

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002:054

HUD INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND INCREASE

- WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- **WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS, tribes are currently experiencing high level contaminants of mold and mildew and health and safety issues in their existing housing stock; and
- WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds under the imminent threat component is a current resource that is available; and
- **WHEREAS,** the maximum amount of grant dollars under imminent threat is \$350,000 per annual grant; and
- **WHEREAS,** the number of tribes experiencing this problem times the maximum annual grant amount exceeds the amount appropriated each year; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby recommends and supports an increase in the amount of funds appropriated and allocated to the imminent threat component of the ICDBG funds; and, be it further
- **RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby recognizes that the imminent threat may not be resolved with the initial grant award and hereby recommends that the ICDBG grant award be deemed a 'recurring award' for the purpose of full problem resolution; and, be it further
- **RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby recommends and supports that the maximum annual grant be increased from \$350,000 to \$500,000; and, be it further
- **RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors instructs the USET Education Director to work with HUD and USET Tribes to determine and resolve the unmet needs of the region in regards to the ICDBG.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was presented in Washington, D.C., Thursday, January 31, 2002.

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary

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