

There are a variety of reasons for the lack of affordable housing and viable communities on tribal land. ADOH will continuously strive to resolve this issue through accountability, integrity, ethical behavior, high standards, and respect for others in working with tribal governments.

Findings

ADOH acknowledges the unique relationship between the state government and Indian tribes of Arizona. Dealings between ADOH and the Indian tribes of Arizona shall be consistent with the principles of tribal sovereignty as described by federal law.

ADOH supports the strengthening of tribal capacity that will make way for affordable housing opportunity.

ADOH is committed to developing cooperative relationships with Tribes in order to lessen the gap of affordable housing in Indian Country for tribal members.

ADOH recognizes and commits to a government-to-government relationship with Federally-recognized tribes.

ADOH recognizes tribes as the appropriate non-federal parties for making their policy decisions and managing programs at the local level for their constituents.

Policies

1. ADOH shall maintain the Tribal Liaison position to help build rapport with tribes and maintain open lines of communication with tribal entities and the Department.
2. ADOH will proactively invite tribal governments and housing entities to training programs when and where appropriate.
3. ADOH will solicit tribal officials and leaders for participation on boards, commissions, and working groups that will either directly or indirectly affect tribal nations, and so that there will be equitable representation from tribes.
4. ADOH shall be guided by the aforementioned principles in its planning and management activities, including its budget, operating guidance, legislative initiatives, management accountability system and ongoing policy and regulation development processes for all programs affecting tribes.
5. ADOH shall take appropriate steps to address existing programmatic impediments to working directly and effectively with tribes on housing and community development programs administered by ADOH.
6. ADOH shall work with other federal departments, state agencies and non-governmental entities to enlist their interest and support in cooperative efforts to assist tribes to accomplish their goals within the context of all ADOH programs.

Implementation

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the ADOH Director, Deputy Director(s), Division Administrators, and all ADOH staff.

Approved by:

Arizona Department of Housing

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Director

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