

CHAPTER 3 – INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND

XX-301 GENERAL

The Tribal Council may annually appropriate such funds for the Infrastructure Development Fund and its purposes as it deems necessary to meet the needs of the reservation. Of the initial JTAC interest payment received in the fall of 2011, a certain percentage will be allocated toward the Infrastructure Development Fund based upon the amount of total JTAC funds received, the infrastructure development-related funding requests received for this Fund, and with input from the JTAC Director and the JTAC Committee. Thereafter, a portion of the annual JTAC interest payment will be allocated toward the Infrastructure Development Fund based upon the amount of total JTAC funds received that year, the infrastructure development-related funding requests received, and with input from the JTAC Director and the JTAC Committee.

The Infrastructure Development Fund seeks to provide capital for any projects or programs that improve tribal members' access to essential services such as roads, buildings, potable water, electricity, heat, telephone, sewer, police and fire protection or other public safety measures, court services, and land acquisition. The Fund can also be used for anything that allows the tribal government or tribal communities to function and meet the needs of their members, i.e., physical and technological improvements.

Entities eligible to receive funding under the Infrastructure Development Fund fall into one of two categories:

- 1.) Any Tribal department or program that provides essential governmental services to members of the Tribe.
- 2.) Any of the twenty Tribal Communities on the Reservation.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For proposals received from Tribal Communities, below are some prerequisites that must be in place before funding can be awarded:

- 1.) Communities must have a comprehensive planning document that establishes a vision for the community with goals and objectives.
- 2.) Communities must assess their natural and human resources.
- 3.) Communities must develop a strategic development plan.
- 4.) Communities must provide documentation that the planning and resulting strategy is approved by the community or district membership.

Technical assistance is available from the JTAC Office pursuant to Section 110 of this Ordinance to Tribal Communities to develop their proposals and to address the prerequisites required in order for them to access Infrastructure Development funds.

XX-302 ACCEPTABLE USES

The Infrastructure Development Fund shall provide funding for the following types of infrastructural improvement activities. This list is not exclusive – it is meant to offer examples of types of projects that may be eligible for funds from the Infrastructure Development Fund.

- Road construction and/or maintenance;
- Land purchases and leases;
- Fundamental facilities;
- Projects or services that improve tribal members' access to essential services such as potable water, electricity or other energy sources, police and fire protection, court services, telephone and other electronic-based communications, sewer systems, and waste removal;
- Recycling facilities, green-alternatives to wastewater management;

Projects or services that allow a tribal government to function and meet the needs of its members, i.e., physical, legal, financial, social, and technological improvements.

XX-303 ACCESSING THE FUND

Entities interested in applying for funding from this Fund should apply in the manner described in Section XX-108 of this Ordinance. All applications are subject to the limitations contained therein, as well as the limitations described in Section XX-109 of this Ordinance.

Any entity that has received JTAC funding in any previous cycle and has not executed their respective award agreements are not eligible for future JTAC funding.