PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE



Mexico Indian Affairs Committee

October 29-30, 2026

Buffalo Thunder Resort

Pueblo Ballroom

WELCOME & OVERVIEW

- Welcome from Governor Roybal

  - Overview of the Pueblo of Pojoaque (P'osuwageh)

    "Water Gathering Place"



The Pueblo was settled around 500 AD, with the population at its greatest peak in during the 1400s and 1500s. In the 1700's, Pojoaque Pueblo was devastated by smallpox epidemic, lack of water, encroaching non-Indians and lack of land base for agriculture. The Pueblo was abandoned, with the Tribal Members migrating to other villages in the region.

In 1934, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs issued a call for all Tribal Members to return to Pojoaque. Under the Indian Re-organization Act, 14 members of the Tapia, Viarrial, Romero, and later the Guitierez/Montoya families were awarded land grants in the Pueblo land base. In 1936, the Pueblo of



Pueblo of Pojoaque's Infrastructure Priorities

- The Pueblo of Pojoaque is grateful to the New Mexico State Legislature for $5,098,900 in appropriations this past year. This funding is critical to the Economic Development progress at Eagle Ridge and to complete the pool renovations at the Pojoaque Wellness Center.
- The Pueblo is also appreciative of the Capital Development Project Fund (CDPF) awarded by the NM Department of Finance and Administration for $1,050,000 to complete the Convenience Station and Laundromat at the Roadrunner RV Park

FY27 Tribal Infrastructure Fund Grants

The Pueblo of Pojoaque was successful in securing three FY27 Grants for our pool renovations, design of the new POEH Resource Center, and Phase II Construction at Eagle Ridge



TIF Eagle Ridge





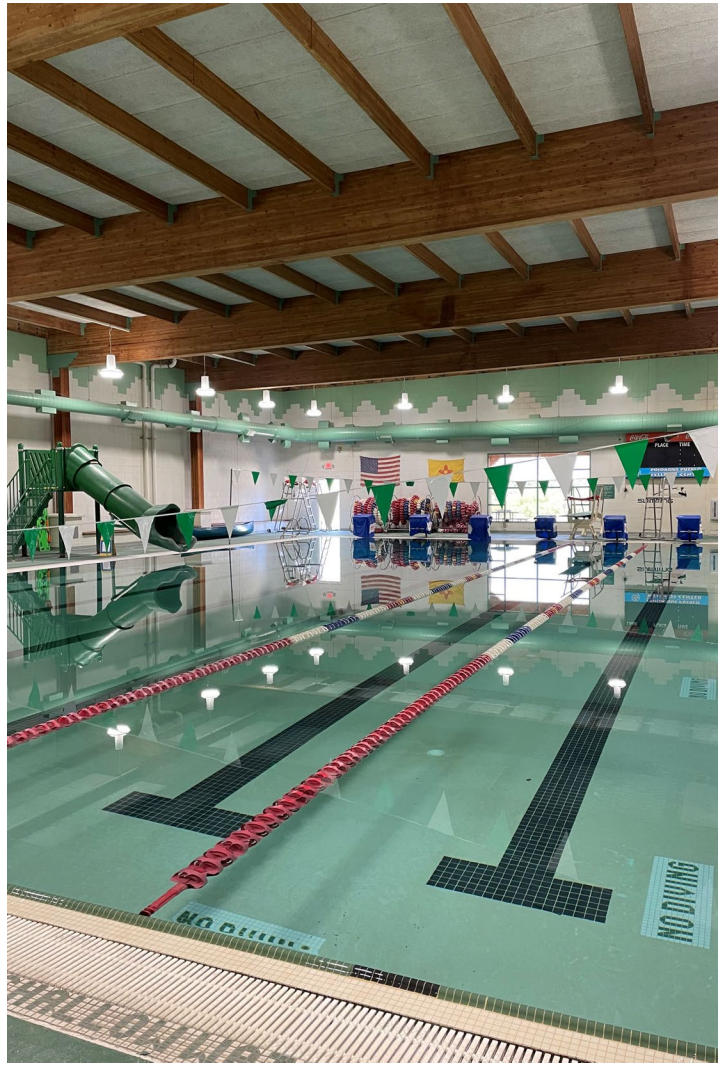
$6,500,000 - Phase II Construction

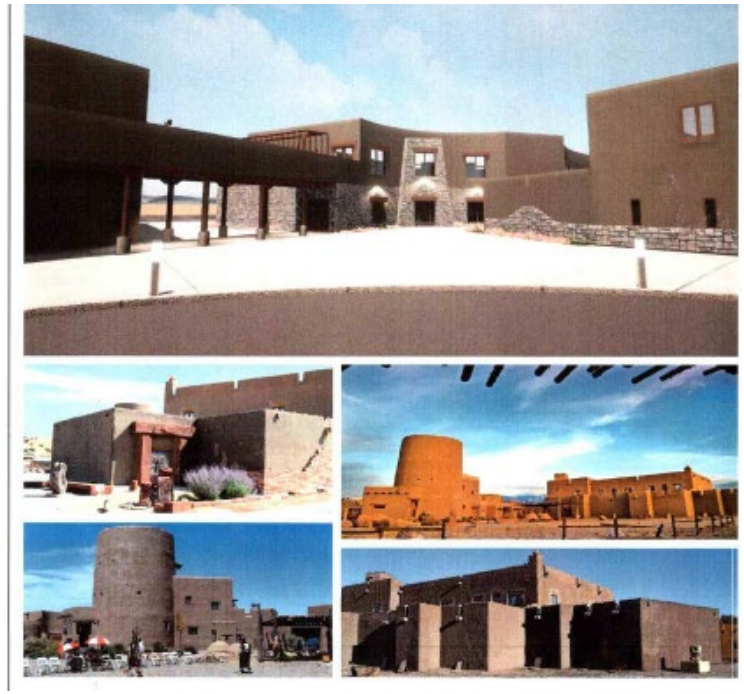
- Completion of Soccer Fields 3 and 4
- Completion of 1 Big Box and 2 Commercial pads
- Completion of Pavillion
- Roadway and Utility installation

TIF Pojoaque Wellness Center – Pool Renovations

$2,506,727 to Complete Pool Rehabilitation





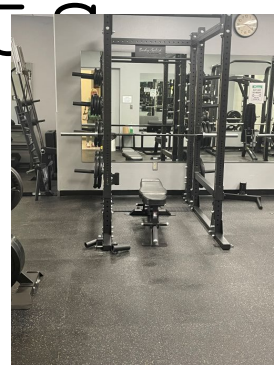


POEH Museum & Resource Center

TIF POEH Museum & Resource Center

$798,322 to complete Final Design

Capital Outlay & TIF Projects Update
24 Projects Totaling $40,068,400



APPROPRIATION#	PROJECT	AWARD AMT	AWARD BALANCE	REVERSION DATE
K2585	Eagle Ridge Phase 2 Construction (negotiating contract with GC)	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	6/30/30
K2587	Wellness Center Renovations (Track & Field) – Submitted FY27 TIF to fully fund project	$1,098,900	$1,098,900	6/30/30
K338	RV Park Convenience Station (Laundromat) – Waiting on IGA	$1,050,000	$1,050,000	6/30/30
J2596	Eagle Ridge Phase 1 Construction	$3,960,000	$4,046	6/30/29
J2600	Wellness Center Renovations	$455,400	$125,956	6/30/29

Capital Outlay & TIF Projects Update



APPROPRIATION#	PROJECT	AWARD AMT	AWARD BALANCE	REVERSION DATE
J2599	Early Childhood Center Improvements	$247,500	$159,277	6/30/29
J2601	Wastewater System Improvements Operating Systems Improvements underway – This will complete the Treatment System Improvements	$1,818,689	$1,452,586	6/30/29
25-TF06	Eagle Ridge – Phase 1 Construction	$4,000,000	$0	6/30/28
25-TF04	Behavioral Health Building Expansion RFP being published in 11-26	$2,634,809	$2,634,809	6/30/28
I2600	Eagle Ridge Demolition	$8,000,00	$0	6/30/28

Capital Outlay & TIF Projects Update

APPROPRIATION#	PROJECT	AWARD AMT	AWARD BALANCE	REVERSION DATE
I2595	Housing Development	$2,725,000	$5,494	6/30/28
I2596	Wellness Center Renovations	$222,750	$0	6/30/28
I2597	Wastewater System Improvements	$325,000	$86,644	6/30/28
I3438H	Wellness Center Re-Roofing	$1,938,327	$0	6/30/28
25-TF18	Tribal Admin Building - Design	$808,446	$19,619	6/30/27
J2602	Boys & Girls Club Vehicle Purchase	$175,000	$0	6/30/27



APPROPRIATION#	PROJECT	AWARD AMT	AWARD BALANCE	REVERSION DATE
H2669	Tribal Facilities Improvements	$891,000	$0	6/30/27
H2671	Playground Equipment	$50,000	$0	6/30/2027
H2672	Housing Development	$3,143,250	$0	6/30/2027
A23H2027 (ALTSD)	ADA Van Purchase	$75,000	$0	6/30/2027
24-TF04	Wastewater – Operating Improvements	$744,558	$105,329	6/30/27
24-TF05	Community Center – Design	$638,273	$211,916	6/30/27

Capital Outlay & TIF Projects Update

- 9 Projects have been completed totaling $28,094,257
- $11,974,145 – Total Remaining Project Balance

FY2028-2032 ICIP Priorities

New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration

PRIORITY	PROJECT#	PROJECT TITLE	TOTAL REQUEST
1	20002	Early Childhood Education Center – Construction	$16,202,695
2	43763	White sands Subdivision Phase IV – Design/Construct	$7,650,000
3	30935	Tribal Administration Building - Construct	$21,968,575
4	42979	Community Center – Construct	$7,000,000
5	43025	Tribal Council Chambers - Renovate	$1,200,000
6	43477	Eagle Ridge Phase 3 - Construction	$42,500,000
7	24519	Pojoaque Wellness Center – Track & Field Renovation	$1,000,000
8	23392	Public Library & Resource Center – Construct	$14,000,000
9	39348	IT Operations Center –	$300,000

Pojoaque Behavioral Health Program

Pueblo of Pojoaque Update: SB3/BHRIA Funding

- The Pueblo of Pojoaque continues to participate in Region 1 planning under New Mexico's Senate Bill 3, the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA). Pojoaque is one of seven sovereign tribal entities in Region 1, alongside the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Pueblos of Nambé, Ohkay Owingeh, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, and Tesuque. Santa Fe County serves as the region's Accountable Entity.
- Pojoaque identifies its own behavioral health priorities based on community needs and tribal direction, supporting

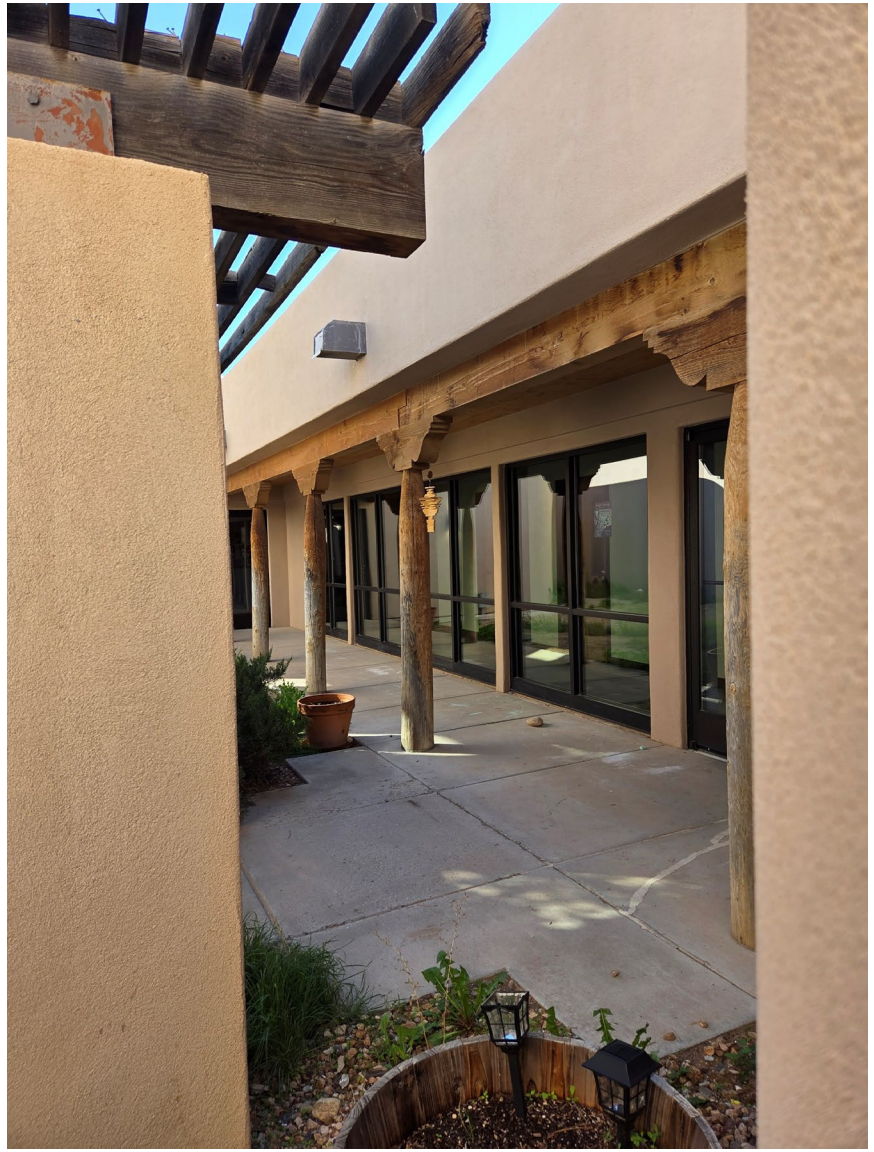




Funding stream	Pojoaque amount	Current status
Early access funding	$161,204	Request submitted; receipt remains subject to confirmation and funding arrangements
Revised BHRIA tribal set-aside	$265,246	Allocation identified by HCA; access requires Tribal Plan review, approval, and direct funding arrangements

Pojoaque Behavioral Health Program (continued)

Separately, HCA's September 4, 2026 notice identifies **$265,246 as Pojoaque's revised tribal set-aside allocation** and $2,412,329 as the combined tribal allocation for Region 1. The revised statewide formula distributes 33% of the tribal set-aside through equal base shares and 67% through a needs-adjusted population calculation.



Pojoaque Behavioral Health Program (continued)

Updated process for receiving funds

- HCA's updated process provides a pathway for direct contracting and funding with Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes. Pojoaque will submit a Tribal Plan as an addendum to the Region 1 plan to access its tribal set-aside. The Pueblo may also sign the regional plan while submitting its own addendum.
- Pojoaque's tribal plan will identify locally appropriate activities that contribute to regional priorities, including the following two areas specifically:

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion. Close gaps in opioid treatment access and reduce opioid-related mortality.

Workforce Development, Recruitment & Retention. Address provider shortages, supervision gaps, staff burnout, and rural service deficits.

Pojoaque Gaming

In early 2025, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission authorized the licensure of KalshiEX, LLC (DBA Kalshi) as a Destination Contract Market for trading swaps under the Commodities Exchange Act. Kalshi began offering for sale future event contracts, where consumers can bet on the outcome of a future event, including (and especially) sports events. The description and mechanics of these future event contracts do not differ at all from traditional gambling or the definition of gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Under IGRA and the New Mexico Tribal-State Gaming Compact, New Mexico’s Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos who signed a Compact have a



Pojoaque Gaming (continued)

Four New Mexico Tribes (Mescalero Apache Tribe, Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Pojoaque, and Pueblo of Sandia) filed suit in the Federal District Court for the District of New Mexico in early May of this year to defend their sovereign interests in this case by seeking a preliminary injunction and civil penalties under their respective Gaming Laws to both enjoin Kalshi's illegal sports betting and to punish Kalshi for offering the product within the Tribes' Indian Country. On September 23rd, the parties advocated for their respective positions before Judge Margaret Strickland in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Kalshi argued in favor of its *Motion to Dismiss* and the Tribes argued in favor of their *Motion for Preliminary Injunction*. The parties eagerly await the Judge's decision on





Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) Billing Disputes

Beginning in early 2024, the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI), without notice or consultation, began billing the Pueblo of Pojoaque and other Tribes in New Mexico for investigating the deaths of non-Native people, including attending to, and taking custody of the bodies, for those living within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo and for those visiting the brick-and-mortar gaming facilities owned and operated by the Pueblo. OMI asserted to other tribes that the anti-donation clause of the New Mexico Constitution prohibits their spending on Indian land for these

Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) Billing Disputes (continued)



are not financially responsible for death investigations of non-tribal members on tribal lands and have recently refused to complete investigations at all until OMI receives confirmation about where to send the bill. There have been several incidents recently on several reservations within New Mexico where OMI has initially refused to come out to the scene of a death to complete a death investigation of a non-Indian because of the ambiguity around the billing issue. The issue appears to be a funding issue - OMI apparently has very large outstanding bills from largely the Navajo Nation and is an underfunded agency with too much debt on their books. Additionally, refusing to take custody of decedents who have died in hotel rooms on the Pueblo will create a multitude of issues, since the Pueblo lacks the funding and infrastructure to take custody of

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

