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Two local tribes awarded USDA grants

**(KNZA)--Two local northeast Kansas Indian tribes have been awarded grants from USDA Rural Development for infrastructure improvements.**

**According to a news release from the agency, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska will use a \$61,100 grant to assist with the purchase of a sanitation truck**

**The tribe currently has two older sanitation trucks that are no longer reliable and need significant repairs. The project will allow the tribe to purchase a new vehicle that will be used as the primary waste disposal vehicle.**

**The Iowa Tribe will contribute nearly \$114,000 from its own resources.**

**The release said USDA is providing a \$50,000 grant to the Sac and Fox Nation for stormwater and sewer system improvements at their tribal facilities in Reserve.**

**The grant will used to install a 120-gallon lift station and more than 500 feet of new piping to connect to an existing drain field. The proposed stormwater solutions are to construct new retaining walls, concrete trickle channel, interceptor ditch, surface water drainage system and roof drains.**

**The Sac and Fox Nation will contribute nearly \$17,000 in additional funding toward the improvements.**

**The grants are through USDA's Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program.**

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