

# Join CoBank in supporting the Light Up Navajo Project

## Background

The Navajo Reservation spans 27,000 square miles across northern Arizona, northwestern New Mexico and Southeastern Utah and is home to 186,000 Navajo citizens. Today, about 13,000 homes on the reservation still do not have electricity due to difficult terrain, vast size, and lack of resources.

In 2019, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority launched the Light Up Navajo project as a mutual aid endeavor to bring the benefits of electricity to homes in their community. To date, approximately 500 homes on the reservation have received electricity. The mutual aid effort consists of groups of lineworkers volunteering their time and expertise for five-day shifts to run community power lines and wire individual homes. NTUA provides lodging and food for the volunteers. The effort also invites in-kind contributions of equipment and financial contributions to help cover the cost of the lodging and food for volunteers, as well as any equipment that is not donated.

**CoBank has established a matching fund of up to \$350,000. We invite you to participate in this initiative in a variety of ways:**

- **Matching Fund** – Donations to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority can be made to cover the cost of volunteer lodging and equipment. Anyone can donate and all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be directed to the NTUA by mail at the address below. CoBank will not be involved in processing donations:

**NTUA - Public Affairs**  
**c/o Deenise Becenti**  
**PO Box 170**  
**Fort Defiance, AZ 86504**

- **Mutual Aid** – Sign up your utility to volunteer your time and skills to electrify the Navajo Nation by visiting <https://www.ntua.com/light-up-navajo.html>.
- **In-Kind** – Equipment can be donated directly to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, and delivered to

**NTUA Central Warehouse**  
**ATTN: Light Up Navajo**  
**North Navajo Rt. 12**  
**Fort Defiance, AZ 86504**



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