American Rescue Plan Act - Funding and Project Updates

As of June 2022

Boozhoo!

The first year of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is just wrapping up. To date, the Tribe has received funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds totaling $43,401,981, BIA Aid to Tribal Government $3,434,686, and several other ARPA related allocations. Tribal leadership and staff have been implementing approved projects and continuing to plan for the outstanding balances. The following are some approved projects and progress in the last year:

ARPA – U.S. Treasury

- **$5,017,800** of ARPA and CARES Act funds were successfully distributed to tribal members through the General Assistance Program, equating to 66% of the total tribal membership.
- **$2,500,000** has been approved for a new Multi-purpose Round House/Cultural Center. The project is now in the design phase with anticipated construction starting later this year.
- **$300,000** has been approved to support Ojibwemowin Language Revitalization efforts, supporting the long-term goal of achieving increased fluency in traditional language across the Reservation. Keller Paap has been brought on as a consultant to support Red Cliff’s efforts, along with other grants/programs.
- **$165,000** has been approved to support cultural events and camps for the community.
- **$1,000,000** has been approved to repatriate 854 acres of forest and non-forestry parcels from Bayfield County.
- **$182,000** has been approved for additional land purchases.
- **$12,600,000** has been approved for new housing development to support the construction of up to 46 new affordable homes and apartments at Red Cliff.
- **$1,500,000** has been approved for infrastructure at the Cultural Grounds area.
- **$200,000** has been approved to support ongoing homelessness resources.
- **$125,000** in additional resources and personnel has been approved for Elder care services.
- **$210,000** has been approved to upgrade the tribe’s aging IT server infrastructure.
- **$31,645** has been approved for emergency rescue equipment at the Red Cliff Fire Department.
- **$4,236,307** has been approved to provide Premium Pay to Legendary Waters, Housing Authority, Buffalo Bay Store and Tribal employees.
- **$60,000** has been approved to conduct the feasibility of a potential Wellness Center project.
- **$250,000** has been approved for landscaping, parking lot and awning construction for the Fish Company.

The Red Cliff Tribal Council will continue to assess the community feedback to direct the projects to best serve the community for the immediate and long term interests. Please direct any questions to RCARP@redcliff-nsn.gov.