DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4183–N–03]

Announcement of Funding Awards; Indian HOME Program for Indian Applicants Fiscal Year 1997

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for Fiscal Year 1997 for the Indian HOME Program for Indian applicants. The purpose of this Notice is to publish the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards made available by HUD to provide assistance to the Indian applicants under the HOME Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Bullough, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 4126, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone (202) 401–7914 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian HOME Program funding for Fiscal Year 1997 is authorized by the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (the HOME Act) signed into law on November 28, 1990 (Pub. L. 101–625). The HOME Act was amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–550, approved October 28, 1992) and the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 102–233, approved April 11, 1994).

This Notice announces FY 1997 funding of $20,001,378 to be used to assist in the funding to Indian tribes to expand the supply of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income persons. The FY 1997 awards announced in this Notice were selected for funding consistent with the provisions in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 1997 (62 FR 17992).

The Indian HOME Program for Indian Applicants is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance as number 14.239.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is hereby publishing the names, addresses, and amounts of those awards as shown in Appendix A.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

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General Deputy, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Appendix A

HOME SET-ASIDE FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKAN NATIVE VILLAGES; RECIPIENTS OF FUNDING DECISIONS

[Fiscal Year 1997]

Funding recipient (name and address)	Amount approved
Eastern/Woodlands ONAP	
Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Hwy 1, P.O. Box 219, Red Lake, MN 56671	398,040
Ho-Chunk Nation, P.O. Box 667, Black Falls, WI 54615–0667	661,500
Poach Band of Creek, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502–6502	103,533
Menomine Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 910, Keshena, WI 54135	100,000
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54135	324,677
Southern Plains ONAP	
Chickasaw Nation, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821	1,096,778
Citizen Potawatomi Nation, 1901 South Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801	1,281,350
Osage Nation of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 53, Pawhuska, OK 74056	391,542
Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 1498, Wewoka, OK 74884	325,000
Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 250, Wyandotte, OK 74370	903,480
Northern Plains ONAP	
Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, Fort Totten, SD 58335	1,000,000
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, P.O. Box 187, Lower Brule, SD 57548	571,524
Oglala Sioux Tribe, P.O. Box H, Pine Ridge, SD 57770	510,466
Northern Arapho, P.O. Box 396, Fort Washakie, WY 82514	145,081
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, P.O. Box 900, Belcourt, ND 58316	97,000
Yankton Sioux Tribe, P.O. Box 248, Marty, SD 57361	425,961
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, P.O. Box 590, Eagle Butte, SD 57625	345,000
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck, P.O. Box 1027, Poplar, MT 59255	229,418
Southwest ONAP	
Jicarilla Apache Tribe, P.O. Box 507, Dulce, NM 87528	500,000
San Carlos Apache Tribe, P.O. Box 0, San Carlos, AZ 85550	500,000
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, P.O. Box 17579, Ysleta Station El Paso, TX 79917	1,339,119
Colorado River Indian Tribes, Rt. 1, Box 23-B, Parker, AZ 85344	123,000
Karuk Tribe of California, P.O. Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039	541,489
Mechoopda Tribe of Chico Rancheria, 1907-F Mangrove Ave., Chico, CA 95926–2392	1,426,799

HOME SET-ASIDE FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKAN NATIVE VILLAGES; RECIPIENTS OF FUNDING DECISIONS—Continued

[Fiscal Year 1997]

Funding recipient (name and address)	Amount approved
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, P.O. Box 457, McDermitt, NV 89421	1,180,200
Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, Bin ''G'', Somerton, AZ 85350	1,250,550
Zuni Tribe of New Mexico, P.O. Box 339, Zuni, NM 87327	968,980
Redding Rancheria, 2000 Rancheria Road, Redding, CA 96001	625,441
Northwest ONAP	
Coeur d'Alene Tribe, P.O. Box 197, Plummer, ID 83851	600,000
Shoshone Bannock Tribe of Fort Hall, P.O. Box 306, Fort Hall, ID 83203	360,000
Alaska ONAP	
Cook Inlet Tribal Council, P.O. Box 93330, Archorage, AK 99509	500,000
Orutsararmiut Native Council, P.O. Box 927, Bethel, AK 99559	1,175,450

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for the Arroyo Southwestern Toad for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a draft Recovery Plan for the Arroyo Southwestern Toad. This toad occurs in coastal montane regions from Monterey County, California, to Baja California.

DATE: Comments received on the draft recovery plan by August 4, 1998, will be considered by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003 (phone: 805/644–1766); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008 (phone: 760/431–9440). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor, at the above Ventura address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Grace S. McLaughlin, Herpetologist, at the Ventura address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plans. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plans, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

This species is listed as endangered. As of 1994, the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*) (referred to as arroyo toad) was known from 22 river basins with a total estimated breeding population of fewer than 3,000 individuals. The arroyo toad is endemic to primarily the coastal plain and mountains of central and southern California and northwestern Baja California. These toads breed in stream channels and use stream terraces and surrounding uplands for foraging and wintering. Direct habitat loss due to urbanization, agriculture, and dam construction is the main cause for the decline of arroyo toads. Other threats include water diversions, road building, livestock grazing, mining, recreational activities, loss of habitat due to exotic plants, and predation by introduced species. Although the species evolved and has survived in an environment periodically impacted by fire, flood, and drought, the interactions of such natural events with human alterations of the habitat may lead to the extirpation of local populations.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the arroyo toad so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. The recovery strategy for the arroyo toad is focused on providing sufficient breeding and upland habitat to maintain self-sustaining populations of arroyo toads throughout the historic range of the species in California, and minimizing or eliminating impacts and threats to arroyo toad populations. This plan describes a five-part recovery strategy with specific tasks necessary to maintain healthy aquatic, riparian and adjacent upland ecosystems that provide habitat for arroyo toads. The tasks, when implemented, will stabilize and maintain populations throughout the range of the arroyo toad in California by protecting sufficient breeding and nonbreeding habitat, monitor the status of existing populations to ensure