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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces \$5 Million in Tribal Infrastructure Fund Awards**

*A total of \$17.2 million dollars will help thousands of Tribal residents*

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced \$5 million dollars for 16 key tribal infrastructure and planning projects across the state. Tribal communities across New Mexico will receive an additional \$12.2 million from other state, federal, and tribal governments for a total of \$17.2 million dollars.

“I am furthering my commitment to New Mexico’s Native American community by investing in much-needed infrastructure, planning and basic services,” said Governor Richardson. “We are working to improve the quality of life in New Mexico’s tribes and pueblos.”

The Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board reviewed 26 infrastructure project proposals totaling over \$9.7 million dollars in requests. Proposals included requests for water and wastewater systems, electrical power lines, community buildings, bathroom additions, health and emergency response facilities, and community planning and development assistance.

Said Secretary Warren, “The Tribal Infrastructure Fund is an invaluable initiative of Governor Richardson’s administration, and addresses the urgent needs of replacing, improving and developing tribal infrastructure essential to enhanced health, safety and welfare of all Indians in New Mexico. We are very grateful for the Governor’s support in these areas.”

The largest state TIF investment this year totaled \$750,000 and will be used to fund Zia Pueblo Ambulatory Healthcare Center, a facility that will deliver primary care and specialty care in a culturally appropriate setting for its community, and will encourage health promotion and disease prevention. More than \$1.5 million dollars in additional leveraged funds will augment the state’s contribution for the Center. Torreon/Star Lake will receive \$703,000 for a 19 mile power line extension project, benefiting Navajo families who have never had access to electricity.

### **Complete list of 2008 TIF awardees for infrastructure grants:**

- 1) Zia Pueblo Ambulatory Healthcare Center \$750,000
- 2) Chichiltah Chapter County Road 6 Improvement Project \$650,000
- 3) Crownpoint Chapter Tsin Ya Nal Kidi Bathroom Addition Project \$294,397

- 4) Santo Domingo Pueblo Construction of Fire/EMS/Safety Complex \$705,000
- 5) Thoreau Chapter County Road 27 Improvement Project -- Phase II \$400,612
- 6) Coyote Canyon Chapter House Renovation \$300,000
- 7) Zuni Pueblo Shiwi T'sana Walking Trail Project \$80,000
- 8) Ojo Encino Chapter Powerline Extension Project \$269,288
- 9) Torreon/Star Lake Chapter Powerline Extension Project \$703,559
- 10) Alamo Chapter Water Improvement Project \$500,000

**Complete list of 2008 TIF awardees for planning grants:**

- 1) Acoma Pueblo Planning & Assessment Project \$50,000
- 2) Cochiti Pueblo Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks Visitor Center \$50,000
- 3) Isleta Pueblo Long Term Elder Care Facility \$50,000
- 4) Santa Clara Pueblo Community Development Master Plan \$50,000
- 5) Mariano Lake Chapter Water System Improvement Project \$50,000
- 6) Ramah Chapter Planning and Design Project \$50,000

In 2005, Governor Richardson worked with the New Mexico Legislature to create the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Act to prioritize capital outlay funding for critical infrastructure projects that benefit New Mexico tribes and pueblos. A total of \$18 million dollars has been appropriated to the TIF over the past four years.

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