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ONAP Native American Housing Needs Session

On December 1-2, 2010, the Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs (NPONAP) held the first of seven Indian

and the need to address housing shortages and the lack of quality housing in Indian Country.



Welcoming Remarks by President Rodney Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Housing Needs Conferences (HNC). Many Tribal and Housing Authority leaders, along with their staff, attended this event. Federal and state partners, non-profit organizations, financial institutions, and private industry stakeholders were also in attendance. Wilbur Between Lodges, from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, opened the session with a moving invocation. The American Indian Veterans of Colorado, along with the Waterbird Drum Group conducted the opening ceremonies. President Rodney Bordeaux, from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, welcomed conference attendees and stressed the importance of the conference

The conference gave participants an opportunity to discuss the need for housing in Indian Country, ways to address the needs, and barriers to housing needs. Tribal leaders and Housing Authority Executive Directors shared success stories for overcoming housing barriers throughout the two day session. Conference participants were also given information on the upcoming HUD Policy Development and Research housing needs study. They had the opportunity to provide feedback on a previous housing study from 1996, discuss how to best conduct the survey in Indian Country, and determine what types of questions should be asked as part of the survey. (View additional photos on page 2).



Opening Plenary Session

ONAP Native American Housing Needs Session Photos



Opening Ceremony by the American Indian Veterans of Colorado, Doyle Pipe on Head and Yancy Ramage



Welcoming Remarks from Rick Garcia, Regional Administrator, HUD Region VIII



Opening Ceremony by the Waterbird Drum Group



Welcoming Remarks from Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, ONAP



Introduction to breakout session, Paul Iron Cloud, Executive Director, Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Authority

Featurette: Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation ARRA Project

The Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation Housing Authority (NWBSNHA) received \$78,248 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)



Updated home for low-income tribal members showing new windows and doors

funds for this project. Seventeen homes for low-income tribal members were upgraded to improve substandard housing. Fourteen of the seventeen

homes were provided with energy efficient systems that will reduce energy consumption and utility costs. The comfort and accessibility for three disabled residents were improved. The security was enhanced on fifteen of the seventeen homes because of the addition of new fences. Eight homes occupied by elderly residents were provided with upgraded heating and cooling systems. The ARRA funding enhanced community viability for these tribal members and provided jobs for subcontractors.

The ARRA funds assisted in improving the lives of several Tribal members. One resident had not had heating in her home for over eighteen years. Her only source of heat was a small wood burning stove in the living room. Another member had a wheelchair-bound brother living with her. The existing ramp was not functional and they had to pull her brother up the back steps of the house in his chair. The ramp made their home accessible for him. A third member had not had a functional bathroom for two years due to a failed attempt by a relative to repair and update the bathroom. She is thrilled with the final results after the Tribe repaired the bathroom using ARRA funds.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act First Quarter Reporting

Section 1512 of the Recovery Act requires grantees with active grants to report through FederalReporting.gov on the status of its grants each quarter. First quarter reporting for ARRA funds will begin on January 1, 2011. Based on the extended submission period, FederalReporting.gov will be open until January 14, 2011, to input your first quarter data.

ARRA funds recipients must also enter reporting data into the Recovery Act Management and Performance System (RAMPS). Section 1609 of the Recovery Act requires agencies to report on the status of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for all Recovery Act-funded projects and activities.



In order to provide this information to the Council on Environmental Quality, HUD grantees who complete NEPA reviews according to Part 58 must report NEPA-related data directly into RAMPS. Core activities must also be entered into RAMPS. RAMPS can be accessed at http://portal.hud.gov/app_ramps/

First quarter reporting deadlines for RAMPS are as follows: NEPA updates must be input when they occur; and Core Activities must be input by January 31, 2011. For additional help with ARRA reporting, please contact your customer service team (listed on page 8).

Featured NPONAP Staff: Retiring Individuals

On December 8, 2010, the NPONAP staff said farewell to Deirdre Flood, Grants Evaluation Specialist. Ms. Flood had been with the NPO-

NAP for 23 years. As a member of the Washoe-Paiute Tribe, Ms. Flood had many contacts in Indian Country. Along with her tribal contacts, she had working knowledge of the reservations and of many of the Northern Plains Tribes.

On December 15, 2010, the NPONAP staff also said goodbye to Betty Gress, Grants Management Specialist, who had served 27 years with the Federal

Government. Ms. Gress is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold. In addition to her knowledge of the Northern Plains Tribes, Ms. Gress also had many contacts in Indian Country.

Ms. Flood and Ms. Gress partnered together to establish the American Indian Special Emphasis Program (AISEP) in HUD Region VIII. The AISEP sponsored American Indian Heritage Month events each November including a taco luncheon, tribal clothing fashion show, a powwow, arts and crafts, and a speakers' panel. Each AISEP event was an opportunity to display tribal flags, star quilts, and other tribal artwork, and to educate Federal employees about American Indian cultures and traditions.

AISEP guest speakers have included Clara Nomee, first chairwoman of the Crow Tribe (Apsaalooke Nation) and a Navajo code talker, Bill Toledo. Many tribal leaders from the Northern Plains tribes have spoken at the annual event. The 2010 program featured Ava Hamilton, a Northern Arapaho independent filmmaker, who showed a short film, "Indians for Indians: A radio program."

The two NPONAP staff officially retire on January 1, 2011. Their legacies, knowledge, and support of Indian country will be missed by the NPONAP and the tribes it serves.



Betty Gress (left) and Deirdre Flood (right)

Funding Notices

Below please find a listing of funding available for housing and community development projects for which Native American tribes and tribal organizations are eligible to apply:

- HUD's Public and Indian Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program under the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program; CFDA number 14.877; closes January 19, 2011.
- HUD's Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services (ROSS)—Service Coordinators Program; CFDA number 14.870; closes February 21, 2011.

- HUD's Rural innovation Fund Program; CFDA number 14.263; closes February 22, 2011.
- DOT's OSDBU's Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) under the Minority Resource Center (MRC) program; CFDA number 20.910; closes January 14, 2011.

Additional details for the above funding as well as other funding opportunities and funding applications may be found on grants.gov.

Duties of the NPONAP Grants Management and Grants Evaluation Specialists

The NPONAP is organized into two divisions, the Grants Management (GM) division and the Grants Evaluation (GE) division. These two divisions work together to support the overall goals of assisting grantees with accomplishing their program objectives.

The GM division reviews Indian Housing Plans (IHP). They also review Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) applications on an annual basis. As requests for ICDBG Imminent Threat funding are submitted, GM reviews and processes those applications. GM handles the grant award process for all program areas. Training and technical assistance on program implementation and environmental reviews is provided by GM. They also provide grant application training. The GM specialists review SF-425 reports. They also review RAMPS reporting for ARRA projects. GM releases LOCCS draw downs for routine edits. The processing of program amendments and budget modifications for all program areas is completed by GM.

The GE division reviews Annual Performance

Reports (APRs), Annual Status & Evaluation Reports (ASERs), and audits. They issue management decision letters for audits and work with the tribes and housing authorities to resolve any findings. GE conducts onsite and remote monitoring reviews. They issue a draft monitoring report and then work with the tribes and housing authorities to resolve any issues before issuing a final monitoring report. The GE team issues letters of warning, notifications of intent to proceed, and letters of imposition of remedies regarding enforcement actions. Reviews of all federalreporting.gov reports are conducted by GE. Training and technical assistance is provided by GE on all monitoring, finding, and enforcement activities.

Both GM and GE work with the tribes and housing authorities to address tenant complaints. They both respond to Congressional inquiries and Freedom of Information Act requests. Capacity reviews for Title VI loan requests are conducted by the GM and GE teams. Marketing and outreach for HUD and ONAP programs like ICDBG, Title VI, and Section 184 are completed by both GM and GE.

Project HUD Story

Information is being sought for use by HUD to be incorporated into public announcements, speeches, press notices, web pages and/or other media. The information provided is voluntary and is not required to be submitted. These stories do not impact any aspect of HUD projects or programs. The intent of Project HUD Story is to inform the public of HUD program accomplishments through the lens of a person who received HUD assistance. The stories of most interest are about persons who have an affordable place to call home because of public housing funds; have been put to work by the Recovery Act (i.e., construction work-

ers); and any other way HUD programs have impacted a person, family or community. Project HUD Story aims to capture the stories of real people and places where HUD has made significant contributions, impacted peoples' lives, and improved their communities.

If you are interested in submitting a story to be used for Project HUD Story, please contact your customer service representative listed on page 8, or the Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs at 303-672-5465. If possible, please plan to submit two to four photos related to your story.

Calendar of Events

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January 11-13—Environmental Review Training, Hilton, Anchorage, AK

January 11-12—Tribal Actions to Encourage Private Investment Training, Embassy Suites, Oklahoma City, OK

January 11-13—NAHASDA Essentials Training, Peppermill, Reno, NV

January 18-19—Leveraging Finance Training, Oklahoma City, OK

January 19-20—National Native American Mentoring Program Training, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Catoosa, OK

January 19-20—Section 184 Loan Guarantee Training, Morongo, CA

January 25-26—Greener Homes Regional Training, Morongo Resort and Spa, Morongo, CA

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February 1-2—Construction Administration Training, Double Tree Hotel, Sacramento, CA

February 1-3—NAHASDA Essentials Training, The Curtis, Denver, CO

February 8-10—NAHASDA Essentials Training, The Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, AK

February 9-10—Leveraging Finance Training, Las Vegas, NV

February 15-16—Tribal Actions to Encourage Private Investment Training, Four Points, Phoenix, AZ

February 16-17—Section 184 Loan Guarantee Training, Nashville, TN

February 16-17—NAIHC Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.

February 19-30—Leveraging Finance Training, Las Vegas, NV

February 28-March 1—NCAI Winter Executive Session, Washington, D.C.

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March 2-3—Section 184 Loan Guarantee Training, New Orleans, LA

March 15-16—Leveraging Finance Training, Oklahoma City, OK

March 29-30—Title VI Loan Guarantee Training, Portland, OR

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| Crow Creek | Kim Sereff | Bernadette McKale |
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| Flandreau | Kevin Turnau | Lori Roget |
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| Northern Cheyenne | Jean Paschke | Amy Flowers |
| Northern Ponca | Kevin Turnau | Jennifer Scott |
| Oglala Sioux | Deb Richards | Jennifer Scott |
| Omaha | Deb Richards | Vic Szymialis |
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| Salish-Kootenai | Janice Wagner | Luisa Bonilla |
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