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Announcing the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program for Tribal Communities

—USDA Funded Program to Support Tribal Communities—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program for Tribal Communities, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This program aims to to increase investment in community facilities infrastructure by providing direct technical assistance and financing resources to tribal communities across the country.

"CDFA is grateful to the USDA for funding the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program for Tribal Communities," said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. "We look forward to working with the USDA and with tribal communities to help as many as possible utilize the Community Facilities Program to restore and invest in their infrastructure."

The CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program for Tribal Communities will bring together CDFA's development finance network and expertise with strategic support from private sector partners to provide technical assistance for developing community facilities infrastructure in tribal communities. This program will also include resources accessible to every tribal community, including a Tribal Finance Resource Center, Tribal Financing Webinar Series, and Tribal Communities Project Marketplace.

Selected communities will receive technical assistance from a dedicated team of development finance experts with experience in tribal financing and the economic challenges confronting that community. Each community will receive one on-site visit to discuss how the USDA Community Facilities Program can be used to finance a specific project, a roadmap outlining recommendations and potential next steps, and ongoing support to apply for the USDA's Community Facilities Program.

Tribal communities will be selected primarily for programmatic reasons. Level of need is key and applicants will receive special consideration if the community has a population of less than 2,500 and a Median Household Income (MHI) of 60% or less of the surrounding area. The program will achieve this scope by leveraging the existing footprint of CDFA.

CDFA maintains a list of Tribal Governments for this program, and Tribal communities are encouraged to contact CDFA to determine eligibility.

For more information about the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program for Tribal Communities, visit the <u>CDFA website</u>.

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