted across multiple chapters within the agency. A total of 260 illegal dump sites were documented across 15 out of 26 Fort Defiance Agency chapters. These site visits focused on identifying, documenting, and preparing for future cleanup and prevention efforts.

The purpose of this report is to summarize the work completed to date, outline ongoing concerns related to illegal dumping, describe current and planned mitigation efforts, and emphasize the importance of community responsibility and environmental stewardship. This report is intended for a chapter officials, community members, partner agencies, and leadership.

Purpose of the Site Visits

The primary purpose of the site visits was to document illegal dumping activity within chapter boundaries and surrounding areas. These assessments are a critical step in developing effective cleanup strategies, prioritizing resources, and preventing future dumping.

During each visit, the following actions were completed:

- Identification of illegal dump sites within chapter boundaries and nearby areas
- Collection of GPS coordinates for each documented site
- Photographic documentation to capture site conditions and types of waste

- Preliminary assessment of site size, accessibility, and environmental impact

The data collected will support planning efforts, cleanup prioritization, grant applications, and coordination with partner agencies.

Summary of Assessment Findings

- Total illegal dump sites documented: 260
- Chapters visited: 15 out of 26 Fort Defiance Agency chapters
- Common types of waste observed:
 - Household trash
 - Construction and demolition debris
 - Tires and scrap materials
 - Furniture and large household items
 - Illegal dumping was observed in both remote areas and locations close to roadways, homes, and grazing areas. Many sites show signs of repeated dumping, indicating ongoing activity.

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Current and Ongoing Efforts

Cleanup Planning and RFP Development

Based on the findings from the site visits, a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been developed to initiate cleanup efforts at priority locations.

This RFP is intended to support professional cleanup services and ensure proper disposal of waste in accordance with environmental regulations.

Cleanup efforts will focus on:

- High-priority and high-volume dumping areas
- Sites with environmental or public safety risks
- Areas identified in coordination with chapters

Sign Installation and Prevention Measures

In addition to cleanup planning, efforts are underway to install illegal dumping signage at known and frequently used dumping locations.

These signs are intended to:

- Discourage future dumping
- Increase public awareness
- Support enforcement efforts

Collaboration with Partner Agencies

The Solid Waste Management Program is actively collaborating with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA)

Resource and Recovery Program. This partnership strengthens coordination around:

- Waste management planning
- Cleanup strategies
- Education and outreach
- Long-term prevention efforts



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Roll-Off Bin Support for Community Clean-Up

As part of ongoing efforts to support chapters in addressing illegal dumping and improving waste management, the Solid Waste Management Department, in coordination with Navajo Sanitation, is providing roll-off bins for community clean-up usage at no cost.

The Red Lake Chapter #18 has already received a roll-off bin to assist with local clean-up efforts. Several additional chapters are currently scheduled and awaiting delivery of bins at designated locations.

These roll-off bins provide community members with an accessible and convenient option to properly dispose of waste, reduce illegal dumping, and support organized clean-up activities within their chapters.

Ongoing Concerns

Despite ongoing efforts, illegal dumping remains a persistent issue throughout the Fort Defiance Agency and all other Agency Chapters. Contributing factors may include limited access to disposal services, lack of awareness, cost barriers, and habitual dumping practices.

Illegal dumping negatively impacts:

- The environment and natural landscapes
- Livestock and wildlife
- Community health and safety
- Cultural and traditional values tied to the land

Without continued collaboration, education, and enforcement, illegal dumping will remain an ongoing challenge. Community Responsibility and Environmental Stewardship

- Protecting the land is a shared responsibility. Mother Earth provides for us, and it is our duty to care for her. Addressing illegal dumping must start at home and extend throughout the community.
- Teaching our children and future generations is essential. They must learn that dumping trash on the land is not the way. Simple actions can make a meaningful difference, including:
- Using local transfer stations for proper waste disposal
- Participating in recycling programs where available
- Practicing the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Refuse
 - Reduce the amount of waste we generate
 - Reuse items whenever possible
 - Refuse unnecessary or single-use products

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By modeling responsible behavior, families and communities can help prevent illegal dumping before it starts.

Next Steps

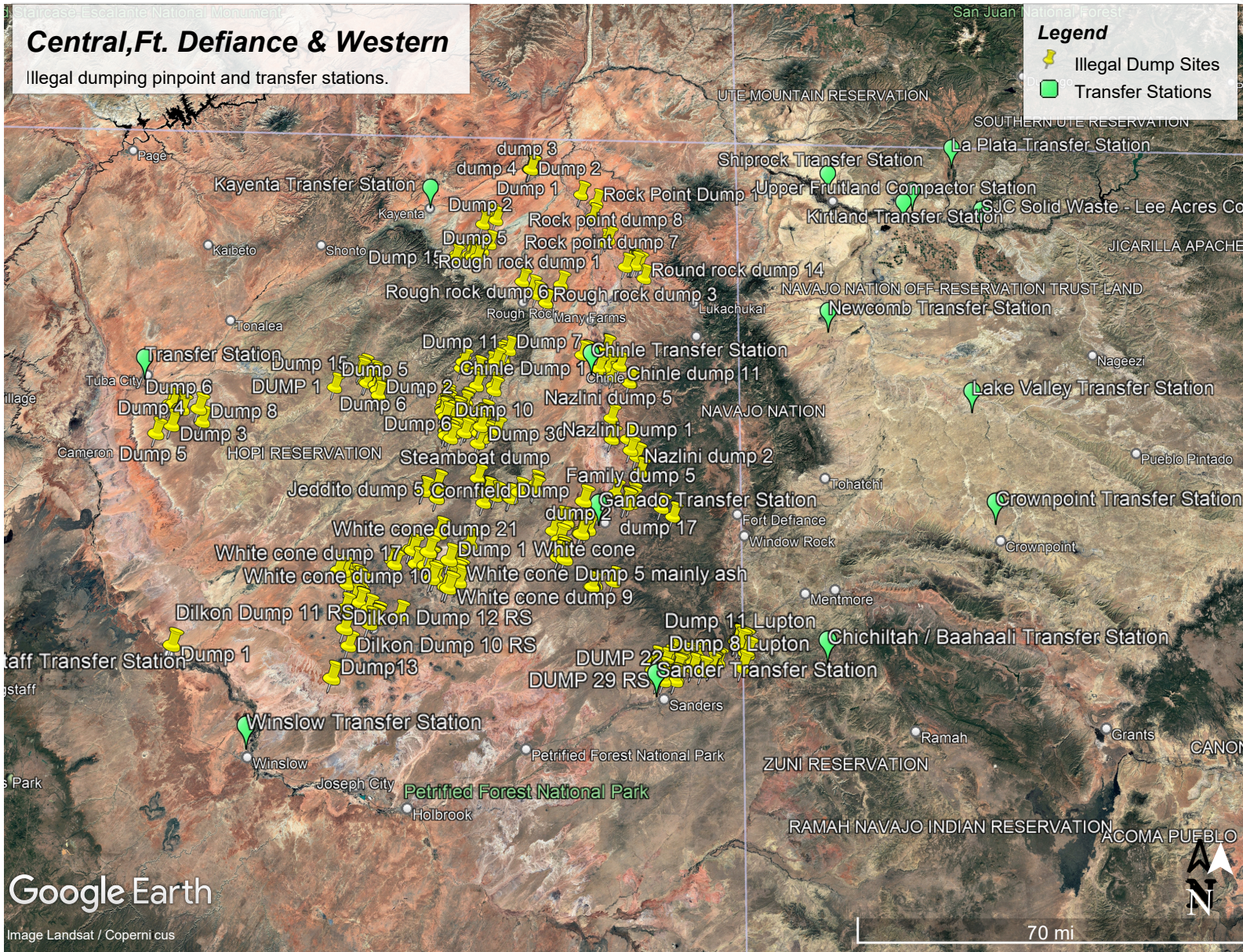
- Continue illegal dumping assessments in remaining Fort Defiance Agency chapters
- Finalize cleanup priorities using collected GPS and photo data
- Implement cleanup activities through the RFP process
- Install illegal dumping signage at documented sites
- Expand collaboration with NNEPA and other partners
- Support education and outreach efforts at the chapter and community level

Conclusion

Significant progress has been made in documenting illegal dump sites across the Fort Defiance, Central and Western Agency. The data collected provides a strong foundation for cleanup, planning, and prevention. However, illegal dumping remains an ongoing concern that requires continued commitment from agencies, chapters, and community members.

Through coordinated cleanup efforts, education, and shared responsibility, we can work together to protect the land, honor our responsibility to Mother Earth, and ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations.

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*Illegal dumpsites documented to date



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* Spatial Data Resource (SDR) contractors will assist NAAD staff with accelerating the rural addressing process as part of ARPA funding projects ; with ARPA funding mechanism from Division of Public Safety (DPS) section 4, SDR is already conducting fieldwork to verify some of the work that has been conducted by local rural addressing committee (LRAC) members

- Spatial Data Research, Inc. (SDR) will assist Chapters to complete mapping and generating physical address numbers for physical addressing. Rural addressing task is required for 9-1-1 System to serve the Navajo Nation Chapters beginning mid 2026. SDR contract began in June of 2024 under CJN-29-22, section 4 with DPS as administrative oversight ; SDR completed mapping in 95 Navajo Chapters without the full field data collection (FDC) process as instructed to LRAC. 15 Chapters have funding under section 3 of the ARPA funds but not all are working with DCD/NAAD on addressing projects. With DCD and SDR’s collaboration, the contract specifies work in all 110 Navajo chapters. SDR will provide the collected data to DPS for the 9-1-1 system and to DCD for continuing the physical addressing efforts.

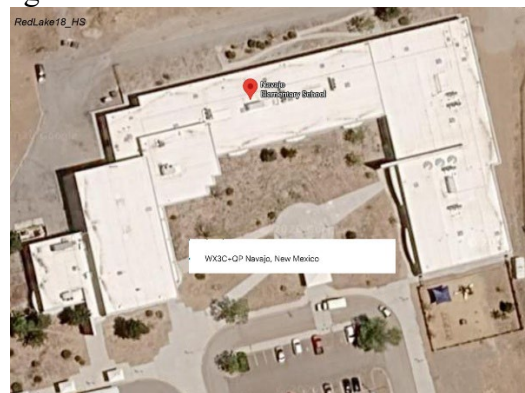
- Sawmill highlight: ARPA funds = \$233,662 ; 376 addressable structures have been recorded and was instrumental in determining 35 road/street centerlines ; local rural addressing committee (LRAC) representative prepared the road/street names for public hearing that was conducted in July 2024 ; BIA Road right-of-way (R-O-W) clearance was granted and DCD-ARPA staff ordered the road/street signs ; two months later, sign materials were delivered and LRAC received training to install intersection sign that is currently in progress

- Houck highlight: ARPA funds = \$150-K ; 510 addressable structures have been recorded and was instrumental in determining 42 road/street centerlines ; LRAC prepared the road/street names for public hearing that was conducted twice in May 2025 ; BIA Road right-of-way (R-O-W) clearance was granted and Chapter staff ordered the road/street signs ; when the sign materials are delivered, LRAC will receive training to install intersection signs

- Crystal: ARPA funds = \$155-K ; 235 addressable structures have been recorded and needs to be finalized ; these address points will allow LRAC members with centerline development for public notice ; road/street names can be ordered and installed before physical address numbers can be generated for over 200 addressable structures on New Mexico and Arizona side of state line

- Klagetoh: ARPA funds = \$100-K ; with 420+ addressable structures to be finalized, LRAC identified 70+ centerlines to be ordered and installed after LRAC training

- Naschitti: ARPA = \$70-K ; with 325+ addressable structures to be updated, these address points will determine the road/street centerlines ; road/street names will be prepared for public hearing and to be ordered for installation





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April 11, 2026

FT. 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 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’ and AG Solutions (Project Managers), CHID will soon begin 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’ & AG Solutions 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’ & AG Solutions 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.
- Work Order #3 has 47 eligible applicants and Work Order #5 has 38 eligible applicants listed in Ft. Defiance Agency. Homes will be constructed, delivered and set up by Homes Direct (Contractor). Once homes are in production and ready to be shipped to the applicants homesite location, CHID will notify the Chapters. CHID will also mail out selection letters to the eligible applicants.

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

Work Order 3: 47 of 150 Recipients	47 recipients	47 homes delivered	46 homes set	0 homes ready to be delivered	0 site assessments completed	0 pad preps complete
Work Order 5: 50 of 138 Recipients	50 recipients	21 homes delivered	21 homes set	29 homes ready to be delivered	23 site assessments completed	21 site preps complete

5. Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (CHID)

- A. Completed Renovation and Restoration Projects:
 - CHID continues to focus on home renovation and restoration, conducting assessments for each constituent who submitted completed applications from the previous fiscal year.
 - Projects are evaluated for feasibility based on structural conditions, homesite lease status, and CHID's \$3,500 repair limit.
- B. Assessment updates (Fort Defiance Agency):
 - Manuelito Constituent – Manuelito Chapter – feasible, home was built in the 70's, there was major water damage thru-out the home. Black mold is present, it would cause CHID more than \$3500 that CHID allows, in addition this causes health concerns for our CHID carpenters. Roof will be repaired as this site just started with renovations.
- C. Field Staff
 - CHID's two carpenters remain actively engaged in projects across various Chapters, including emergency assistance requests for roof repairs caused by unexpected winter weather conditions.
 - Scope of Work include:
 - Removing roofing shingles or roofing rolls.
 - Installing new roofing materials to ensure durability.
 - Housing renovation / restoration

6. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

- CDBG has submitted the FY'2025 Application including one Road Improvement project within the Fort Defiance Agency, to date, we have not gotten a response from HUD.
- Public Hearings for FY'26 was held March 16, 2026, for the Fort Defiance Agency Chapters, the turn-out was substantial.
- The Program is working on reprogramming FY'2019/20 grant to assist CHID ARPA Housing constituents with waterline in the Kinlichee area.
- Working with CHID and NTUA to identify CHID ARPA Housing constituents who are in need of Cistern and Septic System.
- CDBG Program has received 1 applicant deemed qualified for the Program Supervisor II position.
- The CDBG Program will schedule an interview for the Program Supervisor Position on April 13, 2026.
- The CDBG Program is now utilizing the new Dayforce and ERP portal for staff.
- FY'2021 ARPA grant extension request approved by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and will expend the funds to assist the CHID Housing with Cistern and Septic System.
- CDBG working with AG Solutions to complete this task before the September 2026.

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 2027, which has been difficult with the lack of understanding from the community members that are unaware of the process. The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is currently accepting applications for housing assistance for Fiscal Year 2027. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2026. HIP continues 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 application intake/ outreaches as possible or as requested. Below is the report from the Ft. Defiance Eligibility Technician.

Application Intake/ Outreach Schedule

- Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – Kinlichee Chapter: Two applications intakes were done within the chapter.
- Thursday, March 26, 2026 – Lupton Chapter: 15 applications were distributed and four applications were submitted.

Upcoming Intake/Outreach

- Thursday, April 9, 2026 – Jeddito Chapter
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – Wide Ruins Chapter

Total Number of Application submitted within the FDA: 35

**Additionally, applications are available for download on the Division of Community Development website (www.nndcd.org) and the Community Housing & Infrastructure Department website (www.nnchid.org).

We look forward to working with your chapters and communities. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Autumn John, Eligibility Technician
Ft. Defiance/ Northern Agency