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INTERIM INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING

Updates: STCA Reports, Tribal Infrastructure Fund TIF

September 30, 2021

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INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. State Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA) Department Reports
2. FY 2021 Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF)



State Tribal Collaboration Act §11-18-1 to §11-18-5 NMSA 1978

- Section 11-8-4 Annual Reports
 - To date all departments have submitted reports
- July 31 Deadline for departments to submit annual reports; IAD will compile reports and report to Governor and Legislature.



IAD STCA Highlights

- IAD has moved forward various policy areas including healthcare, cultural resources, child wellbeing and education, energy, public safety, and COVID-19 response efforts.
- IAD successfully administered tribal infrastructure funds, capital outlay funds, and tobacco settlement funds.
 - The TIF Board approved seventeen tribal infrastructure projects totaling \$26,630,794
 - \$350,000 for special projects in tribal communities which varied in scope from veteran services to broadband-related technical training.
 - \$249,300 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to promote commercial tobacco cessation and prevention efforts in tribal communities
 - \$49,039,582 that supported 148 capital outlay infrastructure projects.



IAD COVID-19 RESPONSE: Tribal Vaccine Distribution and Coordination

- The IAD serves as hub for tribal leadership and tribal communities by providing regular communication on resources and services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The IAD continues to work with the Department of Health (DOH) to coordinate testing in tribal communities, contact tracing, and vaccine distribution.
- Collaborative recurring meetings with tribal emergency managers and incident commanders were held to coordinate efforts, provide support and resources identified by the tribal communities.





Vaccine Overview

- Three pueblos opted to work with the New Mexico DOH for the allocation and distribution of the vaccine.
- NMDOH staff coordinated with tribal emergency managers and leadership on strategies for efficient distribution and vaccination events.
- The state will continue to support all tribal communities as we continue to move through the pandemic.





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(l) Indian Affairs Department Secretary Lynn Trujillo receives her first COVID19 vaccine at a DOH vaccine distribution event at the Sandia Pueblo.

(r) Tribal members from 3 pueblos received their vaccines in cooperation with DOH.



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COVID-19 Vaccination and Food Distribution at Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

- The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) organized a Tribal COVID-19 vaccination and food distribution drive-thru event.
- 600 vaccinations administered and 800 food boxes distributed
- Partners included: New Mexico Department of Health (DOH), Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW), First Nations Community Healthsource, Thornburg Foundation, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC), All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG), and MoGro.





IAD STCA Highlights

- IAD also works closely with Tribes during the legislative session.
 - During the 2021 60-Day Legislative Session, over 900 bills were introduced. The Department tracked more than 100 bills related to Indian communities and provided analysis of 63 bills impacting New Mexico's nations, tribes, pueblos, and Native Americans.





IAD STCA Highlights

- The Department secured an additional \$670,200 of funding in the 2021 Legislative session:
 - \$100,000 for entrepreneur training programs for Native Americans.
 - \$97,600 to contract for critical resources for Native Americans living in urban and rural areas.
 - \$90,000 for the Pueblo empowerment program.
 - \$57,600 for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) initiative.
 - \$150,000 for suicide prevention in tribal communities.
 - \$100,000 for coordination with Indian education experts for research and development regarding native language program units.
 - \$75,000 to support policy and youth leadership programs at SFIS.



IAD STCA Highlights

2021 State Tribal Leaders Summit was held virtually on August 18, 2021.

- All 23 Tribes in New Mexico participated in the State Tribal Leaders Summit
 - Take-Aways
 - Tribes expressed their partnership on mental health-healing in tribal communities and requested continuous guidance/resources throughout the Pandemic.
 - Tribes have a strong interest in economic recovery through gaming, investment on clean energy jobs, review water rights for economic opportunities, and more.
 - Tribes involved in the redistricting process on tribal lands.
 - Recommendations
 - NM Governor requested to connect with IAD and Tribal leadership to draft an action plan towards communication during the session.
 - To collaborate with the LESC and LFC on the Tribal Summit and G2G.
 - To create a working group to create tasks, and strategies to move infrastructure forward.



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IAD STCA Highlights -Indigenous Youth Council (IYC)

- Established in February 2021.
- Partnered with Honoring Native Life to plan and facilitate the 2021 Indigenous Youth Wellness Summit, “Community Resilience: Nurturing and Protecting Youth Wellness.
- After the June 2021 summit, IYC published final report and list of recommendations to state and tribal leaders to better support Indigenous youth wellness from a holistic vantage point.





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State Agency STCA Highlights

NMDOT

- Local Government Transportation Fund projects to improve roads across the state, including tribal roads. Total \$7,287,395.00.

NMDoIT

- Provide up to \$3 million to support Navajo Nation tribal broadband and public safety infrastructure. Current obligation is \$2.22 million to support as a federal match a 300+ mile fiber build that will provide services to schools, libraries, head start, and chapter houses.
- Allocated approximately \$2.875 million from the New Mexico Broadband Project Fund to construct fiber to the home in the Pueblo de Cochiti.
- Coordinated the Public Parking Lot Wi-Fi Hotspot program, resulting in over 550 hotspots being installed by various providers within tribal lands.

DOH

- Offered all tribes training on how to establish their own community testing site models and performed testing clinics at the beginning of the pandemic. Supported three Pueblos who elected to receive vaccine from the state.
- Involved in collecting and clearing data relating to the industry and occupation of COVID-19 cases in New Mexico, including tribal members.



State Agency STCA Highlights

DFA

- Administered the deployment of funding to effectively respond to the pandemic. As a result, Governor Lujan Grisham allotted \$23.7 million of the state's total Coronavirus Relief Fund to tribal governments. This allotted funding supplemented federal relief funding coming to tribes.

ECECD

- Provided 172,460 meals through Meals-to-You to participating tribes.
- Partnered with Pritzker Foundation to fund a Native American Early Childhood Policy Analyst with ECECD.
- Began consultation with the 23 Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos in collaboration with the IAD.

ALTSD

- The Office of Indian Elder Affairs provided Reopening Plan Guidance to senior center directors and fully supports tribal leadership's reopening plans.
- ALTSD Tribal Liaison, with IAD, provided bi-monthly public health updates to tribal leaders and senior center directors.



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Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Update



Overview of Presentation

- Tribal Infrastructure Fund Overview
- TIF Board Members
- Eligibility & Requirements
- Process of Selecting TIF Projects
- Project Prioritization & Scoring
- Funding Caps & Project Period Timelines
- TIF Project Statistics
- Highlighted TIF Projects
- IAD Point of Contact



Tribal Infrastructure Fund

- Each year IAD informs Tribes, Nations and Pueblos in New Mexico of TIF funding opportunities.
- TIF application portal opens on the first Friday in February each year and averages between 50 to 65 applications submitted.
- The Legislature authorizes the State Board of Finance to issue Severance Tax Bonds (STB) for use by the Tribal Infrastructure Board to fund tribal infrastructure projects. The Board of Finance allocates 4.5% of estimated bonding capacity for tribal infrastructure projects per statute.
- TIF Board reviews and awards TIF projects prior to June bond sales.



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TIF Board Members

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Department of Finance and Administration
Wesley Billingsley, Capital Outlay Bureau Chief

Department of Health
Aiko Allen, Tribal Liaison

New Mexico Environment Department
Judi Kahl, Construction Programs Bureau Chief

New Mexico Finance Authority
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Indian Health Service – Albuquerque Area
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Eligibility & Requirements

- **Eligibility:** Federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially in New Mexico or any of its governmental entities or subdivisions.
- **Requirements:**
 - Eligible applicants must submit a TIF application online through the TIF Application Portal by deadline.
 - Projects applied for must be on the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) list in order to apply for TIF funding and be a qualified project per TIF guidelines.
 - Required and supporting documents may be uploaded with the application.



Process of Selecting TIF Projects

- TIF Application Review Committee (TRC) is appointed by the TIF Board made up of TIF Board members to review applications.
- Each application is reviewed and scored based on need, project readiness, capacity and leveraging.
- Selected applicants will present during TIF Board meeting. TIF Board will review, award and certify TIF awards and funding amount.



Project Prioritization & Scoring

- **Critical Need:** Emphasis is on addressing specific health, safety, welfare or economic development needs. Possible Points: 30
- **Project Readiness:** Projects are ready to proceed (shovel ready) upon award. Possible Points: 30
- **Capacity:** Demonstrated past timely expenditure and compliance with requirements for grant funding. Possible Points: 25
- **Leveraging:** Supported by a high percentage of in-kind contribution and cash match in relation to the amount of TIF Funding (Tribal Funds, other State and Federal Grants). Possible Points: 15



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Funding Caps & Project Period Timelines

Project Category Amount Time Frame

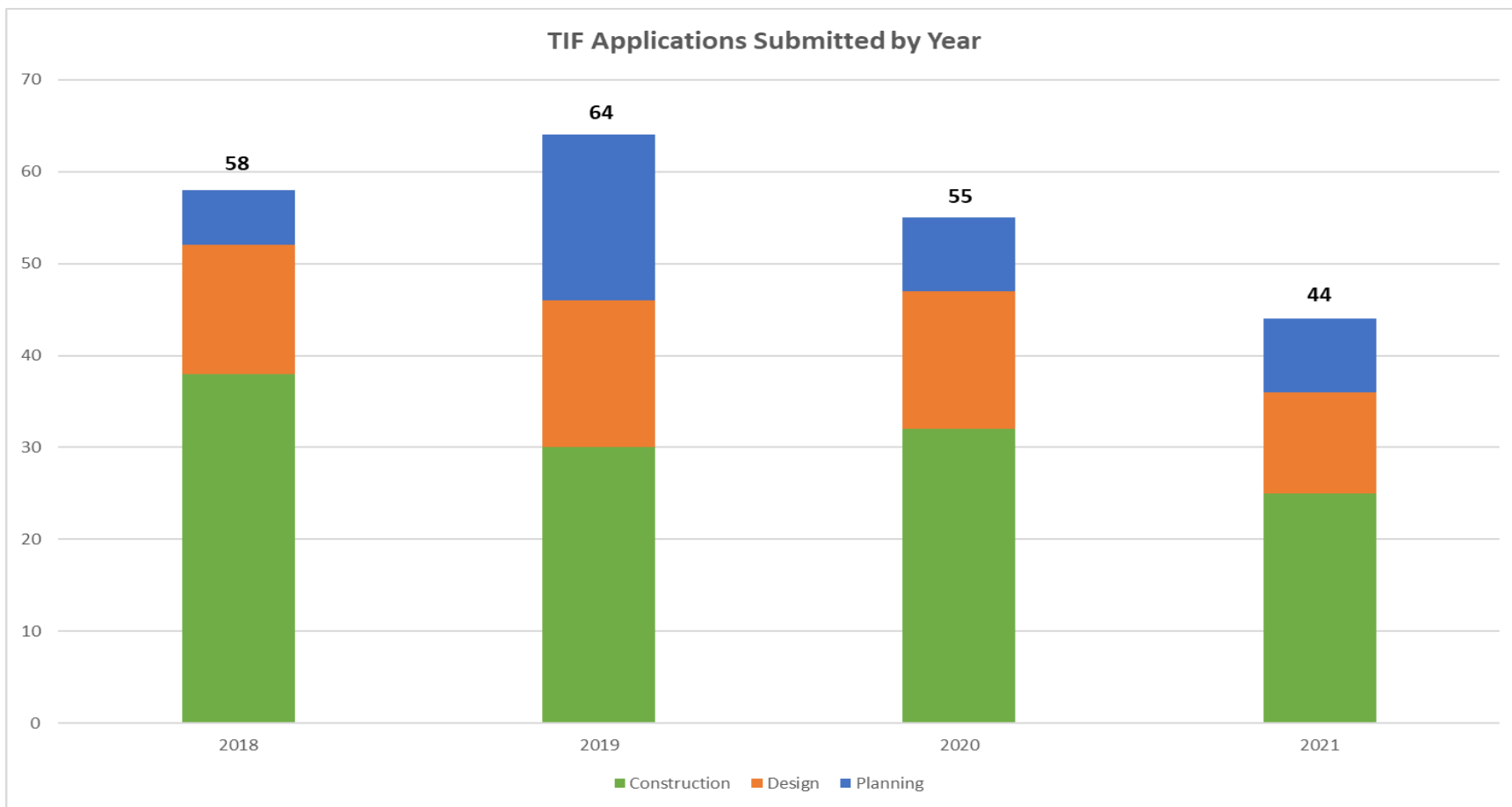
Planning	No Cap	Must be complete within 24 months from date of IGA execution
Design	No Cap	Must be complete within 36 months from date of IGA execution
Construction	15% of the total TIF allocation available Example: If total TIF allocation is \$10 million, construction request cannot exceed 15% (\$10 million x 15% = \$1,500,000)	Must be complete within 36 months from date of IGA execution

No-Cost Extension Request must be made 60 days before date of expiration to the TIF Board in writing



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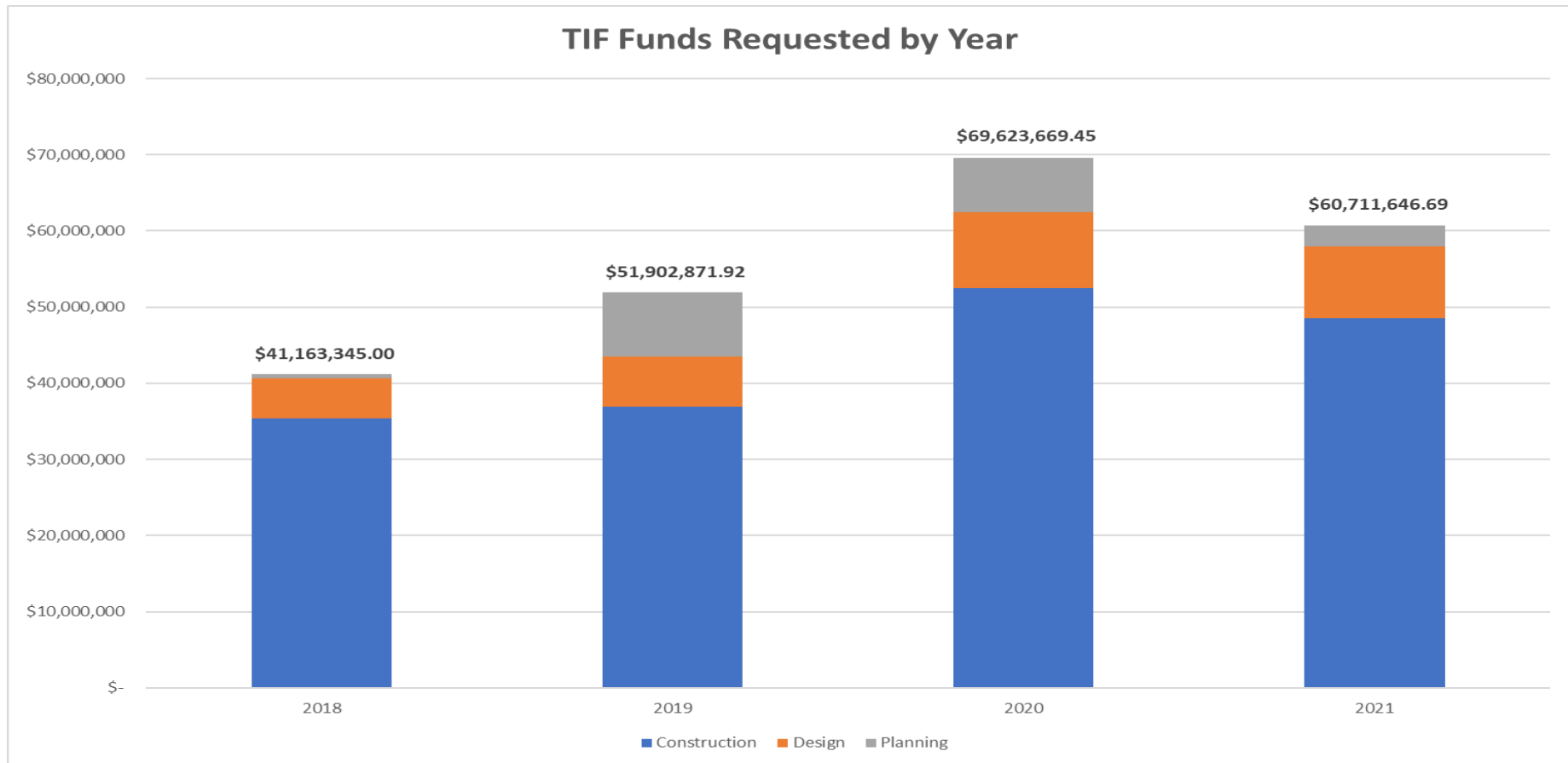
Need and Importance of TIF—Number of TIF Applications





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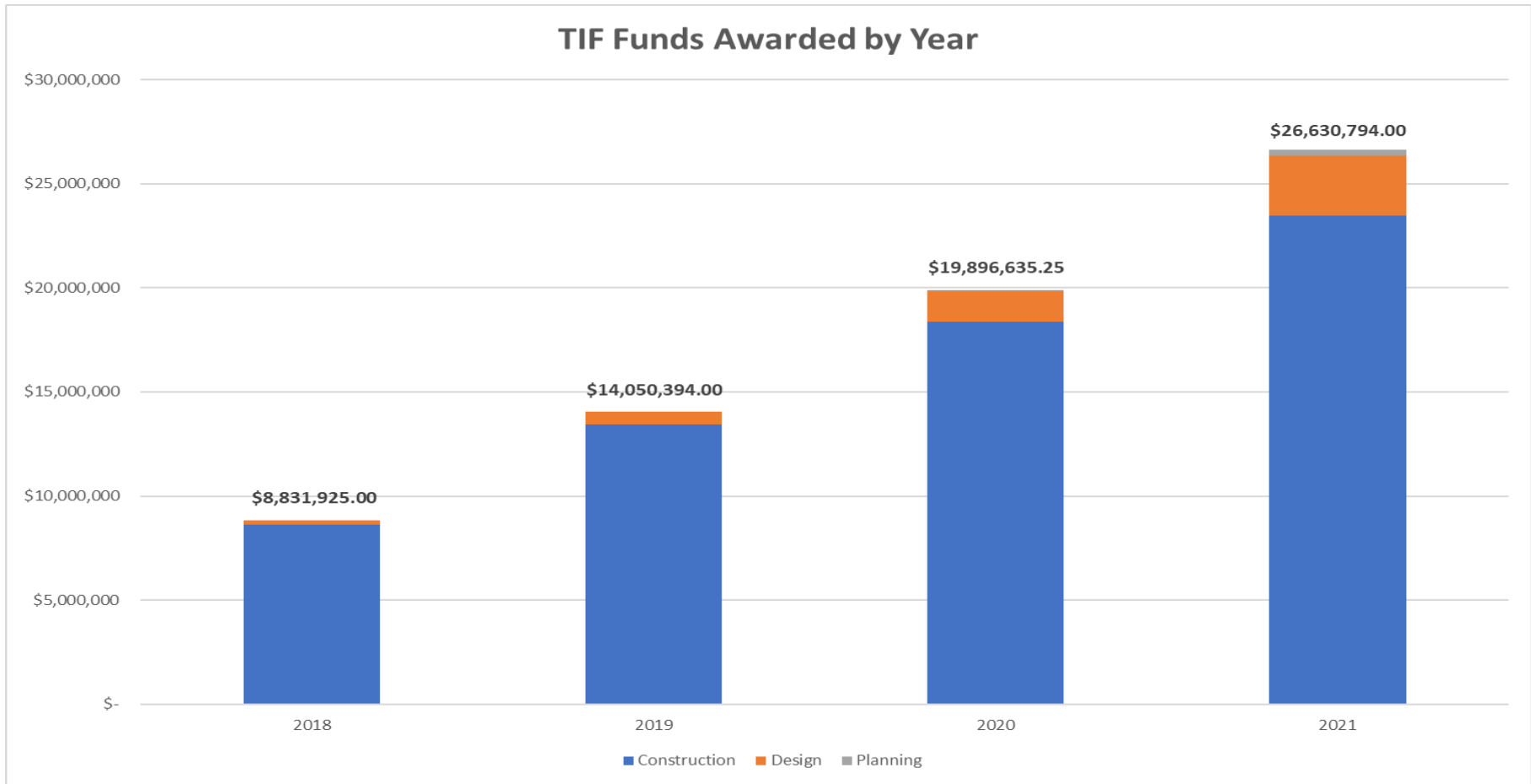
Need and Importance of TIF—Funds Requested





Need and Importance of TIF— Funds Awarded

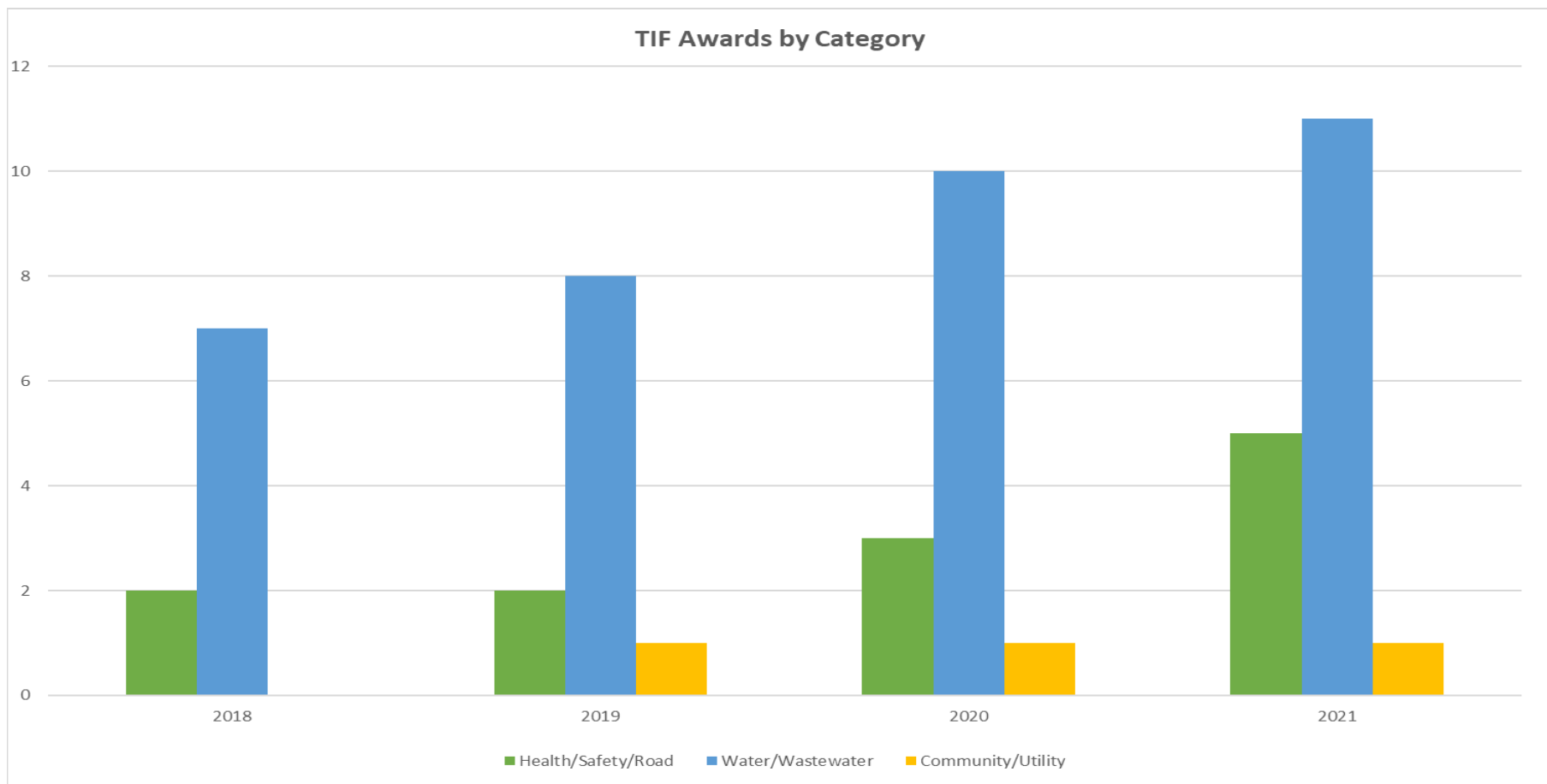
TIF Funds Awarded by Year





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Need and Importance of TIF— Categories of Projects

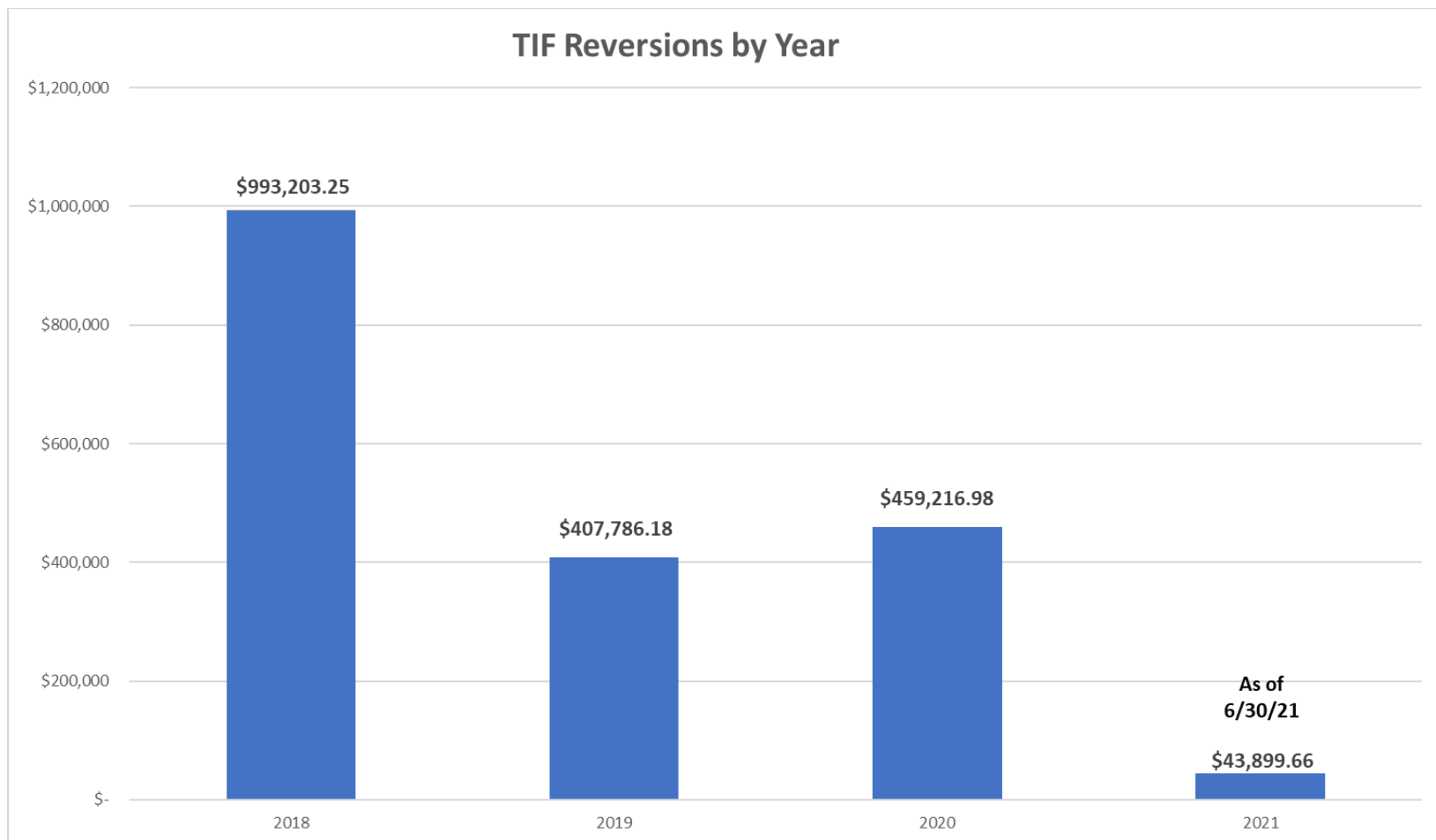




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TIF Reversions

TIF Reversions by Year





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Santa Clara Pueblo Water System Improvements

TIF funding was used to replace a water and sewer line that benefited 229 residences within the Pueblo





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Santa Ana Pueblo Community Water Storage

Construction of a new 350,000-gallon water storage tank, including tank site improvements, associated site piping, installation of 881 LF of 4-inch PVC fiber optic conduit, two 2-inch PVC electrical conduits and appurtenances





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Jemez Comprehensive Health Care Facility

The project entails remodeling and expansion of the Pueblo's medical clinic, Jemez Comprehensive Health Center, and construction of improvements for the surrounding parking lots, replace the roof, stucco, HVAC system, improve ADA and other code compliance, and improve drainage throughout the site.





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Navajo Nation Regional San Juan Lateral Water Projects

The Newcomb, Sheepsprings Chapter Project is an example of the many San Juan lateral projects that have been funded through the TIF to provide safe, clean drinking water to areas of the Navajo Nation.





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