



# The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

## Division of Planning & Tribal Development

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Division of Planning & Tribal Development is excited to announce the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma has received funding thru the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the FY-2019/2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and the Indian Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) (Public Law 116-136); totaling \$1.8 million dollars.

- June 4, 2020, HUD announced nearly \$120 million in FY-19/20 ICDBG awards, this funding will be used to support 107 projects on tribal land across the United States. The ICDBG program provides funding to use in the development of American Indian/Alaska Native communities which includes:
  - Housing-housing rehab, land acquisition to support new housing construction and new housing.
  - Economic Development-various commercial, industrial, agricultural projects.
  - Community Facilities-infrastructure construction and single/multipurpose community buildings.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received \$900,000.00 to expand and construct on the current Division of Natural Resources and Safety building to be renamed the Pawnee Nation Public Safety Center. The facility current houses the Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety, Department of Fire & Rescue, PN Department of Transportation and Department of Emergency Management. Expansion/construction will consist of enlarging office space, additional covered equipment bays, more parking area and an addition of a training and fitness area. This project was approved by the Pawnee Business Council on February 1, 2020 by resolution.

- July 22, 2020, HUD awarded over \$20 million in funding for ICDBG Imminent Threat program under ICDBG CARES, to help Tribes prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> round of funding of \$100 million that will be going to Tribal Nations. As of today, HUD has awarded a total of just over \$71 million dollars under this program.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received \$900,000.00 to provide rehabilitation of housing ventilation systems to homes that need install, repair, replace of heat/air units (within jurisdiction), provide food packs/boxes to families (within jurisdiction), and an upgraded fire truck with hazardous material capabilities to expand medical



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and other emergencies services. This project was approved by the Pawnee Business Council on May 20, 2020 by resolution, AMENDED on June 26, 2020.

Further communication will be sent out about the ventilation rehabilitation assistance along, with the food disbursement in the coming weeks. Please direct any inquiries to Reva Howell, Planning & Development Manager at (918) 762-3621 or [rhowell@pawneenation.org](mailto:rhowell@pawneenation.org)