

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development: HUD awards \$1.8 million to deliver equitable COVID-19 relief to the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe

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WISCONSIN – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced the awarding of a \$1.8 million Indian Community Development Block Grant-American Rescue Plan (ICDBG-ARP) grant to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. The Tribe will use their grant to provide temporary shelter and utility assistance to families impacted by COVID-19.

This is the third round of ICDBG-ARP awards, underscoring the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to delivering equitable COVID-19 relief to Tribal communities. In this round, HUD awarded more than \$83 million to 74 Tribal communities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

“We are committed to providing equitable resources that support strong, inclusive and sustainable communities,” said HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Diane M. Shelley. “Partnering with Tribal communities to address health and safety issues is a critical part of that work.”

Today's announcement follows HUD's previous awards of \$74 million in ICDBG-ARP

grants to 68 Tribal communities in [November](#) and \$52 million in ICDBG-ARP grants to 49 Tribal communities in [December](#). 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. In 2021, 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.