Yakima Housing Authority (YHA) seeks to build stronger communities through their commitment to safe and affordable housing. Established by the City of Yakima in 1977, the YHA administers multiple U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, which provide affordable housing to a range of populations in the city. In addition to real estate development and property management, they also offer rental assistance, Section 8 voucher programs, and subsidies for healthcare, substance abuse and job training.

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The Keya Wakpala Development will be tribally-owned, self-sufficient housing on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Currently, there is a severe housing shortage at all income and affordability levels, which forces a majority of the workforce to live off-reservation and commute, thus increasing transportation costs and economic leakage. The shortage also exacerbates the overcrowding of existing housing stock, which impacts the overall health and mental wellbeing of the population. This development will target these issues while also lowering home energy costs to create a more socially, economically, and environmentally-sustainable community.

**PROJECT SNAPSHOT**

**NEIGHBORHOOD TYPOLOGY**
- [ ] Urban
- [ ] Suburban
- [x] Rural

**SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**
- [ ] Seniors
- [ ] Veterans
- [ ] Supportive
- [x] Families

**DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**
- [x] New Construction
- [ ] Rehabilitation
- [ ] Transit-Orientation
- [ ] Large Site Redevelopment

**HOUSING TYPOLOGY**
- [x] Multi-family
- [x] Single Family
- [x] Mixed Use
- [ ] Supportive Housing
MENT CORPORATION

INSTITUTE GOALS

- Build internal capacity to understand overall design, construction, and funding processes associated with affordable housing development
- Collaborate with other affordable housing developers and design experts on best practices
- Explore design and development issues in affordable housing development and learn strategies to resolve these issues

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Rural housing, policy and economic development