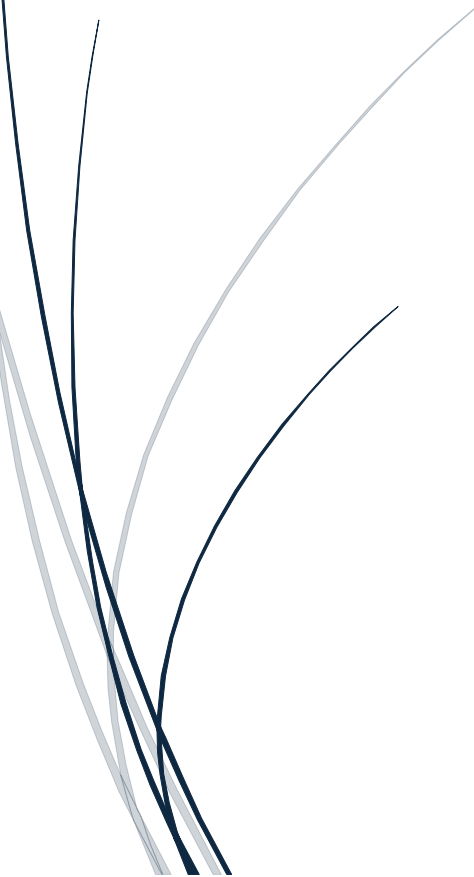


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Annual Report 2026

A Year in Review



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TRIBAL COUNCILS MESSAGE

Dear Tribal Members,

Welcome to our Annual Membership meeting. We gather today not only to reflect on the achievements from the past year, but to reaffirm our shared identity, values, and commitment to one another as a community, and discuss our vision for the future.

This meeting is an opportunity for all members to stay informed, engaged, and connected to the work of the Council. We will be sharing updates on important initiatives, listening to your voices, and discussing the path forward for our Tribe. Your participation and perspectives are vital to the strength and future of our people.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the generations who came before us, whose resilience and wisdom continue to guide our decisions today. In that spirit, we remain dedicated to preserving our traditions while also building opportunities for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support, involvement, and trust in the Tribal Council. We look forward to a meaningful and productive gathering.

With respect and gratitude,

Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council

MEET THE COUNCIL

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ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

The Fiscal Department has met many challenges in the past 5 years and has experienced significant turnover resulting in becoming delinquent with its financial audits. The tribe is currently 4 years behind in audits and has a Level II Sanction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Fiscal year 2022 is scheduled to be completed at the end of April 2026, and the 2023 audit will be completed by September 30, 2026. Subsequent audits will be completed by the end fiscal year, September 30, 2027. In the last 6 months, the accounting department has aggressively cut costs, stopped wasteful spending, and are renegotiating existing contracts that are overpriced. Below is the current Statement of Net Position as of April 12, 2026, also known as a Balance Sheet. This is a government wide report and shows the financial health of the tribe. Although the tribe is behind in audits and several federal reports prohibiting drawdowns, the tribe is in fair health for now. The fiscal department will continue to work hard to bring these reports current and the sanctions lifted.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF APRIL 12, 2026	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,413,400.00
Investments	\$ 425,000.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,627,000.00
Total current assets	\$ 4,465,400.00
NON - CURRENT ASSETS	
Capital Assets	\$ 11,085,643.62
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15,551,043.62
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 225,672.00
Accrued Liabilites	\$ 443,000.00
Unearned Revenue	\$ 410,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,078,672.00
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 11,085,643.62
Unrestricted	\$ 3,386,728.00
Total Net Position	\$ 14,472,371.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 15,551,043.62

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Fort Bidwell Indian Housing Department develops, manages, and maintains affordable housing for tribal members, primarily using federal funding from HUD under NAHASDA. They provide services such as home construction, rehabilitation, rental assistance, and emergency housing support to address sub-standard living conditions. This is the largest Fund the Tribe has.

Key Roles of the Tribal Housing Department

- **Housing Development:** Constructing new homes and offering homeownership assistance, including down payment help.
- **Rental Assistance:** Providing rental vouchers and assistance programs for-income families, elders, and students. Rental Assistance payments in 2026 exceeded \$54,000.00
- **Home Rehabilitation:** Repairing and renovating existing homes to meet safety and building standards.
- **Property Management:** Managing low-income rental units, implementing leasing policies, and conducting inspections.
- **Compliance:** Ensuring all housing initiatives comply with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

Fort Bidwell Indian Housing Department has not had a Housing Manager in 2.5 years. Joni Townsend was hired as the Housing Manager in December 2025 and has done a remarkable job identifying deficiencies in the housing program and is working with the Force Crew to establish an inventory of the homes on the reservation that needs rehabilitation, repairs, or complete demolition, and get those projects on a schedule.

As with other departments, the Indian Housing Block Grant is 3 years behind in their reporting, and drawdowns in the amount of \$1.5 million are currently owed to the Tribe. Our Grants Accounting Specialist is working with the Housing Manager to get these reports current so we can access the funds. The Indian Housing Plan (IHP) is prepared every year and submitted to HUD. We have identified that the awards to the tribe for the past 3 years are extremely low, and the previous consultant, Bush Consulting, informed us the reason why it is so low is because the reporting has not been completed and certain surveys were not completed for several years. In some instances, when this happens it is possible for a program to lose its funding as HUD will determine the Tribe does not need the money and will allocate it to other Tribes. We are working hard and quickly to get these reports finished so we are compliant with the Grant.

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Fort Bidwell Indian Community holds the sovereign responsibility to determine our own membership. This means defining eligibility criteria—such as blood quantum, lineage, or residency—and enacting enrollment ordinances. Our Tribe maintains official enrollment records, issues tribal identification, processes applications, and manages our membership database in the Arctic IT online platform and physical files, ensuring that citizenship decisions are handled accurately, responsibly, and securely. As of April 12, 2026, the total number of enrolled members is 363. There has been much concern over the ICE raids happening across the United States, and it’s been on the mind of the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council and its members to have special identification cards made for accurate identity to deter unprovoked arrests. We are currently looking into these cards and establishing an emergency hotline phone number in case such an incident happens.

Fort Bidwell Enrollment		Demographics		
262	Adults	85	Fort Bidwell Residents	23%
101	Children	278	Live off Reservation	77%
363	Total	363	Total	
7	Applications			

SOCIAL SERVICES / ICWA DEPARTMENT

The Social Services department for Fort Bidwell Indian Community provides financial aid, protective services, and housing assistance to eligible tribal members. These programs, including the ICWA - Indian Child Welfare Act, and funding through the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), aim to enhance self-sufficiency, child welfare, safety, and helps with basic needs like food, shelter, and utilities. The Tribe has several grants totaling \$550,000.00 - \$750,000.00 in funding to support this program. Grants such as Bringing Families Home, Home Safe, and the BIA provide much of this funding. The Tribe is currently hiring a Social Services Manager who will commence this program to include ICWA cases and Enrollment. The Tribe has few ICWA cases, and the enrollment position is a part time position. All three departments fall under Social Services, and there is adequate training available for the future program manager.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DEPARTMENT

The Fort Bidwell Indian Community EPA Department has been awarded more than \$166,000.00 in grants by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2026 and 2027. More funding will be available toward the end of 2026 as Stephen Johnson, the Tribes consultant, is applying for competitive grants. These grants and collaboration with the EPA include:

- **Water Quality Protection:** Ensuring safe drinking water and monitoring water resources.
- **Waste Management:** Managing clean ups for contaminated sites, and emergency response.
- **Air Quality:** Monitoring air quality, enforcing burn bans, and issuing permits
- **Capacity Building:** Providing grants and technical assistance to build tribal environmental departments.
- **Enforcement:** Ensuring compliance with federal laws and regulations on the Reservation

A few months ago, there were uninvited visitors to the Reservation who accessed the Hot Springs without permission. This brought great concern to the community. The EPA Department is currently working on protecting this natural resource for tribal members to have access only.

Another endeavor of the EPA Department is staff member, Shawn Mack, the EPA Assistant, will be working under the direct supervision of a consultant to become a Certified Water Master for the Tribe. We wish Shawn the best of luck in his work toward this great accomplishment.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The Fort Bidwell Indian Community tribal maintenance department manages the reservations infrastructure, facilities, and grounds to ensure safe, functional community environments. Responsibilities typically include building repairs, landscaping, janitorial services, vehicle maintenance, and event support. This department, often under Public Works in larger tribes, performs routine maintenance, preventative inspections, and emergency repairs to protect tribal assets. Currently there is one person working in this department, Albert Townsend SR, Maintenance Supervisor. Another maintenance technician will be hired very soon. Key accomplishments this year for the Maintenance Department are:

- The Repair and replacement of a clogged culvert that caused road damage and flooding. Working in collaboration with a neighboring tribe, the Pit River Indian Tribe in Burney, CA, and their Roads Department, they brought their heavy equipment from 138 away to assist with the project. It was repaired in a timely manner and without incident.
- The Maintenance Department will conduct a roads condition assessments and surveys to determine the need for repairs. This information will be used to apply for grants and funding to support this project.
- Lagoons – The Tribe’s Lagoons need repair and maintenance. The Maintenance Supervisor, Albert Townsend SR, will be attending training in April 2026, and will be working with a consultant to get the Lagoons working properly and provide ongoing maintenance.
- Network Server Room – Install small HVAC system in the server room to regulate temperature. The maintenance department will be working with the Tribe’s IT support company to properly install this HVAC system.

WARNER MOUNTAIN INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC

The Warner Mountain Indian Health Clinic provides comprehensive, culturally acceptable medical health services to the Fort Bidwell Indian Community and surrounding areas. Dr. Patricia Chico is the clinic's medical doctor and clinic director. Under her management, in October 2025, she facilitated the construction project to re-paint the building, re-pave the entrances and parking lot, paint parking lot space lines, and installed required handicap ADA compliant handrails and ramps. The clinic has had major improvements and looks beautiful.

The Warner Mountain Indian Health Clinic is funded by the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CHIHB) on a yearly basis with an estimated \$580,000.00 in funding. Patient service revenues have increased to approximately \$470,000.00 with Dr. Patricia Chico's provided services. Grants this year are \$300,000.00. Total revenue for the clinic is approximately \$1,350,000.00 in 2026.

The clinic is fully staffed with 13 employees and they are very busy. We look forward to seeing the clinic's ongoing achievements and milestones in the upcoming year.

FORT BIDWELL BROADBAND FIBER TO THE HOME PROJECT

On August 22, 2024, Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council was awarded a \$24.5 million grant by the California Public Utilities Commission to connect 451 unserved addresses in Fort Bidwell, Lake City, and Cedarville. This project is called Fort Bidwell Broadband Fiber-To-The-Home project. The project aims to build a hybrid last-mile and middle-mile fiber network to provide high-speed internet to homes and businesses, offering at least 100 Mbps download and upload speeds. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced the award as part of its Federal Funding Account (FFA) to bridge the digital divide. The infrastructure will serve the Fort Bidwell Reservation and surrounding areas in Modoc County, supporting education, healthcare, and economic development.

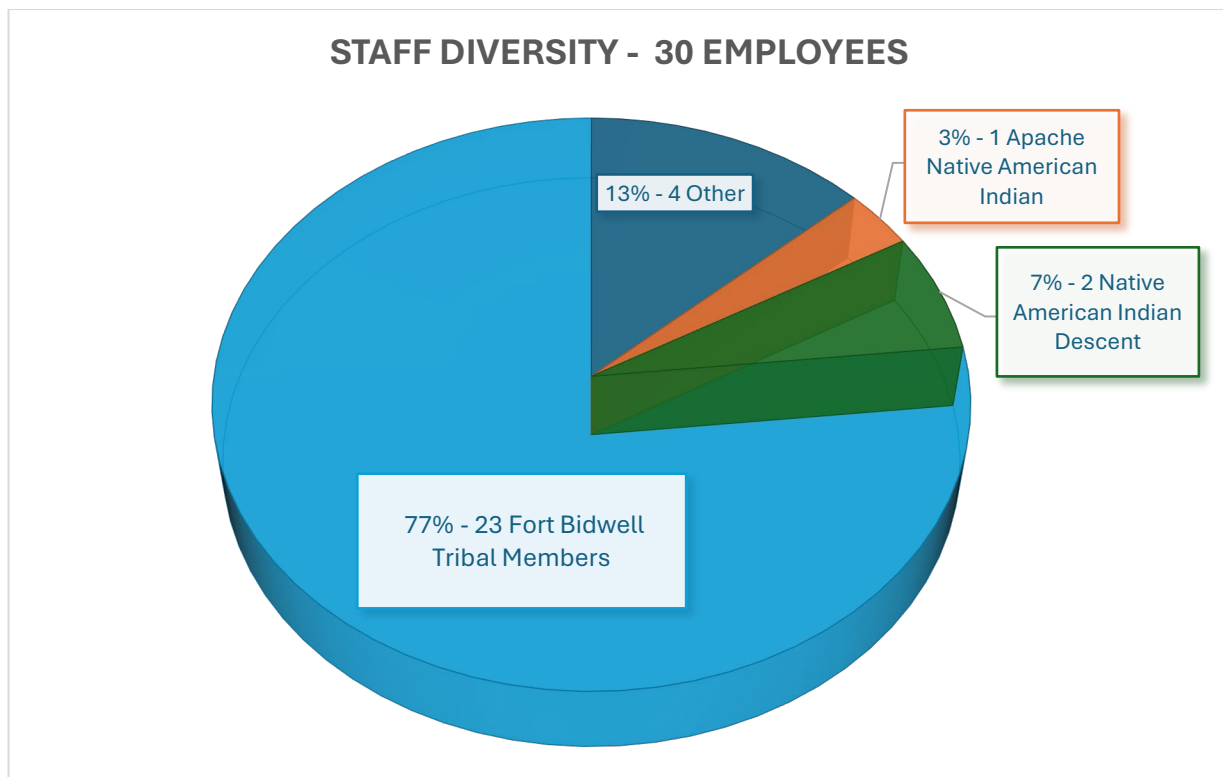
Since the grant was awarded, Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council partnered with Enertribe, Inc. for the deployment of the project. After paying approximately \$1.5 million dollars to Enertribe, the project stalled in November 2025 because Enertribe could not provide the Council with a reasonable update on what percentage completion the project was at. After several meetings, and the refusal of Enertribe to provide Council with requested information, the tribe recruited Jim Trumbly with Tribal Ready, PBC, as an expert subject matter expert to evaluate the project and inform the tribe the necessary steps to move the project forward. On March 14, 2026, with a Resolution, the relationship with Tribal Ready transitioned from consultant to Prime Contractor for the project.

Tribal Ready, PBC., is a reputable company emphasizing Tribal sovereignty while ensuring Tribal Nations take a leading position in the next generation of infrastructure, not as participants, but as owners and decision-makers. They have worked with the Yurok Tribe installing a wireless tower, and just recently were contacted by the Round Valley Indian Tribe in Covelo, CA, who is experiencing the same situation with Enertribe, Inc., as Fort Bidwell had. The broadband project for the Round Valley Indian Tribe is approximately \$54 million dollars, and they reached out to Jim Trumbly for consultation.

Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council is negotiating the contract with Tribal Ready, PBC, to ensure the Tribe, tribal members, current tribal employees, and neighboring residents have the opportunity to participate in the construction of the broad band infrastructure project by being hired for the construction phase of the project, and local companies can respond to the bidding process by submitting RFPs – Request for Proposals. This is a very exciting moment, we have much to do, and the anticipated start date is May 1, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Economic development for Fort Bidwell Indian Community focuses on enhancing tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and economic prosperity while preserving cultural values. The Tribe is enhancing these initiatives with infrastructure installation and improvement with the Broadband Project, road repairs and surveys, and Lagoon repairs. The Tribe is developing a Forestry and Cultural Commission Department to focus on fire protection for the reservation and its cultural preservation sites. All departments are assessing their needs and desires for schooling and training in their current roles to strengthen their positions and advancement. Fort Bidwell Indian Community is an equal opportunity employer, and values diversity in the workplace. The pie chart represents the staff diversity of the Tribe.



Job Opportunities

Tribal Administrator	Executive Administrative Assistant to TA and Council
Grants Manager	Social Services / ICWA Manager
Enrollment Specialist	Maintenance Technician

Job descriptions and applications are on the website: <https://gidutikadpaiute.com/>

FUTURE PLANS AND PROJECTS

The Fort Bidwell Indian Community is buzzing with exciting conversations about future plans and projects. Some of these plans are currently happening, while some are still in the works and will need Tribal Council review, input, and approval. Some of these projects are:

- Upgrading the Community Kitchen – A new commercial stove and oven, an additional wall oven, and Refrigerator will be purchased soon. The existing appliances are very old and falling apart. A stove ventilation system will also be installed. The community continues to grow and has many community events that use the kitchen, including the CIMC Chef for the Elders Meals program, in which 30+ meals a day are prepared 3 days a week.
- The Tribal Council is seeking funding / financing for the purchase of land that once belonged to the tribe. This 160-acre property is in the Canyon adjacent to the reservation, with a beautiful lake, 1- A frame house and 2 - A frame cabins, rolling meadows, and breathtaking forest scenery. Tribal members are excited about this purchase as they mention the ceremonies that can be held there, and housing members and visitors when they come to the reservation.
- Council Chambers building. There has been talk about researching, drafting blueprints, and identifying a location to build Council Chambers for the Tribe. As of now, there is no dedicated work offices for the Council. All the offices in the Administration and Housing buildings are occupied by current staff.
- The Broadband Project will be underway within a few weeks. Looking down the road with completion of the project in mind, we will be identifying a location to build the broadband server room to house the servers and equipment, and staff. Once we find the location, we will work with Tribal Ready on the specifications for the building and have our current employees work on this project.
- Enterprise Board – Convenient Store construction plans. The Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council and the Enterprise Board are working together to have a convenient store built on the reservation. This will be a relief to the local tribal members and Fort Bidwell residents, and travelers to have a place to stop and rest and grab a snack or necessities. Fort Bidwell is 26 miles from the nearest grocery store, hardware store, and gas station.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARTH DAY – HOSTED BY EPA DEPARTMENT	APRIL 18, 2026
OPEN DUMP CLEAN UP OF RESERVATION – 7 SIGHTS	MAY – JUNE 2026
PICNIC IN THE PARK – EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY	JUNE 5, 2026
BROAD BAND BOOT CAMP HOOPA VALLEY RESERVATION	AUGUST 10-13

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DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORTS AND LETTERS

Attached