

The CIT Community Center and the Head Start program recently received good news on several funding opportunities. Head Start received an grant award for expanding Head Start Services while also being approved for funding from the ARRA (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) to upgrade equipment.

The expansion grant will allow the program to operate full-time and provide services until 5:00 p.m. This change has been a goal of Head Start for several years. Funding will be used to increase employee-hours to full time status (several are currently part-time). With the ARRA funding request, the Community Center will be able to upgrade equipment and facilities used by the CIT Head Start program. These upgrades include a new surface and roof covering for the Community Center playground and upgrades to kitchen equipment.

In addition, the Community Center is working on another grant application to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Tribal Youth Program. If successful, the funding would support the Center's programs directed at teen-age Tribal members, including the drug and alcohol prevention program, operating out of the Community Center.
