

# PUEBLO OF JEMEZ HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act (Public Law 117-2), was signed into law. The ARP Act provides \$280,000,000 in Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety.

The ICDBG Imminent Threat funds must be used in accordance with the applicable requirements of the ARP Act, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA), as amended (42 U.S.C 5103 et seq.), and the ICDBG implementing regulations at 24 CFR § 1003. In addition, Congress authorized the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to waive or specify alternative requirements for any statute or regulation that it administers to expedite or facilitate the use of ICDBG-ARP grant funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Pursuant to Section 24 CFR § 1003.604 ICDBG recipients must meet citizen participation requirements. HUD has waived 24 CFR § 1003.604(a)(2), 24 CFR § 1003.604(b), and 24 CFR § 1003.305(c)(3), and will not require Indian tribes to hold one or more meetings to obtain the views of residents before applying for ICDBG-ARP or certify the 24 CFR § 1003.604(a) prior to submission of the grant. However, the Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) is required to post information about our plans to use the ICDBG ARP funds. Under the current COVID-19 procedures, POJHA will not host in-person public meetings due to social distancing and limiting public gatherings. POJHA will afford citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties an opportunity to examine and comment on our proposed project.

POJHA is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for the Pueblo of Jemez and is an eligible organization who may apply for the ICDBG ARP funds. The Pueblo of Jemez is eligible for a grant not to exceed the HUD determined ceiling of \$1,035,000.

Pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR §1003, POJHA hereby issues the following plan to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 and encourage citizens to participate in the development of the POJHA application for the ICDBG ARP Act.

POJHA is proposing a new, three-unit (3-unit), construction project at the Pueblo Place Subdivision to help our community respond to the overcrowding conditions presented within the Pueblo of Jemez during this pandemic. The lack of affordable housing has resulted in community members living in overcrowded conditions which makes social distancing, protecting our elders, and caring for our vulnerable population impossible. The immediate need to address this situation has been amplified by the pandemic, therefore, with this proposed project, it will allow us to respond to the spread of COVID-19 in our community by addressing the overcrowded conditions within our community.

As we recover from the pandemic, the POJHA will convert these homes to rental units for our community members. Applicants are encouraged to apply for our Rental Program. All eligible applicants will be placed on our Waiting List.

### COMMENT PERIOD – AUGUST 10, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 27, 2021

POJHA will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, by email to [pojha@pojha.org](mailto:pojha@pojha.org). A summary of these comments or views shall be kept on record at the POJHA office.