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TOHONO O'ODHAM KI:KI ASSOCIATION AWARDED \$2.75 MILLION INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

SELLS, Ariz. – The Tohono O'odham Nation is very pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$2.75 million Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association (TOKA).

The \$2.75 million in grant funds, together with \$850,000 in TOKA matching funds amounts to a grand total of \$3.6 million to be utilized for the replacement and rebuilding of vacant and abandoned homes throughout the Nation.

The Tohono O'odham Nation has not received an ICDBG award since 1997. This will be the first award granted to TOKA. Given that the Nation's annual HUD allocation is \$4.9 million, the ICDBG award is significant accomplishment in the ongoing mission of providing affordable housing to the Nation's members.

Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. said *“This award represents a major step forward in addressing the significant housing needs of the O'odham. It was achieved through the hard work and dedication of a great many, including the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council, the TOKA Board and staff, and others.”*

“The TOKA Board is very excited to be awarded ICDBG and look forward to pursuing more opportunities to fund housing for the Nation,” said Mildred Manuel, Chairwoman of the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association Board of Directors.

“The ICDBG award is another sign of the positive changes we've undertaken at TOKA to aggressively pursue our mission of providing affordable housing for our Nation's members,” said Pete Delgado, Executive Director of TOKA.

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