

HUD Announces \$132 Million in Recovery Act Funds for Indian Housing, Economic Development; Siletz Tribe to Receive Nearly \$3 Million

Grants bring total HUD Recovery Act investment in Native communities to a half billion dollars

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – During a visit to an Anchorage community on Aug. 11, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan announced that HUD is awarding 61 grants, totaling \$132 million, to American Indian and Native Alaskan communities across the country to improve housing and stimulate community development.

The announcement came during a visit to the Mountain View community in Anchorage, which has received Recovery Act funding. The secretary was joined by Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK), Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan and other local elected and housing officials.

The Siletz Tribe will receive \$2.9 million that will help build 16 rental housing units in Lincoln City and Siletz.

These Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and Native American Housing Block Grant (NAHGB) funds are provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). These grants will help American Indian Tribes improve the quality of their housing stock, develop viable communities, promote energy efficiency and create jobs.

"I am proud to announce today that, thanks to the Recovery Act, HUD has invested a half billion dollars in Native American and Alaskan communities across the country, including communities right here in the beautiful state of Alaska," said Secretary Donovan. "As I have seen

firsthand today, these funds are already at work in some of the hardest hit communities, creating jobs and revitalizing neighborhoods."

Earlier this year, HUD allocated an additional \$255 million in Recovery Act funding to nearly 600 eligible Tribes and Tribal housing entities. That funding is already being put to work to improve Indian housing.

"We have a number of Tribal member families, low-income families, who are in need of suitable housing. Either they're living in housing that is less than adequate or they're actually homeless and we're able to service those individuals and ... provide additional housing for those members."

Brenda Bremner, General Manager, from OPB Radio broadcast on Aug. 12

The total Recovery Act investment for housing and community development in Indian Country is nearly \$510 million, which includes the formula and competitive awards.

The grants announced Aug. 11 were awarded competitively from two programs that are awarding grants on a rolling basis:

- The Native American Housing Block Grant (NAHGB): \$242,250,000 is available for Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations representing Tribes that are eligible to receive Native American Housing Assistance and Self-

Determination Act (NAHASDA) funds. These funds can be used to build new housing and purchase land to support new housing construction. They also can be used to rehabilitate existing housing, including large-scale improvements, such as new roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, to increase energy efficiency. The funding can build infrastructure, including

that will bring economic recovery to Tribal communities and to promote energy efficiency in their projects.

The Recovery Act includes \$13.61 billion for projects and programs administered by HUD, nearly 75 percent of which was allocated to state and local recipients only eight days after President Obama signed the act into law. The remaining 25 percent of funds, including the grants announced Aug. 11, are currently being awarded through an ongoing competitive grant process.

HUD is committed to implementing Recovery Act investments swiftly and effectively as they generate tens of thousands of jobs, modernize homes to make them energy efficient and help the families and communities hardest hit by the economic crisis.

In addition, Secretary Donovan and HUD are committed to providing the highest level of transparency possible as Recovery Act funds are administered. It is vitally important that the American people are fully aware of how their tax dollars are being spent and can hold their federal leaders accountable.

Every dollar of Recovery Act funds HUD spends can be reviewed and tracked at HUD's Recovery Act website. The full text of HUD's funding notices and tracking of future performance of these grants is also available at HUD's Recovery Act website. Visit www.hud.gov for details.

Youth Learn New Skills and Work Hard During TYEE Placements

By Darian Dorman, Tribal Youth Education & Employment Program

Learning new ways and skills is a way of being part of TYEE, a program the Tribe puts on for Tribal youth age 14-17. The TYEE program helps us youth learn to be good and hard workers later in life.

Learning all of these new experiences will come in handy as we get older and prepare ourselves for the real world with people, communication and hard working skills, but also having fun.

My experiences working as a TYEE have been great. This is my second year and I like it a lot.

Last year I was an assistant for DeAnna Pearl in the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. I had a great time working with the younger kids, going to activities and helping out. This year, I got to work in the Public Information Department with Diane Rodriguez and Natasha Kavanaugh.

I was so happy when I found out I was going to work there because when I attend college I want to major in journalism and photography. So this is just the start for my dream and I'm glad I had this opportunity.

My first two weeks weren't the greatest, however, because I got sick and missed most of my first week and part of my second. It was good to be back during the third week.

In addition to helping in the office, I got to go out and take pictures either

with Diane or Natasha of events taking place in the Siletz community, look for information about the Tribe on news sites on the Internet and I had the privilege of writing this article on my own TYEE experience.

I also got to take pictures at the Royalty pageant and at the grand entry on the first evening of the pow-wow. This was something new. I have never really taken pictures at pow-wow before, so it was a new experience.

Seeing all the creativity that went into people's regalia, they were all beautiful

and their regalia looked amazing. The colors were mostly bright for the Men's Grass and Fancy and also for Women's Jingle and Fancy. It really caught your attention. It was a very good weekend.

I have had fun working here; it was a great thing to have happen. I have learned new stuff about writing and how things in the news world work.

I would like to thank Diane and Natasha very much for letting me come in and work for them. I had a great time learning new things and getting to know Diane and Natasha – thank you so much.

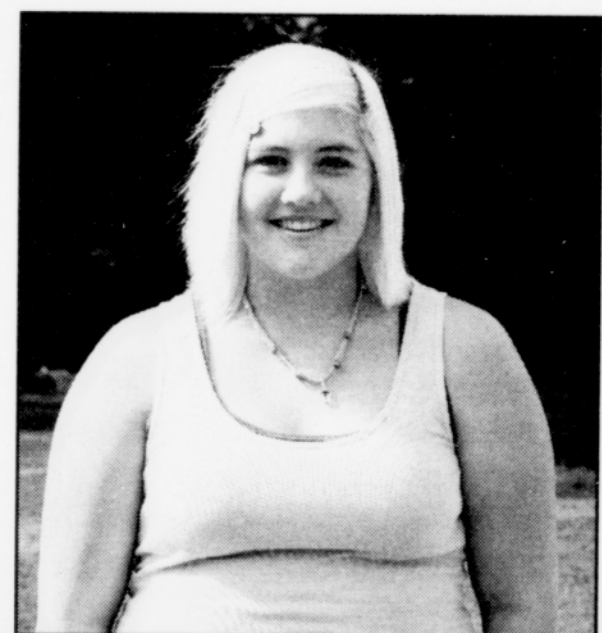


Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Darian Dorman

TYEE Placements

Siletz

Child Care: Nichole Fisher, Cassandra Rilatos, Jessica Thompson
City of Siletz: Cody Blacketer
Culture: Brett Lane Jr.
Diabetes Fitness: Avery Perkins
Finance: Meagan Urbach
Maintenance: Seth Benedict, Zachary Leckie
Pow-Wow: Breanna Jordan-Goodell
Public Information: Darian Dorman
Siletz Valley School: Dakota Burgins, Aden Perkins, Jordan Swadberg, Ab Williams
USDA: Chris Garza

Eugene

Art of Glass: Leslie Lundy

Bratton House Family Resource Center: Aaron Hodges
Eb Dental Lab/Roth's Nursery & Kitchen: Trenton Pearson, Laiken Pearson
Eugene Area Office: Tylan Moore
Florence Boys & Girls Club: Breena Butler
Food for Lane County: Salina Sanchez, Rayna Viles
River Road Parks & Rec: Cheyenne Most
Zany Zoo Pet Store: Kenda Swader

Portland

Avon Town Center: Sarah Hull
Hollywood Rooms: Ocina Olson
Portland Community College: Brad Wick
Children's Club: John Kellebrew
Parma, LLC: Damar Lawrence
Baskin-Robbins: Sarah Sjaastad
Legacy Health System: Trisha Martinot

Portland Area Office: Nicole Hill

Salem

AC Gilbert House: Carolina Simmons
Boys & Girls Club: Adam Christensen, Clifford Herrmann
Cascade Pacific Counsel: Joseph Hill
Dallas Retirement Center: Tahnae Baker, Candace Hill
Lollipop Tree Learning Center: Brittany Hochstetler
North View Terrace Pool: Eleeziaa Howard
Pronto Signs of Oregon: Gonzalo Cervantes
Salem Area Office: Maria Arellano
Salem Hospital: Brittany Patrick
Salem Public Library: Troy Kessinger Jr, Brittnei Pearson
Stayton Public Library: Melissa Lane
USDA: Paul Simmons