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**96 Navajo families to receive electricity with \$6.2  
million Indian Community Development Block Grant award**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer are pleased to announce that the Navajo Nation was recently awarded over \$6.2 million from the Indian Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for five powerline projects in the communities of Dilkon, Lower Greasewood, Leupp, Tonalea, and Tselani/Cottonwood. Construction of the projects will be completed by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the need for greater infrastructure across the Navajo Nation including water, power, telecommunications, and roads. With the ICDBG funding, NTUA will be in a position to complete these projects that will connect 96 Navajo families to the power grid. With the Nation’s CARES Act funds, we are looking to invest at least \$100 million for additional powerline and solar projects, \$300 million for water infrastructure, and \$50 million for telecommunications on the Navajo Nation. We are very thankful to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding these much-needed projects,” said President Nez.

The Indian Community Development Block Grant Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. Projects funding by the ICDBG program must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

“The needs are great across our communities, but our administration remains committed to working with every level of government to move infrastructure projects forward for the Navajo people. This will be a great partnership between the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, NTUA, and the entire Navajo Nation. We are very happy for the 96 families that this initiative will benefit,” stated Vice President Lizer.

NTUA will oversee construction of the powerline projects, which will add an additional 75-miles of electrical lines in the five communities.

“This award will help approximately 96 families who have been waiting years for electricity,” said NTUA General Manager Walter Haase. “NTUA is grateful for this funding because it will help to improve the quality of life by allowing families to have refrigerated food, air conditioning, and the ability to charge their phones in their homes for the very first time.”

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