

Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority

The Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority (OOHA) was established in 1997 to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to Tribal members living on the reservation. As the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE), OOHA was designated by the Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Council to administer the Tribe's Native American Housing and Assistance Act (NAHASDA) block grant funding and use it to reinvent housing and community development on the reservation.

Services Available

- Financial Education and Counseling
- Homeownership Education and Counseling
- Home Rehabilitation
- Handicapped Accessible Renovations for Elders
- New Construction
- Administer the Mutual Help Program
- Assist families in applying for the 184 Loan Guarantee Program
- Provide rental housing with the Tsigo Bugeh Village Rental Program
- Assist with Homeowners and Tenant Insurance through Amerind
- Provide home owner maintenance training
- Assist with qualified contractors for rehab-by-owner projects

Staff

Executive Director: Tomasita Duran

Property Manager: Catherine Apodaca

Administrative Assistants: Jodie Martinez, Alexis Vigil

Property Manager: Tania Montoya

Accountant: Robin Shute

Controller: Mary Piotrowski

Senior Project Manager: Daryl Woolems

Lead Carpenter: Clifford Cruz

Force Account: Bernie Trujillo, Julian Garcia

Maintenance Technician: Rick Shroulote

Board Members

Leonard Montoya, Chairman

Rose Marquez, Vice Chair

Larry Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer

Carol Cruz, Commissioner

Achievements and Awards

- 2004 Small Communities Smart Growth Achievement Award, Smart Growth Network
- Honorable Mention: Door Knocker Awards, State of New Mexico
- Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development Award, Oct 2008

- Smart Growth Online Case Study
- Urban Land Institute Case Study
- National Development Council Case Study
- Affordable Housing Finance Magazine, Oct 2003
- Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition, Honorable Mention Award, May 2004
- AIA Philadelphia, preservation Award, Nov 2011
- AIA Santa Fe, Honor Award, Dec 2011
- SEED Award for Excellence in Public Interest Design, March 2012
- AIA Pennsylvania, Silver Medal, April 2012
- New Mexico Heritage Preservation Division, Heritage Preservation Award, May 2012
- Environmental Design Research Association, Research Award, June 2012
- Affordable Housing Finance Magazine, Readers Choice Awards, Finalist, July 2012
- American planning Association, HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award, April 2013
- AIA Western Mountain Region, Award of Excellence, 2013
- Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development – Honoring Nations Program, High Honors, 2014
- National Trust for Historic Preservation / Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 2014