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RED LAKE BAND of CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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RESOLUTION NO. 59-78

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Band is in receipt of information that the United States Department of the Air Force has requested the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a Military Training Route (MTR) for military low altitude, high-speed training flights across northern Minnesota, which extends over the villages of Red Lake and Redby located in the Red Lake Indian Reservation, and other lands comprising the Red Lake Indian Reservation as shown on map attached hereto, and;

WHEREAS, the wildlife habitat of the Red Lake Indian Reservation upon which residents of the reservation are dependent for their livelihood will be seriously adversely effected by such low altitude, high-speed flights, and;

WHEREAS, the approximate 6,000 residents of the Reservation will be adversely effected by such low altitude, high-speed flights, and;

WHEREAS, such low altitude, high-speed flights will be in violation of the treaty rights of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians with the United States, and the trust responsibilities of the United States to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United States Department of the Air Force is hereby notified to cease and desist from military low altitude, high-speed flights over lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal Aviation Administration deny the request of the United States Air Force to establish a Military Training Route (MTR) for military low altitude, high-speed training flights across the lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in northern Minnesota, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby established an air ban prohibiting the flying of any airplanes over lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians at an altitude of less than 20,000 feet.

FOR: 8
AGAINST: 0

— RED LAKE ENTERPRISES —

Red Lake Indian Sawmills (70 Years) / Red Lake Cedar Fence Plant / Chippewa Arts & Craft Shop
Red Lake Housing Industry / Red Lake Fishing Industry (54 Years) . . . Home of the Famous Red Lake Walleyes



DARREN PLEASANCE
President and CEO

December 17, 2025

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Doug Burgum, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Duffy and Secretary Burgum,

On behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), I respectfully request the assistance of the Departments of Transportation and the Interior in resolving a matter involving the wrongful confiscation of a civil aircraft following an emergency landing and the assertion of tribal jurisdiction over navigable airspace that appears inconsistent with federal law.

On October 15, 2025, a Stinson 108 airplane, registration number N8196K, experienced an engine failure while in flight. Consistent with established aviation safety procedures and federal regulations, the pilot executed an emergency landing on Minnesota state highway 89 that traverses the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota. The landing was undertaken solely to preserve life and property and was necessitated by mechanical failure, not by choice or negligence.

Following the emergency landing, the Red Lake Nation confiscated the aircraft and has refused to permit its retrieval by the owner. The aircraft remains in tribal custody as of the date of this letter.

The Red Lake Nation has asserted jurisdiction over the aircraft and further claims authority over the airspace above the reservation, citing a May 4, 1978, tribal resolution (59-78) purporting to prohibit aircraft from flying over the reservation. This assertion raises serious concerns, as regulation of navigable airspace is a matter of exclusive federal authority and administered by the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to 49 U.S.C. and related statutes.

Emergency landings due to mechanical failure are expressly contemplated under federal aviation law and longstanding precedent. Such landings do not constitute trespass, unlawful entry, or a waiver of federal jurisdiction.



DARREN PLEASANCE
President and CEO

Moreover, a state highway—though it may traverse tribal land—remains a public right-of-way, and the emergency use of that roadway by an aircraft in distress is a permissible and lawful incident of aviation operations.

The continued detention of the aircraft not only imposes substantial financial harm on the owner but also sets a troubling precedent that could discourage pilots from making necessary emergency landings, thereby jeopardizing public safety. Additionally, the claim of unilateral tribal authority to regulate or prohibit overflight conflicts directly with the national framework governing aviation and interstate commerce.

Accordingly, I respectfully request:

1. U.S. Department of Transportation / FAA assistance in affirming federal jurisdiction over navigable airspace and emergency landings, and in supporting the prompt release and recovery of the aircraft.
2. U.S. Department of the Interior assistance in addressing the Red Lake Nation's actions through appropriate government-to-government channels and clarifying the limits of tribal authority in this context; and
3. Interagency coordination to ensure that federal aviation law and public safety interests are upheld, and that similar incidents do not recur.

This request is made with full respect for tribal sovereignty within its lawful bounds, while recognizing that aviation safety, airspace regulation, and emergency operations are matters entrusted to the federal government.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Darren Pleasance
President and CEO

AWARD PROFILE

Grant Summary



Block Grant



FAIN A19AV00266

Completed

Awarding Agency

Department of the Interior (DOI)

Recipient

RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

24200 COUNCIL ST

REDLAKE, MN 56671

UNITED STATES

Congressional District: MN-07

Primary Assistance Listings (CFDA Programs)

15.022 - TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

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Dates



Start Date

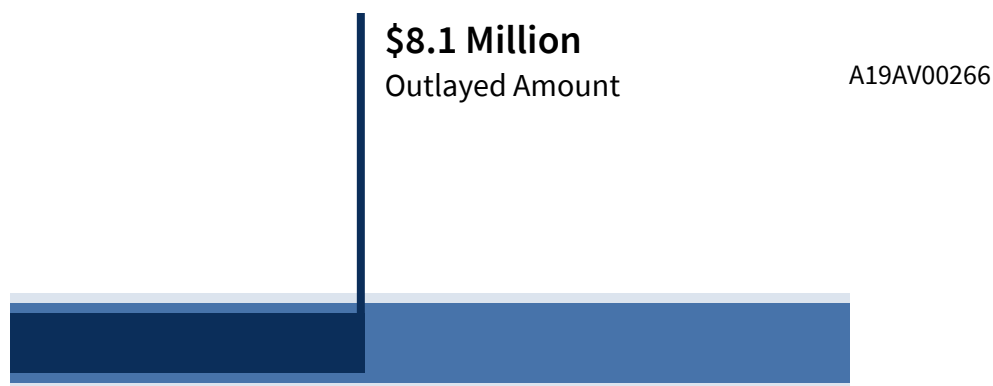
Oct 01, 2018

End Date

Sep 30, 2020

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Grant Summary



Outlayed Amount	\$8,132,961.40
Obligated Amount	\$34,609,561.00
☒ Non-Federal Funding	\$0.00
Total Funding	\$34,609,561.00

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Grant Summary



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 Federal Accounts





Federal Account 	Combined Obligated Amount 	Percent of Total 	Funding Agen
OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS, BUREAU...	\$25,859,814	74%	(DOI) DEPARTME
CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS, BUREAU OF IN...	\$3,360,615	9%	(DOI) DEPARTME
FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS, LIQUIDATION OF...	\$2,094,574	6%	(DOI) DEPARTME
WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT...	\$1,362,134	3%	(DOI) DEPARTME
PAYMENT TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE...	\$1,208,910	3%	(DOI) DEPARTME
TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, EMP...	\$292,782	0.85%	(DOI) DEPARTME
CHILD CARE ENTITLEMENT TO STATES, AD...	\$240,226	0.69%	(DOI) DEPARTME
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMIL...	\$134,691	0.39%	(DOI) DEPARTME

AWARD PROFILE

Grant Summary



NOTE: Result count may differ between treemap view and table view. Treemap view only displays accounts with a positive combined obligated amount, while table view displays all accounts.

Summary of All Federal Accounts used by this Award

Total Funding Obligated	\$34,609,561.00
Total Count of Funding Agencies	1
Total Count of Awarding Agencies	1
Total Count of Federal Accounts	9

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Grant Summary



Click on a program title to see its details.

Assistance Listing (CFDA Program)	Funding Provided	Percent of Total
15.022 - Tribal Self-Governance	\$32,222,048	93.1%
20.205 - Highway Planning and Construction	\$2,094,574	6.1%
15.048 - Bureau of Indian Affairs Facilities Ope...	\$292,939	0.8%

Award History



Transaction History 61				
Sub-Awards 0				
Federal Account Funding 130				
Modification Number	Assistance Listing	Action Date	Amount	Action Type
--	15.022	12/28/2018	\$1,287,956	A: NEW
1	15.022	01/09/2019	\$434,162	C: REVISION
10	15.022	02/12/2019	\$4,794	C: REVISION

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11	15.022	02/13/2019	\$70,097	C: REVISION
12	15.022	02/13/2019	\$674,510	C: REVISION
13	15.022	02/13/2019	\$3,193	C: REVISION
14	15.022	02/14/2019	\$71,490	C: REVISION
15	15.022	02/14/2019	\$39,600	C: REVISION
16	15.022	02/21/2019	\$264,938	C: REVISION
17	15.022	02/25/2019	\$447,701	C: REVISION

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- Address: 24200 COUNCIL ST REDLAKE, MN 56671-0291
- County:
- Country: UNITED STATES
- UEI: JFP3SNA2BU35

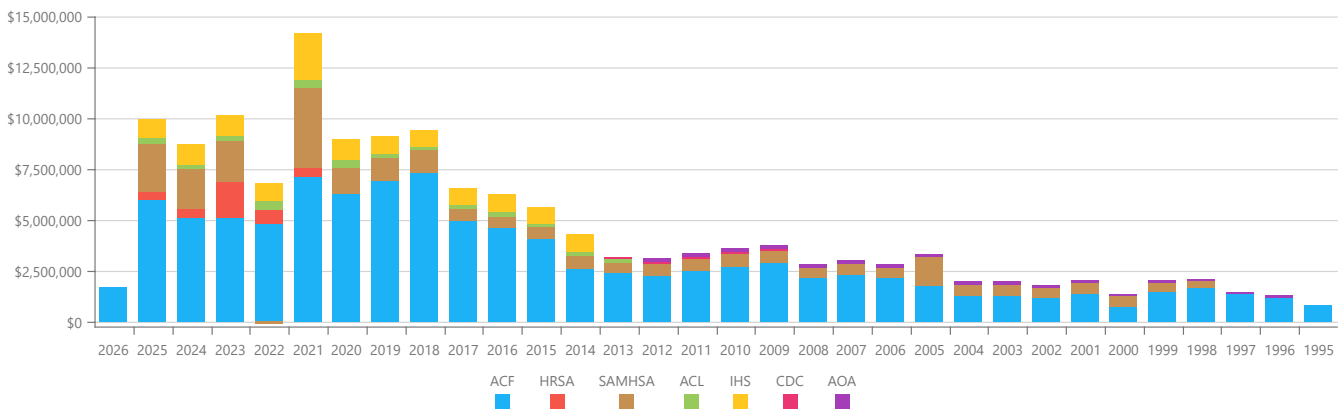
☐ Issue Date FY ☐ Funding FY

Issue Date FY Summary

Data FY	Amount
2026	\$1,637,747
2025	\$9,930,568
2024	\$8,689,932
2023	\$10,074,882
2022	\$6,630,683
2021	\$14,171,502

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Issue Date FY by OPDIV





Issue Date FY	Funding FY	Legal Entity Name	Legal Entity Address	Legal Entity City	Legal Entity State	Legal Entity Zip Code	Legal Entity COUNTRY	Legal Entity COUNTRY	Award Number	Award Title	Award Code	Budget Year	OPDIV	Action Date	Action Amount
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Grand Total All Awards = \$146,634,239



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