

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development: Announces \$2.7 million to deliver equitable COVID-19 relief to tribal communities in Wisconsin

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WISCONSIN – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced \$1.7 million to Oneida Nation, and \$1 million to Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Wisconsin to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Oneida Nation will use the funding to construct eight (8) two-bedroom homes, which will help alleviate the housing shortage. Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians will use the funding to construct a new health care facility.

Nationally, HUD awarded more than \$52 million in Indian Community Development Block Grant-American Rescue Plan (ICDBG-ARP) grants to 49 Tribal communities. The announcement, made by HUD Deputy Secretary Todman during a speaking engagement at the National American Indian Housing Council's Legal Symposium, - underscores the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to delivering equitable COVID-19 relief to Tribal communities.

A breakdown of the awards by recipient is available [here](#).

These funds to Tribes will help protect the health and safety of their communities, particularly low- and moderate-income individuals and families, by expanding access to safe housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities.

“I’m pleased to announce these robust resources for Tribal communities to meet urgent housing, community, and economic development needs,” **said HUD Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman**. “The funding HUD is awarding today will support our mission to ensure that every person has the security of a healthy, safe, and resilient home and community. HUD looks forward to ongoing partnerships with Tribal communities to expand equity and opportunity and strengthen nation-to-nation relationships.”

Today’s announcement follows HUD’s [awarding](#) of \$74 million in ICDBG-ARP grants to 68 Tribal communities in November. The American Rescue Plan included a total of \$280 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant program; HUD will announce additional ICDBG-ARP awards on a rolling basis.

The Department and the Biden-Harris Administration have made delivering equitable COVID-19 relief to Tribal communities a priority. The American Rescue Plan Act provides a total of \$750 million dollars in HUD resources to Indian Country to support the continued fight against COVID-19. Earlier this year, HUD made a [historic \\$450 million investment](#) in Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG-ARP) to Indian tribes across the country to respond to COVID-19.

The Department also invested [\\$5 million in COVID-19 relief](#) for Native Hawaiians.

HUD and the Biden-Harris Administration remain committed to meeting and prioritizing the needs of Native communities.