

FY 2010 Rural Innovation Fund Grantees

ALASKA

The Atmautluak Traditional Council in Atmautluak, Alaska will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$798,888** to launch the Pikat Housing Development Company Project (Pikat Project), which will address the need for sustainable, permanent jobs by developing energy-efficient, culturally-informed, and healthy housing for low- and very-low income residents in the Village of Atmautluak. The Pikat Project will form the for-profit business Pikat Housing Development Company (PHD COMPANY) to construct two prototype homes that can then be duplicated in Atmautluak and the surrounding villages by PHD COMPANY (PHDC). This will create more job opportunities as PHDC grows. In partnership with the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC), the Pikat Project will use a hands-on approach to build the capacity of the tribal government staff and local construction workforce. The tribe has a trained construction workforce with experience in conventional construction techniques but lacks training in green, energy-efficient new construction. Leveraging for this project is \$507,202 from CCHRC and Atmautluak Limited.

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The Organized Village of Kake in Kake, Alaska will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$567,908** that will be used to provide small business development assistance to start-up oyster and geoduck farmers. Shellfish aquaculture shows strong promise to provide expanded private sector employment and revenue to rural Southeast Alaska, which has been devastated in recent years with outmigration of jobs and residents. The Southeast Alaska Mariculture Business Development Project will offer business development technical assistance and capacity building services to existing and start-up mariculture businesses in the Kake, Naukati, Hoonah and Angoon areas. All of these communities are located in economically distressed rural areas with less than 2,500 inhabitants. Services include a shellfish business incubator, mariculture small farmer apprenticeship program, and a mariculture equipment revolving loan fund for provision of essential equipment to create small shellfish farms. Key partners for the project include AK Shellfish Growers Assoc.; Univ. of Southeast AK Marine Advisory Program; Univ. of AK Center for Economic Development; AK Oyster Cooperative and Rural Community Assistance Corp. Leveraging for this project is \$224,741.

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ARIZONA

Nogales Community Development (NCD) in Nogales, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$1,999,177** to revitalize the downtown core of the rural colonia while helping low-income residents build assets to move out of poverty. These goals will be achieved through three primary activities. First, NCD will develop a multi-use training and resource center to provide residents with self-sufficiency services and spur revitalization of historic downtown buildings. Second, NCD will provide services including rental housing rehab, foreclosure mitigation, housing counseling and financial literacy, business development, and education, including scholarships for higher education. Other self sufficiency supports include citizenship classes, developing community gardens, public health education, and access to transportation and child care. Third, NCD will create a comprehensive continuum of services referral system that bundles client housing, business, public health and education services with a program that trains and deploys lay community workers to link residents with services. This project will create at least 100 jobs and rehabilitate 10 housing units. NCD will partner with Mariposa Community Health Center, University of Arizona (Santa Cruz County), Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College Board, Southwest Fair Housing Council, Primeria Alta Historical Society, Nogales Public Housing Authority, and Citi Bank. Leveraging for this project is \$1,000,743.

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Elfrida Citizens Alliance, Inc (ECA) in Elfrida, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to address substandard housing conditions, economic distress and lack of access to affordable capital by promoting sustainable energy-efficient housing, businesses, and community facilities. ECA will provide technical assistance to small businesses and homeowners to develop, finance, and build energy-efficiency projects or renewable energy facilities and leverage funds from utility rebates and USDA's Renewable Energy America Program. ECA will construct 14 commercial projects, replace 3 substandard homes, and provide training in installation of solar photovoltaic panels. Permanent financing secured by businesses and homeowners will repay the RIF construction loans, which will capitalize a revolving loan fund to provide construction financing for small businesses to develop and build renewable energy facilities or to make energy-efficiency improvements, affordable financing for businesses, and construction loans to upgrade substandard homes. Partners include Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative and Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization's Pathways Out of Poverty Program. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The San Carlos Housing Authority in Peridot, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to build and rehabilitate 40 single family homes and provide quality affordable rental housing. Each of the new and rehabilitated homes will have cost-saving, energy-efficient upgrades, including Energy Star advanced lighting, energy-efficient hot water distribution system, high efficiency HVAC system, and Energy Star high performance windows, design shading, and radiant barriers. Partners for this project are Travois, Inc, and Travois Asset Management, LLC. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The International Sonoran Desert Alliance (ISDA) in Ajo, Arizona will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to complete the final phase of the Curley School renovation project. In 2005, ISDA purchased a seven acre, seven building campus and renovated the high school and junior high school buildings into 30 affordable artisan live/work spaces. This project will convert an elementary school into a conference and learning center with bed/bath units to augment the available guest rooms and generate income to sustain the learning center. ISDA will run a construction training program for adults and youth that will create 15-20 jobs. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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ARKANSAS

The Southern Bancorp Capital Partners (SBCP) in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$1,998,621** for an economic development and housing program that will support existing business and entrepreneurs and provide supportive services and incentives to homeowners. Activities include: a new downtown Helena-West Helena mixed-use retail and housing development; a loan loss reserve and business loan fund; employer incentives for job creation; a small business incubator; an innovative business plan award competition; individual development accounts; housing counseling and financial education; and housing assistance stipends for low-income families and those in critical professions. The program will create 14 new businesses, 98 new jobs, and help 155 homeowners purchase or repair their homes. Partners include Southern Bancorp, Southern Good Faith Fund; Phillips Community College-University of Arkansas, Small Business Incubator; the Phillips County Chamber of Commerce; Helena-West Helena Advertising and Promotions Commission; and Main Street Helena. Leveraging for this project is \$1.1 million.

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CALIFORNIA

The Karuk Tribe, through its Karuk Community Development Corporation (KCDC), in Happy Camp, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$392,266** to provide job training, small business assistance, and financial education to residents. KCDC will provide vocational and job training programs for 90 residents; credit, homeownership, and financial counseling for 60 residents; and entrepreneurship training for 60 residents or 10 new businesses. A computer center will allow residents to obtain GEDs, certificates, or Associate degrees via distance learning. KCDC will partner with Happy Camp School District and the Karuk Community Loan Fund. Leveraging for this project is \$114,191.

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Habitat for Humanity Lake County in Lower Lake, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to repair and renovate 30 homes as part of its Jobs-for-Homes Project. This project will hire local displaced workers and will train them in energy efficiency, sustainability, and home accessibility. The home repair and rehabilitation will both improve the health and safety of the occupants and ensure the home's long-term affordability. The Local Workforce Investment Board One Stop Career Center will assist in the training of the new hires. Leveraging for this project is \$170,000.

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CALIFORNIA (continued)

All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA) in Temecula, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to fund construction of four homes on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. This project is an important step in the plan to replace all of the 32 dilapidated modular homes inhabited by the majority of Tribal residents. The four new, stick-built, 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom homes will range from 1,200 to 1,300 square feet and will be of quality construction. Each home will meet Energy Star standards and meet or exceed mandatory items on the "Green Communities Criteria" set forth by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. AMIHA will partner with Santa Ynux Band of Chumash Indians. Leveraging for this project is \$373,732.

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The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians (LJBLI) in Pauma Valley, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to construct two new healthy design homes on the La Jolla Indian Reservation. LJBLI will partner with All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA) which is a tribally designated housing entity. Leveraging for this project is \$204,880.

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Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians in Hemet, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to fund construction of two new homes on the Santa Rosa Reservation. The two new, stick-built, 3-4 bedroom, two bathrooms homes will range from 1,600–2,000 square feet and will incorporate visibility features and healthy design. All homes will meet Energy Star standards and will be constructed to meet or exceed mandatory items on the "Green Communities Criteria." Partners for this project include AMERID Risk Management Corporation, The LaJolla Band of Luiseno Indians and Pit River Construction, Inc. Leveraging for this project is \$204,880.

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CALIFORNIA (continued)

The Cahuilla Band of Indians in Anza, California, will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to build two new affordable homes in partnership with All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA). The two stick-built, 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom homes will be of quality construction and incorporate climate resilient features. The homes will incorporate visitability features and healthy design. Each home will meet the seven principles of universal design identified by the Universal Design Alliance. All homes will meet Energy Star standards and will meet or exceed mandatory items on the "Green Communities Criteria" set forth by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Leveraging for this project is \$233,880.00.

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The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria in Loleta, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to develop infrastructure improvements on a 113-acre Tribal property in Singley Hill, Humboldt County, California. The infrastructure improvements include construction of roadways, walkways, dry utilities, storm water, wastewater, and water supply systems to support the multi-family housing element of the master-planned Tish Non development, a mixed-use residential, community, and commercial project. The anticipated full development at the Tish Non Village includes 66 single-family home sites, 12 multi-family units and a community center, recreation center, and assisted living center. Leveraging for this project is \$150,235.

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ILLINOIS

Youthbuild McLean County (YBMC, Inc.) in Normal, Illinois will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to address the need for safe, sustainable, affordable housing in the community of Carlock, Illinois. The plan includes developing a 57-acre, mixed-income subdivision through the "Self-Help" (sweat equity) method. Eight affordable, single-family homes will be constructed with Energy Star and LEED certification and three dilapidated homes will be deconstructed and rebuilt as safe, green affordable housing. Partners include USDA Rural Development. Leveraging for this project is \$284,000.

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KENTUCKY

The Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) in Somerset, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to spur job creation in Annville, Jackson County, Kentucky. SKED will make a third-party loan to Highlands Diversified Services (HDS) for equipment and working capital to expand into a new manufacturing facility. This will create specialized manufacturing jobs that will be filled by low-and-moderate income persons who have the required technical skills but are unemployed as a result of the closure of several companies due to offshore outsourcing. Jackson County is designated as a Distressed County by the Appalachian Regional Commission and is located in the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone. The Empowerment Zone will provide leveraging in the amount of \$600,000 which will be used for equipment, inventory, and working capital.

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Young Adult Development in Action, Inc. (YADA), d.b.a. YouthBuild Hazard in Louisville, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount **\$300,000** to support a 12-month, intensive job training and placement program for a minimum of 10 low-income, at-risk young people aged 18 to 24, youth who otherwise face slim job prospects and a likelihood of requiring on-going public assistance. Participants will improve educational credentials, learn and apply marketable green-building skills through affordable housing rehabilitation and construction, and obtain life-long leadership skills. The new affordable housing built will be energy efficient. The program will serve eligible low-and very-low income young people who live in Breathitt County. Partners include more than a dozen local, state and national partners. Funding will enable YouthBuild Hazard to build on the outcomes of previous RHED grants. Leveraging for this project is \$787,956.

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Purchase Area Housing Corporation in Mayfield, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to repair and construct affordable homes in Fulton County, Hickman County and the cities of Mayfield and Murray. The project will rehabilitate nine substandard, dilapidated homes that house low-income families and will train Area Technology Center students as part of this effort. The project will provide jobs for contractors, suppliers, and other workers in the Purchase Area. Partners include Area Technology Centers and the Kentucky Housing Corporation. Leveraging for this project is \$945,350.

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Housing Development Alliance, Inc. (HDA) in Hazard, Kentucky will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to build upon HDA's innovative homeownership program. The program will construct 25 homes that are at least 40 percent more energy efficient than a standard code home as documented by the HERS rating. The homes will have a 19 SEER heat pump; conditioned crawl spaces; Energy Star rated vent fans; a heat pump and water heater and will be air-sealed. Partners include the Federal Home Loan Bank, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, and local banks. Leveraging for this project is \$3,361,283

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LOUISIANA

Macon Ridge Community Development Corporation in Ferriday, Louisiana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to encourage retail growth and create construction jobs as part of the Louisiana Delta Rural Innovation Program. The program will construct ten new, single-family houses in the first 24 months and will stimulate entrepreneurship by utilizing disadvantaged start-up subcontractors. The program will also support a revolving loan fund and homebuyer education program to increase homeownership to low- and moderate-income families in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region. Fifty jobs will be created and retained through this program. Partners include the Louisiana Housing and Community Development Corporation and LISC. Leveraging for this project is \$1,415,100.

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LOUISIANA (continued)

The Pilgrim Rest Community Development Agency in Belle Chasse, Louisiana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to build a rental housing development for low-to-moderate income residents in Port Sulphur, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The development will be a triplex rental housing building that is environmentally friendly, energy efficient, promotes the use of green products, and adheres to the Enterprise Green Communities “Healthy Living Environment.” The project will create 10 construction jobs. Leveraging for this project is \$176,000.

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MICHIGAN

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC) in Baraga, Michigan will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to provide business support to Tribal member-owned small businesses through the capitalization of a low-interest revolving loan fund together with business and financial education. The project will service 18 businesses with an average loan of \$17,198 and the maximum loan amount of \$20,000. KBOHCDC will partner with the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority. Leveraging for this project is \$150,068.13.

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MINNESOTA

Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation (MMCDC) in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to provide business financing to a subsidiary limited liability company to redevelop an abandoned commercial facility for the production of biomass heating pellets, capitalizing on the area’s supply of wood and logging residue. Transportation and workforce support programs will link low-skilled tribal workers on the White Earth Indian Reservation to jobs in the biomass energy industry. MMCDC will work with the business and White Earth Tribal Employment and Training program to facilitate employment referrals and on-the-job training and support for new production and office jobs at the plant. MMCDC will work with White Earth Investment Initiative on implementing an IDA program for car ownership. Finally, MMCDC will research

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the market for biomass pellets and document this research in a market study to support long-term business stability and job growth and diversification. Leveraging for this project is \$303,000.

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MISSISSIPPI

The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) in Lexington, Mississippi will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$1,974,462** for the Empowering the Delta with a Growing Economy (EDGE) project. EDGE will partner with community, business and government agencies to implement a multifaceted approach that generates jobs and provides job training, housing counseling, housing and entrepreneurship. By the end of the third year, 100 consumers will participate in job training and mentoring, 10 consumers in business incubation and 100 consumers in life skills. In the area of housing, 100 consumers will receive housing counseling, 500 will receive fair housing information and 40 will receive information with regard to housing. CSLC will partner with Jackson State University, MS Delta Win Center, Bank Plus, Clark & Clark, PLLC, Mississippi Valley State University, KSBC Transportation, Holmes County USDA Service Center and Holmes County Board of Supervisors. Leveraging for this project is \$1,248,340.

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MONTANA

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Housing Authority (NCTHA) in Lame Deer, MT will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount **\$300,000** to rehabilitate 21 houses, bringing them up to NCTHA standards for safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. These efforts will result in a 10 percent reduction in substandard housing for the community. The project will create two jobs and provide on-the-job training. In addition to improving the safety and comfort of low-income tribal members, the rehabilitated homes will increase in value, allowing homeowners more flexibility to leverage equity. Leveraging for this project is \$465,904.

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MONTANA (continued)

The Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA) in Pablo, Montana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** for a homeownership assistance project on the Flathead Indian Reservation, home of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes. SKHA will purchase foreclosed properties that can then be re-sold at prices the program participants can afford. The project will also provide homebuyer education, credit counseling, financial assistance and affordable housing options. Leveraging for this project is \$205,471.

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Walking Shield, Inc. in Lake Forest, California will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** for an affordable housing and economic development project on the Rocky Boy Indian reservation in Montana. The innovative housing and community development project will locate and redirect surplus military houses on the Malmstrom Air Force Base to this underserved, rural American Indian community that has a shortage of affordable housing. This project also includes infrastructure improvements and healthcare activities. The project will result in the relocation of 75 homes, the creation of 15 new jobs, the construction of 3 miles of roads and healthcare support for approximately 1,500 individuals. Walking Shield will partner with the Chippewa Cree Housing Authority and Malmstrom Air Force Base. Leveraging for this project is approximately \$6,750,000.

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Chippewa Cree Tribe in Box Elder, Montana will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$2,000,000** to construct a water storage and delivery system which will provide potable water and fire suppression to the community (justice center, health clinic and approximately 200 homes). This project will result in the creation of 21 jobs. Leveraging for this project is \$1,349,944.

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NEW MEXICO

Northern Pueblos Housing Authority (NPHA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount **\$300,000** to reduce the dilapidated housing conditions and overcrowding on Picuris Pueblo by rehabilitating four homes. The rehabilitation of the historic adobe homes will include accessibility improvements, universal design features, and will meet New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's Green Building standards. NPHA will also address the high rate of poverty and lack of high-paying employment through job training programs that will be implemented with the assistance of regional entities. In addition to construction job opportunities made available during the home rehabilitation, NPHA will mentor two Tribal members in project and construction management. NPHA will work with the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative to improve access to behavioral and health services for tribal members. Leveraging for this project is \$160,644.

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The San Felipe Pueblo Housing Authority (SFPHA) in San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$1,660,000** to build 12 affordable units of housing while creating 30 jobs. The project will increase the quality of life for over 115 Tribal members living in substandard conditions. Partners include the Pueblo of San Felipe tribal council, the Tribal Administration, Pueblo of San Felipe Public Improvement Authority and the SFPHA Board of Commissioners and Tribal Departments. Leveraging for this project is \$9 million.

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Taos Pueblo in Taos, New Mexico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount **\$799,997**. The Taos Pueblo Preservation Project (TPPP) will start a nine-year mission to rehabilitate 320 housing units. Within the spectrum of the Rural Innovation Funding, the Taos Pueblo will rehabilitate 52 traditional multi-use spaces in the Old Village that will be used as housing, retail space, and traditional cultural activities. These efforts will also provide education and training for tribe members and facilitate branding and marketing of Pueblo products. Partners for the project include several public and private entities, Taos Pueblo War Chief's Office, Taos Pueblo Cultural Preservation Office, Red Willows Community Grown Cooperative, and the New Mexico Small Business Development Center. Leveraging for this project is \$625,104.

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OKLAHOMA

The Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc. (LDCAA), in Hugo, Oklahoma will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount **\$300,000** to improve housing and existing economic conditions. LDCAA will complete a needs assessment in the areas of housing and employment to generate action plans relative to the needs identified. Activities will include credit and housing counseling, small business training, job-skills training, job fairs, links to available resources, computer skills training, and education. Staff will coordinate with area employers, representatives of the educational community, and other resource providers to schedule and provide trainings, seminars, and workshops. This project will serve 130 participants. Leveraging for this project is \$163,200.

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The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in Durant, Oklahoma will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$776,294** to initiate the Choctaw Native American Business Resource (NABR) Project, which will provide culturally relevant economic development services that support Native American business development, job creation, and ongoing entrepreneur activities. The applicant will partner with Eastern Oklahoma State College (EOSC) and Rural Enterprises Inc. (REI). EOSC will assist with the outreach and infrastructure necessary to implement the project and will also provide educational activities. REI will ensure collaboration with the Native American Small Business Center, provide access for Choctaw NABR participants to a \$500,000 revolving loan fund it operates, and provide small business resources and educational activities. Leveraging for this project is \$670,976.

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The Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma (HASNOK) in Wewoka, Oklahoma will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to provide energy-efficient upgrades in an affordable rental housing development under construction in the tribal community in Seminole County, Oklahoma. HASNOK is building 25 single-family homes that will be models for sustainable, healthy, and energy efficient design. All of the newly-constructed homes will have cost-saving energy efficient upgrades including Energy Star lighting, appliances, windows and doors, water heaters, and heating and cooling

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PUERTO RICO

Instituto para el Desarrollo Socioeconómico y de Vivienda de Puerto Rico, Inc. (INDESOVI) in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose Grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to build a mixed-use development in the Municipality of Coamo. The project includes construction of eight affordable rental units with ground floor commercial space. The rental units will be occupied by low-income families. The project will be energy efficient and incorporate Green and Healthy Design and will also provide an estimated 4 permanent jobs and 10 construction jobs. The Municipality of Coamo is partnering with INDESOVI and will donate the land for the project as well as contributing to the initial planning. Leverage for this project is \$94,763.

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PUERTO RICO (continued)

PathStone Corporation in Rochester, New York will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$2,000,000** for a project in the Castañer Region of the Cordillera Central on the western portion of Puerto Rico. The project will provide training and employment services for workers, training and resources for growers, and financial and technical assistance for microenterprise and small business development. PathStone will work with local organizations around the agro-tourism industry and promote the creation of affordable housing. Partners include Pontifical Catholic University Puerto Rico, Enterprise Community Partners, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Neighbor Works America, National Council of LaRaza and Popular Mortgage. Leveraging for this project is \$1,589,759.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

The Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial, Inc. in Pine Ridge, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Grant Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to prepare residents for first-time homeownership and to replenish loan funds to meet increased demand. A full-time homeownership counselor will provide group training and one-on-one counseling to potential homebuyers and applicants. The goals for this project are to have 64 families that complete homebuyer training and/or individual homeownership counseling; 10 families that receive a fixed-rate mortgage to purchase their first home; and 5 families that make energy efficient upgrades to their new home at the time of purchase. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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The Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing in Pine Ridge, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Comprehensive grant in the amount of **\$2,000,000** to design and build 16 affordable rental and owner-occupied houses on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. The project aims to assist tenants with lower costs by building energy-efficient, low-maintenance, secure homes that use the latest technology. The organization will train workers and contractors as Energy Auditors and Weatherization Installers as well as giving them an introduction to green building methods. Partners include Thunder Valley CDC Sustainable Communities Project, Indian Health Service, OST Rural Water System, Oglala Lakota College, Bureau of Indian Affairs, OST Partnership for Housing, Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, The Lakota Fund, and Native Workplace/CleanEdision. Leveraging for this project is \$1,000,000.

SOUTH DAKOTA (continued)

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The Four Bands Community Fund, Inc. in Eagle Butte, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to implement a Native American Green Business Development program for underserved Native entrepreneurs. Project activities include a microloan fund to help 20 businesses become “green,” diversify into green products or services, and start new green businesses; business sustainability estimates and action plans for loan recipients; energy audits; educational workshops on green business and energy efficiency; business assistance grants for post-loan business management assistance and to subsidize technology costs; and a feasibility study for a green business incubator. The project will be located on the Cheyenne River Reservation in rural north-central South Dakota. Leveraging for this project is \$205,000.

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The Lakota Fund, Inc. in Kyle, South Dakota will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to address housing and poverty issues for the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The project will accelerate job creation, increase employment and income, and promote healthy living conditions to facilitate a positive cycle toward self-sufficiency for families. Activities include small business workshops and loans, workforce development training, financial education and tax preparation assistance, and other support services. Partners include the Lakota County Times, KILI, Oglala Lakota College, Consumer Credit Counseling, OST Partnership for Housing, Lakota Express, Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial Inc, Security First Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and Attorney David Frankel. Leveraging for this project is \$143,720.

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TEXAS

Motivation Education & Training in New Caney, Texas will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount **\$300,000** to support the Rositas Colonias Farmworker Housing Rehabilitation and Training Project. The project will renovate or replace 10 homes in Maverick County that are owned and occupied by low-income farmworkers and located in disinvested colonias. The project will use green construction techniques and individuals may be able to replace units with energy-efficient manufactured homes. Thirty farmworkers will be trained in construction skills. Partners include Southwest Texas Junior College and the National Farmworker Jobs Program. Leveraging for this project is \$153,000.

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VIRGINIA

The National Council on Agriculture Life & Labor Research Fund (NCALL) in Dover, Delaware will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to facilitate development of apartment units and homes for first-time homebuyers in Accomack and Northampton Counties on Virginia's Eastern Shore. The project will support the continuation of the area's first homeownership education program, which provides pre-purchase, financial literacy, and foreclosure prevention services. This unique approach to both the supply and demand side of affordable housing in this designated "difficult to develop" area will yield practical solutions, project momentum, and provide a successful transition through pre-development, financing, construction, and sales or rent-up. NCALL will partner with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) and their Housing Alliance and Housing Authority. Leveraging for this project is \$550,000.

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WASHINGTON

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Nespelem, Washington will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$799,750** to support the creation of a new woody biomass business entity that will harvest woody biomass and deliver it to local cogeneration facilities where it will be converted into electricity. The new business will add 16 new jobs and expand business opportunities for several contractors. Funds will be used to purchase the heavy equipment needed for turning woody biomass – waste from logging, orchards and mills – into fuel for power generation. The new business will be developed under the guidance of the CCT Energy Department as a for-profit business called *Fuel Enterprises*. Leveraging for this project is \$2,300,000.

WASHINGTON (continued)

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The Kalispel Tribe of Indians in Usk, Washington will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$240,970** to construct a nursery to cultivate native plants, including over 3,000 trees from locally sourced plant stock. The project will also restore lost habitat on the reservation, fund wetland restoration efforts, and link these efforts with the initiation/development of a forestry apprenticeship. Partners include KNRD, EPA, BPA, and KCTC, as well as in-kind funds for land acreage. Leveraging for this project is \$128,456.

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WISCONSIN

The Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Hayward, Wisconsin will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Indian Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of **\$789,063** to enhance the tourism-based economy by creating a visitor's center, museum, and gift shop located in former Kinnamon School, which will be renovated. The visitor's center will promote tribal businesses and will provide a venue for the work of local crafts and tradespersons. Partners include Sawyer County Historian Andrea Wittwer, Tribal Spiritual Leader and Historic Preservation Officer Jerry Smith, Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Arts & Crafts Assoc. Director Cathy Begay, Tribal Governing Board and Tribal Attorney, Paul Shagan, LC Dev Corp, NW Regional Planning Commission, and A&E Consulting Firm. Leveraging for this project is \$394,908.

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WISCONSIN (continued)

The Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency in Tomah, Wisconsin will receive a Rural Innovation Fund Single Purpose grant in the amount of **\$300,000** to rehab 21 homes in the 40-year old Indian Mission community, located in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. As part of the Indian Mission Green Rehabilitation project, 21 homes will receive a geothermal heat-pump system and new basement insulation. The green retrofitting will increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs by 63 percent. Leveraging for this project is \$150,000.

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