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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Announces Receipt of \$5 Million Dollar Indian Housing Block Grant.

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI - The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) is pleased to announce that they have been selected as a recipient of a \$5,000,000 competitive Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) award from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds will be used to implement a project to expand upon the tribally-owned Mtiigwakiis Village (located on Murray Road in Hayes Township, Charlevoix, MI).

The project is designed to address the housing crisis within the LTBB service area by establishing up to thirty-eight (38) additional 1-2 bedroom units at Mtiigwakiis Village, eight of which will be fully ADA-compliant to ensure accessibility for citizens with disabilities. The expansion will provide Tribal families with housing that is tailored to their needs and will significantly reduce the number of those living in substandard and/or overcrowded housing. The project will also place a strong emphasis on the utilization of renewable energy standards to improve energy efficiency, reduce overall utility costs, and prolong the life of amenities within each unit.

“Housing is a critical need for our Tribal Citizens. One of the Tribe’s key directive principles is to raise the standard of living for our people and improve public health. This project’s goals align with LTBB’s overall mission by providing affordable, high-quality, *safe*, and sanitary housing for the LTBB community. Chi-miigwech to the Planning, Housing, and Grants Departments for their efforts in securing this funding.” Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley said.

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