U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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SUBJECT: Deadline for Submitting Fiscal Year 2027 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Interim Funding Requests in the Grants Evaluation and Management System (GEMS)

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is accepting Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) interim funding requests in the Grants Evaluation and Management System (GEMS) until **November 10, 2026**.

This deadline provides time to process awards prior to December 11, 2026, expiration of the Continuing Resolution (CR), *Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2027* (Public Law 119-103), under which Federal agencies are currently operating. HUD cannot fund the full distribution of the Final FY 2027 IHBG Formula allocations until the FY 2027 full year appropriation is enacted.

To assist Tribes during this period, ONAP is accepting interim funding requests from eligible IHBG recipients for up to 25% of their FY 2027 IHBG Formula estimate allocation. This funding is an advance of your full allocation and is not additional funding. Interim funding requests submitted after the deadline will be rejected due to insufficient processing time before the CR expires.

Interim funding will only be granted if your FY 2027 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) has been approved and you have a low IHBG balance in the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS). For the full set of requirements, refer to PIH Notice 2021-28: *Providing Interim Funding to Recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants.*

The FY 2027 IHBG interim funding requests should be submitted in GEMS by November 10, 2026. Instructions for submitting an interim funding request are available in the GEMS Grantee Guide on ONAP's CodeTalk website. If you need assistance accessing GEMS or completing the interim funding request, please contact your Grants Management Specialist.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,



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