



National Best Practices

IHBG- CARES IN ACTION

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Featured Guests

- Loren Bair, Executive Director, Spokane Indian Housing Authority, Wellpinit, Washington
- Melissa Henschied, Executive Director, Omaha Tribal Housing Authority, Macy, Nebraska
- Chris James, President, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

TODAY'S FEATURED GUEST

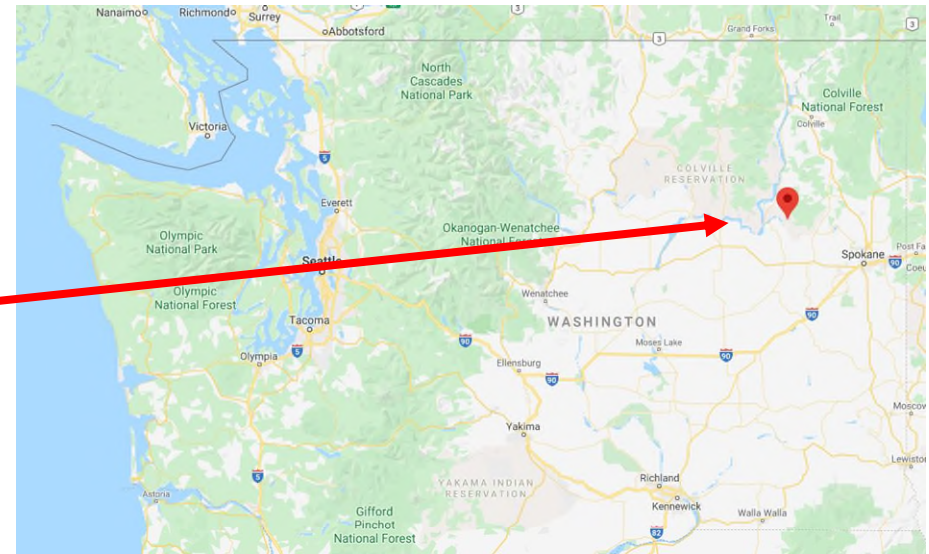


Loren Bair
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33 Employees
\$2.4M ANNUAL IHBG BUDGET



Spokane Tribe



Background

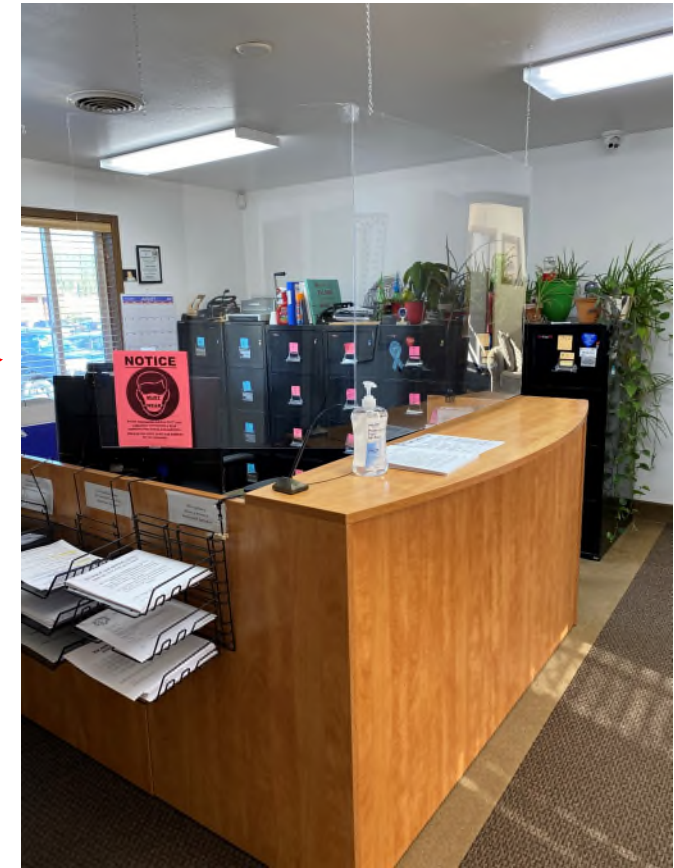
- Land Base: Approx. 160,000 acres
- Tribal Enrollment: Approximately 2,900
- Housing Units: 200 units
- Unemployment Rate: 39.1%
- Housing: 900-950 Homes
 - 350 HUD Homes
 - 159 Rentals
 - 191 Homebuyers (41 current, 150 paid off)

COVID-19 Impacts on Community

- How has your tribe responded to COVID-19
 - 3/16/20 - 5/31/20 – Emergency declared & Stay at Home Order - the Tribe shut down to essential workers only
 - June 1, 2020 - Phase 2 – Low risk construction can resume with approved safety plan
 - July 2, 2020 – Phase 3
 - August 6, 2020 – Modified Phase 3 – decreased gathering group size
- Biggest Challenges
 - Community Action Plan didn't address a pandemic
 - Resolutions, Policies (Remote work, Personnel Policy, etc.)
 - Coordination between all tribal entities
 - Lack of Internet infrastructure – Remote work, telehealth, and student education
 - Adapting to limited federal & state guidance
 - Procurement of PPE

COVID-19 Impacts on Community

- How are you managing staffing – have you had to close down?
 - Initially – “Essential Workers”
 - Mid-June – Low Risk Construction could resume
 - Work Closely with the David C. Wynecoop Memorial I.H.S. Clinic
 - Testing (anyone from the community)
 - Safe to return to work
- How do you continue to provide needed services?
 - Acrylic Glass around work stations
 - Wash Hands
 - Sign-In
 - Emergency Work orders Only
 - Remote Work



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- Emergency Temporary Internet – 159 rental units
- Rehab Powwow Grounds for Quarantine
- Acquisition of PPE and Cleaning Supplies for residents – 200 families
- Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance – 20 vouchers
- Internal COVID-19 Related Costs

LESSONS LEARNED/FUTURE PLANS

- Important to have a plan for the various situations
- Cross Training of Employees
- Employee work safety procedures in place

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Melissa Henscheid

Executive Director

Omaha Tribal Housing Authority

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YouthBuild for Veterans

OMAHA TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

MACY, NE

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Partners

US Dept of Housing and Urban Development

Omaha Tribal Council

Village of Walthall

Nebraska Indian Community College

Indian Health Service

Premier Buildings - Red Oak Iowa

US Dept of Veterans Affairs

USDA 502 Program

HUD Section 184

Omaha Tribal Housing Authority

Cares Act

Leases

Donated Lots

Classes/Cert

Technical

Building

Direct Loan

Direct Loan

Guarantee

Soft 2nd Mortgage

If outside Trust Land

THE PANDEMIC and the RESERVATION



MARCH 27th, 2020 to Present Omaha Tribe

STATE OF EMERGENCY ISSUED

April 2020

Shelter in Place

No Entry

Check Points

YOUTHBUILD ADVERTISEMENT

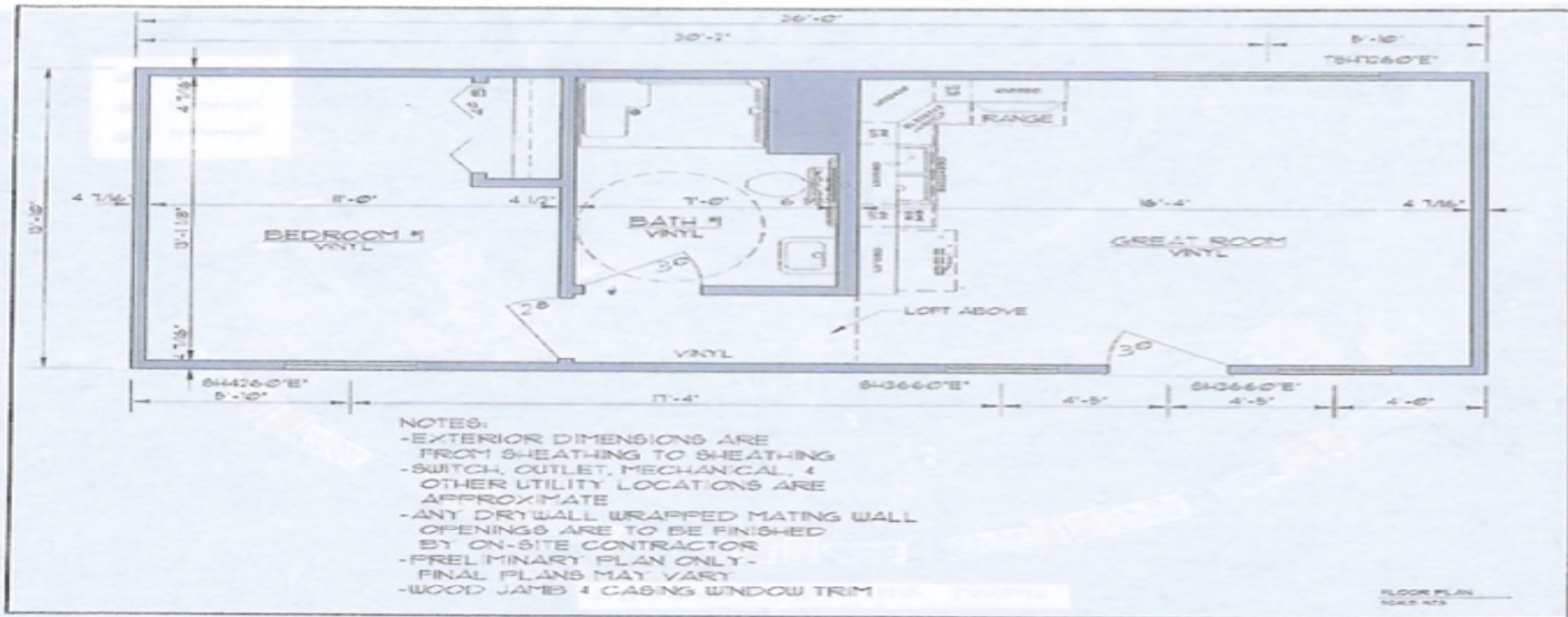


100 Applications handed out
17 applications returned

[Youthbuild Video](#)



500 Sq Ft Cabin



Veteran Mortgage

BASE PRICE	24,000
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SOFT SECOND MORTGAGE	7,500
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FINAL SALE PRICE	16,500
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30 YR FIXED 5%	91.11
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USDA 502 MORTGAGE

BASE PRICE	24,000
SOFT SECOND MORTGAGE	7,500
FINAL SALE PRICE	16,500
33 YR. 1%	48.94

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Chris James

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Q & A

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