

## EDITORIAL

# Godspeed, NTUA

The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority has connected 381 homes to the electric grid using CARES Act funds that the Navajo Nation received to help fight the spread of COVID-19. To bring power to the people, NTUA crews have been working 10-hour days including weekends, to complete powerline, water, and telecommunications projects.

“NTUA’s overall goal is to extend electricity to 510 families, which includes over 350 families that were identified during the 2020 LIGHT UP NAVAJO II application process,” reads a news release issued Nov. 30.

The Navajo Nation received more than \$700 million in CARES Act funds earlier this year, \$13.8 million has been allocated for power line projects, \$24.7 million to increase overall electric grid capacity, \$20.9 million for cisterns systems, \$18.6 million for wastewater systems, and \$32.8 million for wireless and broadband expansion for NTUA.

With more than 15,000 homes on the Navajo Nation lacking electricity or running water, we say godspeed to NTUA and hope those who need it receive those basic necessities in the coming weeks.

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