

# NHBP Awarded \$600,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant

*Pine Creek Health Center Expansion Project the Focus of New Grant Award*

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During the initial design of the Pine Creek Health Center in 2006, the Tribe realized the programming need would need approximately 9000 square feet of clinic and office space. Revenue at that time only allowed for 6000 square feet that resulted in a quality health center equipped with three (3) exam rooms, business office space, demonstration kitchen, fitness room, and other support office space. Future expansion space was set-aside and planned for when the revenue became available. The Tribe applied for and received a FY 2010 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in the amount of \$598,500 through the Housing and Urban Development. This grant will allow the Tribe to perform the necessary expansion of the Pine Creek Health Center to allow additional healthcare services and redesign of existing space.

**Next Up: Construction of five (5) homes** Phase V of affordable housing construction will include 2 three-bedroom units and 3 two-bedroom units and will continue the same commitment to green building using the framework of LEED. LEED is an acronym that stands for **L**eadership in **E**nergy and **E**nvironmental **D**esign and is a certification process administered by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). This is a process in which the Tribe selects building and design criteria for the homes that will provide highly energy efficient homes. For example, none of the homes will be heated/cooled by propane but instead by geothermal systems. This means no propane costs for heating and cooling the homes. All of the LEED requirements are assigned point values and at the end of the Project, the number of points will determine the certification level we will achieve. This Project is seeking a Silver Certification Level.

As with the previous Phase of home construction (Phase IV), this Project will utilize job bank members by implementing a job training program in the housing construction trade. Five (5) members of the job bank will be selected, and screened to be part of this construction project which will last approximately 5 – 6 months beginning in January 2011. Homes are being constructed by Rivertown Homes by Design.

[Dan to provide rendering of home]