

# TRIBAL REPORT



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

FIVE YEAR REPORT (2011-2015)

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# San Carlos Apache Tribe gets \$500,000 boost to re-lending program

In FY2015 the San Carlos Apache Tribe received an additional \$500,000 for their re-lending program through a Rural Business Development Grant. The Tribe will use the funding to relend to small and emerging businesses in the community.

The funds are used to invest in new business start ups in an area where access to capital can often be hard to find. A very small amount is charged for the use of the funds, which can then fund additional businesses.

During the Obama Administration, USDA Rural Development has funded a fiber network



## North Leupp Family Farm awarded two grants

North Leupp Family Farm outside of Flagstaff was awarded a \$26,268 Value-Added Producer Grant to study the feasibility of milling blue corn-meal. They were also successful in securing a \$174,946 Socially Disadvantaged Group Grant for technical assistance.



The Farm raised over \$13,134 in matching funds for the project. Stacy Jensen, Chairman of the Board of North Leupp Family Farm, was raised in the area. The Grand Canyon Trust assisted the Farm in applying for the

USDA RD funding.

## Tohono O'odham continue modular bathroom project

In a multi-year on-going project, USDA RD has funded another 50 modular bathrooms on this remote reservation in southern Arizona. The bathrooms offer sanitary, climate controlled bathroom facilities for Tribal members who have not been able before now to forego the outhouses and enjoy a modern bathroom with shower/tub.

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## Small Rural Development loan/grant combo gets home lights burning for elderly couple in remote corner of Navajo Nation

Betty and Kee Acothley live miles off the beaten track in the former Bennett Freeze area on the Navajo Nation.

Kee once tended thousands of head of sheep at the remote sheep camp he and his wife Betty call home. Now, at 80, he keeps only around 70 head. He and Betty, 79, follow the sheep on foot every day, returning to their modest home before dusk.



The Acothley still have to regularly make the one-hour drive along rough roads to fill their water tank...then the hour drive back to empty the water into their cistern...a rugged life for folks well into their golden years.

The “freeze” was imposed by U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Bennett in 1966 as a way to settle a land dispute between the Navajo and Hopi people. It prohibited all development in the 700,000 acres of disputed land in the region. About 8,000 Navajos living in the area were prevented from building new homes, improving roads and infrastructure or making any improvements on their existing homes.



Although the tribes reached a settlement agreement in 2006, the “freeze” was not officially removed from the books until legislation, sponsored by Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, was passed and then signed by President Obama in 2009.

The Acothley home started out as more of a shed than a house. Over the years they had added to the structure and made improvements. That was before the freeze. After 1966 they were not able to do any repairs or upgrades. Forty plus years in a harsh climate with no repairs took a toll on all of the homes within the Bennett Freeze area, including the Acothley's. A Bureau of Indian Affairs study from that time found that over 75% of the homes in the area were unfit for habitation.

# 2011-2015 Tribal Communities Projects

|                                    |   |               |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Yavapai-Apache Nation              | Business assessment for a vineyard                | \$57,000      |
| San Carlos Tribe                   | Revolving loan & T/A, RBDG                        | \$500,000     |
| North Leupp Family Farms           | Socially Disadvantaged Group Grant—T/A            | \$174,946     |
| North Leupp Family Farms           | Value-Added Producer Grant—Blue cornmeal planning | \$26,268      |
| San Xavier Co-op Association       | Value-Added Producer Grant—Heritage wheat flour   | \$249,326     |
| Tohono O'odham Utility Authority   | 306C—Modular bathrooms                            | \$280,000     |
| Tohono O'odham Utility Authority   | Water/Wastewater Grant—Modular bathrooms          | \$15,000      |
| Cibecue Community Educ. Board      | Feasibility Study/Biz Incub. RBEG Grant           | \$50,000      |
| San Carlos Apache Tribe            | New water/sewer system, N/A 306c Grant            | \$4,054,660   |
| Northern Arizona University        | Tribal Solid Waste Educ. WEP T/A Grant            | \$157,718     |
| InterTribal Council of Arizona     | Operator cert. program, WEP T/A Grant             | \$400,000     |
| Tohono O'odham Community College   | Water tower/line, N/A CF Grant                    | \$215,000     |
| Dine' College                      | Well/irrigation system, N/A CF Grant              | \$215,000     |
| San Carlos Apache Tribe            | New water/sewer system, WEP Loan                  | \$2,768,000   |
| San Xavier Co-op                   | Planning, Value-Added Producer Grant              | \$52,206      |
| N. AZ Tech & Business Inc.         | N/A network/biz incubator, RBEG Grant             | \$96,594      |
| Red Feather Development Corp.      | T/A for Solar Training, RBEG Grant                | \$33,520      |
| Sipaulovi Development Corp.        | Store/gas station plans, RBEG Grant               | \$199,500     |
| San Carlos Apache Tribe            | Construct office bldg, CF Grants/Loan             | \$426,960     |
| Navajo Tribal Utility Authority    | Wastewater upgrade, WEP Loan & Grants             | \$7,375,855   |
| White Mtn. Apache Tribe            | Upgrade/Outreach/Solid Waste Grant                | \$121,038     |
| Cibecue Comm. Education Board      | Bookmobile, CF Grant                              | \$50,000      |
| Lone Butte Trade Center            | Build store/gas station, B&I Guar. Loan           | \$3,500,000   |
| The Barking Dog                    | Build Pet Facility; B&I Guar. Loan                | \$3,149,100   |
| Grand Canyon Trust                 | T/A for N/A Virtual Incubator, RBEG Grant         | \$99,690      |
| Steamboat Chapter                  | T/A and planning, RBEG Grant                      | \$77,297      |
| Yavapai-Apache Nation              | T/A and planning, RBEG Grant                      | \$50,000      |
| Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D | T/A and training, RBEG Grant                      | \$50,000      |
| San Carlos Apache Tribe            | Build Tribal Admin. Bldg., CF Loan                | \$7,754,073   |
| Dine College                       | Renovate campus cafeteria, CF N/A Grant           | \$125,549     |
| Navajo Tribal Utility Authority    | Sebsequent for WEP system, WEP Loan               | \$859,000     |
| Tohono O'odham Utility Authority   | 50 Modular bathrooms, 306c Grant                  | \$500,000     |
| InterTribal Council of Arizona     | Tribal Operator Cert., WEP T/A Grant              | \$500,002     |
| Navajo Tribal Utility Authority    | Electric Loan                                     | \$167,000,000 |
| Dine' College                      | N/A CF Grant                                      | \$143,302     |
| Tohono O'odham Community Coll.     | Faculty bldg. N/A CF Grant                        | \$145,302     |
| Steamboat Chapter                  | T/A, RBEG Grant                                   | \$80,000      |
| City of Maricopa                   | Revolving Loan for Ak-Chin RBEG                   | \$92,500      |
| San Xavier Co-op                   | T/A & Marketing, SSD Producer Grant               | \$188,129     |
| North Leupp Family Farms           | Planning, Value-Added Producer Grant              | \$26,268      |
| HOUSING (2010-2015)                | Loans, grants, repair                             | \$6,775,706   |

**TOTAL**

**\$208,634,509**