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The **Arizona Department of Housing** (ADOH) managed to continue to provide opportunities to increase affordable housing for Arizona's tribal communities. Arizona's economy continues to bump along the bottom and the state has been forced to make billions of dollars in cost reductions to balance the budget. Since 2008, the Housing Trust Fund has been subject to repeated sweeps to aid the state in balancing the General Fund. The Housing Trust Fund is an irreplaceable resource; it provides the department with its only flexible source of funds to assist Arizona tribes. Due to the cap of 10.5 million and an additional \$6 million sweep enacted for FY2011 ADOH has been limited in providing assistance for tribal housing development.

We are honored to share the ways that ADOH was able to take a proactive role by funding the following:

PROJECT RESULTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1) Native Home Capital, a Community Development Financial Institution, concluded their two year contract with ADOH for \$750,000 funded with Housing Trust Fund monies. This was used for one-on-one technical assistance to Tribes for affordable housing development, as well as conducting workshops and developing a clearinghouse for tribal housing information. The final quarter of the contract saw a closing of a loan for \$300,000 (of the \$750,000) with the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority for rehabilitation of homes on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

2) Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects at Pascua Yaqui for 40 units and Yavapai Apache for 36 new units are in construction. The homes will be a mix of triplexes, duplexes and three- and four-bedroom single-family homes. The LIHTC awards totaled \$1,351,080 for these two projects.

The Arizona Department of Housing has made a preliminary award of \$1,672,380 in Tax Credits to the Pascua Yaqui and San Carlos Apache Tribes this year. These two projects will not be completed until 2013 but will add 56 and 40 affordable units respectively to these communities.

3) The Arizona Department of Housing was honored to participate in and assist in sponsoring the 8th Annual Construction in Indian Country Conference (CIIC) event held April 26-27, 2011 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino at the Gila River Indian Community. The theme for the 2011 conference was "Tribes & Industry: Partnering for Economic Rebound". The Tribal Liaison served on the Executive

Committee for the planning of this event which is under the auspices of the Del E Webb School of Construction at Arizona State University (ASU).

CONTINUING PROJECTS

ADOH is in contract with the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) providing funding for utility infrastructure (water, sewer and electric) being installed on 25+ scattered site homeownership units throughout Coconino, Apache and Navajo counties. This work will be finished by December of 2011.

ADOH continues to participate on the Multi-Agency Tribal Infrastructure Collaborative (MATIC) initiated by SWONAP. (HUD Southwest Office of Native American Programs) There was a Tribal Resource Fair on Thursday, October 7, 2010 and another is in the planning stages.

Tribes are able to apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credits and HOME monies when the Department issues Notices of Funding Availability. This report shows how current resources are being used by Tribes to increase affordable housing on reservation lands.

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